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St. Francis of Assisi of Evergreen to hold Stanford Blood Drive: Saturday, Feb. 12

St. Francis of Assisi of Evergreen is sponsoring a Stanford Blood Drive on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Francis Community Center located at 5111 San Felipe Rd in Evergreen.

The event is open to the public and any and all eligible donors are encouraged to come by that Saturday and become a blood donor. Due to the large number of companies shut down, there is a big shortage of blood types, so your donation will be impactful.

Residents are encouraged to sign-up in advance in order to minimize wait times. Masks are required for those participating in this event.

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YEAR OF THE TIGER



The Lunar New Year festival in San Jose's History Park is one of largest celebrations in the South Bay. *Photo by Tran Nguyen.*

After two years, San Jose celebrates Lunar New Year in person at San Jose History Park

By Tran Nguyen
Article courtesy of
San José Spotlight

Hundreds of people flocked to San Jose's History Park Saturday morning, January 30 to ring in the Year of the Tiger at one of largest Lunar New Year festivals in the South Bay after two years of virtual celebration.

"It's a blessing to be able to gather and celebrate the new year again with the community," Ai Duong Truong, member of the Association of Vietnamese Elderly of the Bay Area, told San José Spotlight. "I just love this traditional and important holiday."

Lunar New Year, or Tết, is one of the most culturally significant holidays in the Vietnamese culture. The holiday is also celebrated by several other Asian countries, including China, Laos, Singapore and Korea. The first day of

Tết was Feb. 1 this year.

The family-friendly event was organized by nonprofit Vietnamese Cultural Tết Committee 2022. The festival featured more than 50 booths by local businesses and community groups, Vietnamese food, live performances, traditional dress (áo dài) competition and lion dances were among other events. The Viet Museum, which is located in the park was also open to fairgoers who want to learn and honor Vietnamese history.

The celebration Saturday was flowing with elected leaders and political hopefuls—including the top four mayoral candidates Raul Perez, Cindy Chavez, Dev Davis and Matt Mahan—all of whom are undoubtedly vying for the Vietnamese vote in this year's race. Some politicians also donned the traditional áo dài or the South

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Evergreen School District receives two commendations from San José City Council

The Evergreen School District recently received two commendations from the San José City Council to recognize outgoing Superintendent Dr. Emy Flores's service and Evergreen School District's aggressive efforts in mitigating COVID-19 at its schools and in the community.

The city council commended Dr. Flores for her leadership in:

- Addressing the \$12 million financial shortfalls through the budget stabilization plan that protected and prioritized the needs of students and classroom.

- The district's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including distance learning and enrichment programs for students focused on mental health, social-emotional well-being and equity.

- Her passion for positively impacting and transforming the lives of children, families, and educators by creating safe and nurturing learning communities.

- The district was commended by the city council for its extraordinary measures in promoting the safety and well-being of students and families in response to COVID-19, including:

- Setting up testing centers at all middle schools, holding vaccination clinics in all Title 1 schools

and middle schools, and establishing Wellness Centers to further assist students and families.

- Enabling thousands of community members to receive testing, vaccinations, food assistance, rental assistance, and access to mental health services during this challenging time.

"I am honored to receive this personal commendation from the



city council. More importantly, I am proud of the efforts of our staff and families in helping the district to aggressively mitigate COVID-19 in the community—that commendation is shared by all of us," Dr. Flores said.

The Evergreen School District continues to provide COVID-19 vaccination and testing clinics in the community. More information can be found at <http://www.eesd.org>.

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Times **Local News**

California lawmaker pushes for 4-day work week

A California lawmaker is pushing to reduce the current standard 40-hour work week to 32-hours.

The reasoning, says Congressman **Mark Takano** (D-Riverside, inset), is that the pandemic has highlighted the fact that most people spend more time at work and less time with loved ones.

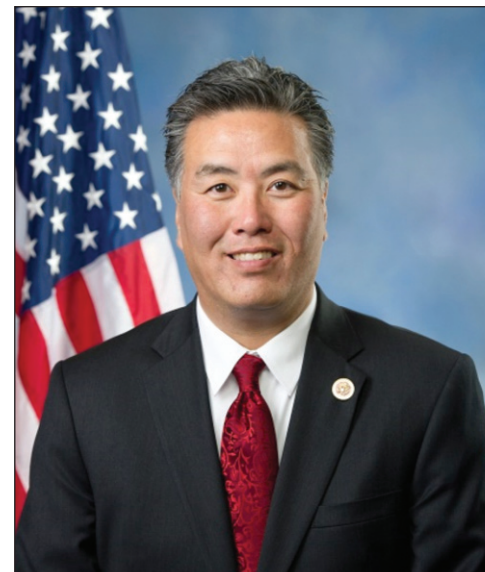
"After a nearly two-year-long pandemic that forced millions of people to explore remote work options, it's safe to say that we can't – and shouldn't – simply go back to normal, because normal wasn't working," said Takano, who introduced the legislation last month.

Takano says people were spending more time at work, less time with loved ones, their health and well-being was worsening, and all the while, their pay has remained stagnant.

The legislation would reduce the standard work week from 40 hours to 32 hours by lowering the maximum hour's threshold for overtime compensation for non-exempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Productivity and service remained the same or improved across the majority of trial 4-day work places in several countries, according to recent released reports. The report revealed that the wellbeing of workers "dramatically increased across a range of indicators, from perceived stress and burnout, to health and work-life balance."

Takano's legislation is currently awaiting a vote.



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MI Charitable Foundation offering \$50,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors

As high school seniors prepare for the final semester of their high school education, the MI Charitable Foundation is pleased to announce that they are now accepting applications in their annual scholarship program.

Long ago it is said that MI was taken from the words "Metal Industries." The company was founded in 1947 by two flight instructors who trained military pilots during World War II, MI has long provided jobs in numerous locations throughout the USA. Presently, the company employs nearly 2,500 team members—and they are growing. The materials for the products are made in America.

This year, the MI Foundation will offer a record \$50,000 to support up to 50 students from around the country with \$1,000 scholarships to be used for post-secondary education. All high school seniors are eligible to apply at www.miwindows.com/scholarship. Applications will be accepted through April 15.

"MI is so grateful to offer this program for hardworking, dedicated, and community-minded students," says MI Foundation Specialist and Treasurer Gwen Mallon. "As part of the application review committee, I am delighted to learn about the wonderful things the applicants have already achieved, as well as the amazing plans they have for the future."

As part of the application process, students

are asked to complete a questionnaire and write a short essay. A committee from the MI Foundation will select the winners based on their application responses and the contents of their essay.

"Two of the official pillars of the MI Foundation prioritize helping children and giving back to the communities in our own backyard," describes Mallon. "This scholarship program allows us to do both at the same time, which is really rewarding."

About the MI charitable foundation

In 2015, the MI Charitable Foundation was founded on the belief that we all have an obligation to help our fellow citizens. The charitable foundation has committees at each of their locations that raise and donate funds for their local communities, as well as three noteworthy causes – veterans' affairs, children's wellbeing, and cancer.

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Evergreen resident Luca Viarengo achieves academic distinction at Whitman College

Evergreen Valley resident **Luca Viarengo** (pictured) has earned academic distinction for the most recent semester at Whitman College.

Luca graduated from Evergreen Valley High School last year. He was a member of the Evergreen Valley Varsity Tennis Team.

This recognition is given to students who have completed a minimum of 12 credits, passed all credits attempted, and have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on no fewer than nine graded credits during the semester.

Whitman College, situated within the rich and complex landscape and history of the Walla Walla Valley, provides a rigorous liberal arts education of the highest quality to passionate and engaged students from diverse backgrounds.



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

Mahan still leads in fundraising for San Jose mayoral race

By Lorraine Gabbert

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

As San Jose’s mayoral race heats up, campaign fundraising is following suit with the four leading candidates collectively raising more than \$1.4 million in one month.

Three councilmembers—Dev Davis, Matt Mahan and Raul Perez—and Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez are all vying for the job.

All contributions and donor information are based on campaign filings as of Jan. 31, for the period between Dec. 9-31. Donations to mayoral candidates are capped at \$1,400 per individual.

To date, Mahan is the leading fundraiser, with 894 donors contributing \$504,169 in December. As of Tuesday, Mahan has surpassed 1,000 total donors. Contributions to Mahan’s campaign averaged \$548 per person, and he reported spending almost \$48,000 on the race.

“The powerful showing in our fundraising efforts shows the growing demand for greater common-sense from government at every level,” Mahan told San José Spotlight. “Voters are tired of the old excuses from the entrenched politicians.”

Mahan opposes SB 9 and on issues such as mental health, he pushed the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to not opt-out of assisted outpatient treatment, also known as Laura’s Law. The law requires mandatory mental health treatment under a judge’s orders for those suffering from severe mental illness. Mahan wants the city to invest in addiction and mental health treatment and expand cost-effective shelters for the unhoused.

Chavez raised \$479,346 through the month of December, and reported spending almost \$43,000 on the race. Of the 730 major donors, contributions averaged \$630 per person. Chavez has 963 donors in all, with 233 contributing \$100 or less, said Ed McGovern, a political consultant for Chavez.

The campaign is “pretty happy” with the results, McGovern said, as they expected to raise \$400,000 and exceeded that amount. Chavez will continue to fundraise toward a goal of \$1 million by June. Chavez returned six donations which exceeded the \$1,400 limit.

Known for her support of local labor movements and roots in Working Partnerships USA and the South Bay Labor Council, Chavez said she doesn’t favor SB 9, which allows property owners to build additional units in single-family neighborhoods, because it will not help renters, and cannot be effectively monitored. She also opposes noncitizen voting rights



San Jose Councilmember **Matt Mahan** announced his mayoral campaign in September 2021. File photo by Lloyd Alaban.

Contributions to Mahan’s campaign averaged \$548 per person, and he reported spending almost \$48,000 on the race. Mahan has surpassed 1,000 total donors.

because the policy paper is too broad. She previously told San José Spotlight, “I have a long history of fighting for real paths to citizenship for those in our community who seek that goal.”

Perez, who was the first candidate to announce his intentions to run for the 2022 mayoral seat, is the son of an immigrant and the first of his family to graduate from college. Perez is the only candidate to voice support for SB 9.

Davis and Mahan joined Chavez in opposing the controversial state housing bill.

Perez raised about \$267,544 through contributions averaging \$647 per person across 397 donors. He’s spent the least amount on the race to date, about \$16,000.

“We are very pleased with our fundraising numbers and are looking forward to the next few months,” he told San José Spotlight. “I’m happy with where I’m at and confident we’ll

raise sufficient funds to run a successful race.”

Perez and Chavez are competing for the labor vote. He said he differs from Mayor Liccardo on how the city budget and services should be allocated, especially for residents most in need. He also supports a recently approved ordinance requiring residents who own firearms to maintain liability insurance and pay an annual fee for gun harm reduction services.

Davis, the fourth candidate in the race, votes with the city’s business interests. Davis wants to tackle homelessness and help the city recover economically from the COVID-19 pandemic. Her goals are to reduce government red tape for affordable housing projects and increase staffing for the police department.

Davis raised \$169,971 for the mayoral race. She had 223 donors with contributions averaging \$669 per person. Davis spent a little more than \$42,000 on the race.

“Our poll puts us in a very good position,” she told San José Spotlight. “Since the poll, there have been two major votes at council that have caused a surge of contributions and supporters for me (noncitizen voting and gun control measures). Money doesn’t always win elections. This is about the people of San Jose and what they care about, not about who can raise the most money.”

Three lesser known candidates—Former Nevada congressional candidate Jonathan Royce Esteban, former marriage counselor Tyrone Wade and political unknown Brian Smith—have yet to disclose their campaign finances.

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Times **Community**

Lunar New Year, Black History month celebrations offer history and traditions worthy of honor, respect

By Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

County Superintendent of Schools

As our community celebrates the Lunar New Year and Black History Month, it is important to honor and respect these two celebrations, their history, and traditions.

Living and working in a diverse community teaches us the immense value of differ-

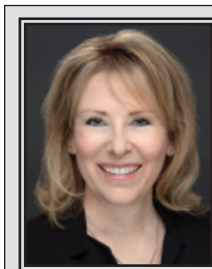
ent cultures and the local communities that we create together.

I am reminded of this quote from the late poet, Maya Angelou:

"In diversity there is beauty and there is strength."

Santa Clara County is providing at-home COVID-19 antigen tests at drive-thru locations across the county. People who work,

live, or attend school in Santa Clara County can make an appointment to pick up four at-home tests. To schedule your appointment, please visit www.sccfreetest.org. Households can place an order for a set of four at-home rapid antigen testing kits through the United States



School News

By Mary Ann Dewan, PhD
County Superintendent of Schools

Postal Service (USPS) for no cost. To order your testing kits, please visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

Public health officials have emphasized that Omicron is a highly transmissible variant. Community members are encouraged to use the multiple layers of mitigation, such as wearing a well-fitted, quality mask, testing, vaccinations, and booster shots. It is important to stay home if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or do not feel well.

Testing, vaccinations, and boosters are free of cost. Insurance is not required, and immigration status is not asked. All individuals ages 5 and older are eligible to be vaccinated. Immunocompromised children ages 5-11 are recommended to receive a third dose of vaccine 28 days after their second shot.

Silicon Valley Reads

Silicon Valley Reads is returning in 2022 - its 19th year - with a combination of virtual and in-person events for readers of all ages. This year's books and program will focus on motivating our community with the **Power of Kindness, Resilience & Hope** - the theme for Silicon Valley Reads 2022.

This year's theme and accompanying readings and events encourages us all to examine the importance of kindness, highlight our individual and collective resilience and see the promise of hope. The featured adult books are *See No Stranger* by Valarie Kaur, *Enough about Me* by Richard Lui, and *A Dream Called Home* by Reyna Grande.

In February and March of 2022, Silicon Valley Reads will offer a mix of virtual and in-person public programs for all ages including author talks, panel discussions, educational events, demonstrations, performances, activities for students, story times and an art exhibit.

The Silicon Valley Reads community engagement program is presented annually by the Santa Clara County Library District, Santa Clara County Office of Education, and San José Public Library in conjunction with other public libraries, community colleges and universities, and community organizations.

The reading materials and local events from February through March inspire and motivate readers of all ages to read, think, discuss and engage in open dialogue about the ideas and interests relevant to the region.

Youth in grades K-8 are invited to learn about careers in the community that show the Power of Kindness, Resilience, and Hope at the Silicon Valley Reads Career Fair on February 26. To register for the Silicon Valley Reads Career Fair, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/Career-Fair>. Learn more about Silicon Valley Reads, by visiting siliconvalleyreads.org.



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In Memoriam

Richard William Highlander, Evergreen Valley



Feb. 17, 1940 – Jan. 24, 2022

Served as editor of the Evergreen Times

Bill Highlander was born on February 17, 1940 in Beckley, West Virginia to Ronald and Lucille Highlander. A graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, he was an All-State football player and graduated with high honors. After a year at the Greenbrier Military Academy, he accepted a scholarship to Rutgers University where he was a brother of Chi Psi fraternity, a member of Rutgers 1961 undefeated football team, and Cadet Colonel of the ROTC.

As a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1963, he was commissioned as a Regular Army officer and served more than 21 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. His awards and decorations include Legion of Merit (2 awards), Bronze Star (3 awards),

Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Army Commendation Medal (4 awards), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, and Airborne Wings. In 2016, he was inducted into the US Army Public Affairs Hall of Fame.

Bill married Ida M.(nee Canterbury) on June 26, 1965 and in 2020 celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. He is survived by daughter Alison, son-in-law Jonathan Curtis, and two grandchildren, Rylee and William Curtis.

Bill also was graduated from the University of Georgia with a Master's degree in journalism and was awarded a prize for his thesis which was the first in the history of the Grady School of Journalism.

After retirement from the Army, he joined FMC Corp. as Director of Corporate Communications, then was vice-president of United Defense, and later vice-president of public relations for Calpine Corp. He also later became editor of the Evergreen Times, a community newspaper for two years. He authored three history books.

He is a good son, a good soldier, a good husband, a good father, and a great man.



In 2016, **Bill Highlander** was inducted into the US Army Public Affairs Hall of Fame.



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Report: Top 10 Valentine's Day candy by state

'47% of people said they will buy themselves a box of chocolates this year'

By Ben George
Special to the Times

Since we love data and candy is a fun and relevant holiday topic, we put together data on purchased candy in the U.S.A. You may find this candy information and underlying trends very interesting.

Last year, Covid-19 struck Valentine's Day hard, according to the National Retail Federation. Spending was down more than 20% from the previous year's all-time high. People were struggling and there was a once in a lifetime worldwide pandemic. It was understandable.

This year, things are picking back up. The NRF is expecting a near-record breaking year with consumer spending for Valentine's Day up nearly 10% and reaching \$23.9B.

The number of people buying candy is expected to be at a new record high with 56% of consumers planning to buy candy for Valentine's Day. Expected candy sales volume is also up and at \$2.2B would be runner up only to 2020 (\$2.4B).

Using sales data from the past 14 years from our online bulk candy store and industry partners, CandyStore.com compiled sales data to determine the most popular Valentine's Day candy.

Here are some of the key takeaways from the data

It was a rough couple years for Sweethearts conversation hearts candy. After Necco got ripped apart and its brands sent off to various bidders, Sweethearts' new owner took more time than anticipated to get their feet under them. In fact, Sweethearts weren't available in 2019 at all. As the most popular brand of conversation hearts (Brach's makes them as well), the sales of conversation hearts overall were down over 24%.

Two years ago, printing got blurry on candy hearts

In 2020, they were back but only a limited supply was available. As new owner Spangler hurried to get them out, they ran into some printing issues and the cute little sayings written on them were distorted and blurred. Quite a few of them were blank – no words at all.

All new sayings now printed clearly on Sweethearts

Last year was the breakthrough. With Spangler introducing all new sayings on Sweethearts, conversation hearts made a heroic comeback in 2021. Finally overtaking their arch-nemesis Heart-Shaped Boxes of Chocolates.

M&M's keeps moving up

M&M's continue to gain traction. They made gains in several states throughout the country, landing a new #1 spot in Vermont.

Since introducing the Cupid's Message M&M's in 2017, we've seen a rise in M&M's sales for Valentine's Day. Cupid's Mix of Valentine's Day colored M&M's has also been very popular. The re-introduction of White Cheesecake M&M's helped boost them as well.

Cupid Corn Resurgence?

Just when we thought they were fading away, cupid corn made a comeback last year. It even claimed a new #1 state in Nebraska. Also up one spot to #2 in Michigan after falling to third place the prior year.

Valentine's Day Candy Quick Facts

47% of people said they will buy themselves a box of chocolates this year.

58 million pounds of chocolate are bought during Valentine's Day week.

The peak selling period for conversation hearts is only 6 weeks long. Wow!

It takes manufacturers 11 months to produce enough for those 6 weeks.

Vodka infused with candy remained popular with conversation hearts last year.

Children receive 39 percent of all Valentine's Day candy and gifts.

So, which Valentine's Day candy does your state love the most? Here is a table with the top 10 state's winners:

STATE NAME	TOP V DAY CANDY 2022	2ND PLACE 2022	3RD PLACE 2022
Alaska	Conversation Hearts	Heart-Shaped Box of Chocolates	Cinnamon Bears
Arkansas	Hershey Kisses	Conversation Hearts	Ghirardelli Gift Box
California	Conversation Hearts	Heart-Shaped Box of Chocolates	M&M's
Florida	Conversation Hearts	Heart-Shaped Box of Chocolates	Chocolate Roses
Montana	Chocolate Hearts	Conversation Hearts	Heart-Shaped Box of Chocolates
Nebraska	Cupid Corn	Heart-Shaped Box of Chocolates	Chocolate Hearts
Tennessee	Heart-Shaped Box of Chocolates	Conversation Hearts	Wild Berry Skittles
Vermont	M&M's	Conversation Hearts	Candy Necklaces
West Virginia	Cupid Corn	Conversation Hearts	Candy Necklaces
Oregon	M&M's	M&M's	Heart-Shaped Box of Chocolates

Times **Community News**

Pandemic helps demonstrate community resilience; free COVID-19 test kits now available

By **Sylvia Arenas**
Special to the Times

Happy New Year! I hope you had a well-rested, safe, and wonderful winter holiday with your loved ones.

As we start off 2022, I want to express how grateful I am to be your neighbor and Councilmember.

We have gone through some highs and lows together as a community -- including, ensuring that families are prioritized in the City of San José's COVID-19 recovery plan. I believe that experiencing the community impacts of the pandemic together proved how resilient we are as a community.

Thank you for all your passion and advocacy efforts to make East San José and Evergreen a place where families and neighbors can thrive! I am so proud to represent District 8, which consists of diverse neighbors, children, families, community leaders, faith-based leaders, neighborhood associations, businesses, and more. We stand together in District 8!

With the rise of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, I want to remind everybody that the COVID-19 vaccine is available to everyone ages 5 and up & that booster shots are available to everyone ages 12 and up. Getting vaccinated and getting

tested regularly is the best protection for you, your family, and the community.

Due to the recent surge, finding vaccination and testing sites have been difficult for families -- which is why I want to share where your nearest vaccination and testing sites are. If you've recently traveled or think you may have been exposed, please visit <https://covid19.sccgov.org/covid-19-testing> for testing sites in District 8 and East San José. Included are also pop-up sites that do not require an appointment.



I am also excited to share that every home in the U.S. is now eligible to order 4 FREE at-home COVID-19 tests. Order your tests by visiting: <https://www.covidtests.gov>

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District 8 Report

By **Sylvia Arenas**
City Councilmember

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Rahul Bhethanabotla Named to Dean's List at Georgia Tech for the Fall 2021 Semester

Rahul Bhethanabotla of Evergreen Valley made the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Bhethanabotla Won 2nd Place "Best Consumer Banking, Restaurant, or Shopping Solution" from NCR, and recently completed a Software Development internship at Amazon Web Services Seattle, Washington.

This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is a top 10 public research university developing leaders who advance

technology and improve the human condition. The Institute offers business, computing, design, engineering, liberal arts, and sciences degrees.

East Side Union High School District gets high marks in UCLA study of students' policy role

Last year, East Side Union High School District (ESUHS) students saw the adoption of changes that included more counselors and social workers, Wellness Wednesdays, time for students to work on building relationships, and the removal of security officers.

The changes caught the attention of UCLA which conducted a ESUHS study which found that giving students a larger voice in policy and budget decisions is achievable and beneficial, both for students and the district.

The study, Nothing About Us Without Us, concluded: "When given power and leadership opportunities, youth leaders defied teachers' and administrators' low expectations and 'adultist beliefs' and enriched conversations with their own perspectives and experiences."

"The habits of civic involvement must be developed in high school," said East Side Superintendent Glenn Vander Zee. "Engaging students, he said, 'not only changed the questions that were being asked but made the nature of the conversation richer.'"



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SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

ESD School Board: Recognizing their resilience and contributions to public education in Evergreen Valley

By William Bellou
Publisher

In celebration of School Board Recognition Month, the *Evergreen Times* recognizes the contributions to public education made by the members of the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees.

The ESD Board of Trustees, who serve students and represent the Evergreen community, board members, continually face complex and demanding challenges.

These last two years have been a testament to not just the student's abilities to adapt to their constantly changing environment due to the pandemic, but also to our school board members who work diligently behind the scenes to make the educational experience the best it can be.

In a time where normalcy isn't always accessible, members of the board are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts and do so in a manner that illustrates what it means to be resilient and ready for all those that they represent.

You may not be aware that ESD Board meetings are just a fraction of the amount of time and energy that school board members devote to leading the district. There are seminars, conferences, and training sessions that members regularly attend in order to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, classroom teaching methods, and much more. They are deeply involved in community activities and spend many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events.

We hope you'll take this opportunity to help acknowledge the ESD Board of Trustees for their dedication and leadership that shapes the future for every student in the Evergreen School District.



Christopher Corpus, President

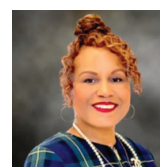
Board Member since December 2018
Term expires 2022

PRESIDENT CORPUS

- Born and raised in San Jose
- Spent nearly his entire career in education in Evergreen School District; Teacher, ETA President, Principal, and District Administrator.
- Focused on community building, with staff and students, and the whole neighborhood which brought him great joy!
- Together with the community, the status of California Distinguished Schools was achieved.
- Retired in 2014.
- Enjoys the freedom, staying busy with family and friends, hobbies, reading and writing, and historical research.
- Was asked to join the ESD Board of Trustees. Thankful to his Evergreen friends who helped elect him to serve the community once again.
- Enjoys his time, getting to reconnect with students, families, and staff members.
- He will serve as long as he is wanted, and effective. When he no longer meets expectations, will walk away gracefully.

"Do all the good you can by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can."
- John Wesley

BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH



Leila Welch, President Pro Tem

Board Member since December 2016
Term expires 2024

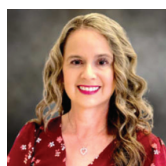
PRESIDENT PRO TEM

- A retired public educator of 38 years
 - Former Principal & Assistant Principal with the Evergreen School District
 - Administrator- Implementation Specialist at Temple University
 - Former Assistant Principal, School Counselor & Classroom Teacher with Franklin-McKinley School District
 - Classroom teacher with Mt. Pleasant School District
 - A graduate of San Jose State University Masters in Counseling Psychology and B.A. in Liberal Studies
 - Administrative Services Credential from National University
- Elected to the ESD Board in 2016 and reelected in 2020. It is with great gratitude to the constituents that I am able to continue my work with the Evergreen community around my belief that all students must experience academic, personal, and social success in their schooling process to ensure their productive futures.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What have you done for others?' - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"If you have NO CRITICS, you'll likely to have NO SUCCESS"
- Malcom X

BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH



Marisa Hanson, Clerk

Board Member since December 2018
Term expires 2022

TRUSTEE HANSON

- 1994 -2000 - Started teaching at LeyVa and coached Track & Field with Mr. Rick Claverie, who was her mentor.
- 2000 - 2002 - was a Math Teacher at Silver Creek High School
- 2002-2007 - Hired to be part of the teaching staff to open Evergreen Valley High School
- Served as ESTA (East Side Union Teachers Association) as Vice President
- 2007-2018 - Served as full-time ESTA President with 1,200 ESTA members
- 2008 - Became a member of the East Side Foundation Board
- 2018 - went back to teaching Math at Silver Creek H.S. & was elected as ESD Board Member

It takes a village to raise a child.
-African Proverb

BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH



Jim Zito, Trustee

Board Member since December 2010
Term expires 2022

TRUSTEE ZITO

- Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY in an Italian-American family of seven. Son of a WWII veteran and bus mechanic with a stay-home mom who was also a seamstress.
- Family values center around education and respect for hard work and all others.
- Being a first-generation college graduate with B.S. Computer Science and MBA.
- Was an engineer, technical specialist, and Sr. Manager of Global services for a global biotech company.
- Was a Certificated Global Services Management, Managerial Finance and Program Management Professional.
- Has been teaching STEM to middle school students for the past 5 years in Title I schools in East San Jose.
- Has more than 11 years in community service; ESD Trustee, appointed to City Planning Commission, member SJ General Plan Task Force, Founding Members of District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) and other local City and County Boards and Commissions.
- Values service to our community and committed to representing ALL families and communities in an equitable and fiscally responsible manner.
- Firmly believes that programs and services must be targeted to families and individuals in need.
- A resident of East San Jose and Evergreen since 1984.
- Has three children who attended EESD school for their entire elementary school years.
- Takes pride in our community working together to solve problems.
- Honored to have served Evergreen and the East Side these last 38 years and will continue to serve our community.

I value my faith, my family, honesty and transparency, and the need to solve problems at a personal level so that students can achieve their best, and families can enjoy the benefits that are available to all.

BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH



Patti Andrade, Trustee

Board Member since December 2020
Term expires 2024

TRUSTEE ANDRADE

- Born in San Jose & attended OB Whaley for kindergarten.
- Proud to be a first-generation Mexican-American.
- Married with 3 boys & 2 dogs.
- All 3 boys attended schools in Evergreen School District & one is currently at Quimby.
- A proud PTA supporter and served as the PTA President at Carolyn Clark Elementary & Quimby Oak Middle school.
- Also served as the Sixth District PTA Legislation Chair and briefly served as the Evergreen Council PTA President until she was elected as ESD Trustee.
- Her experience as a PTA member took her from being a volunteer at her children's school to advocate for public education in Sacramento.
- Values public education and her advocacy with PTA led her onto the path of becoming a school board member.
- Honored and proud to serve on the Evergreen School Board.
- Her favorite superhero is Batman and enjoys watching superhero movies & attending the Silicon Valley Comic-Con with family.
- Enjoys crafting in her free time and creating scrapbooks for family.

In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. - MLK Jr.

BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

Times News

Report: 2022's Best 25 Places for Valentine's Day

With Valentine's Day just around the corner and America's sweethearts having spent \$21.8 billion on the holiday last year, the personal-finance website WalletHub just released its report on 2022's Best Places for Valentine's Day as well as accompanying videos.

It also released its nationally representative 2022 Valentine's Day Spending Survey, which found that 70 million Americans expect their partner to spend less this year

compared to last year.

To determine the most romantic yet affordable cities for celebrating the Day of Hearts, WalletHub compared 100 of the largest U.S. cities across 27 key metrics, ranging from florists per capita to forecasted precipitation to the cost of a three-course meal for two.

Celebrating the Day of Hearts in San Jose (1=Best, 50=Avg.):

- 37th – Restaurants per Capita
- 4th – Cost of Three-Course Meal for Two*
- 36th – Chocolate Shops per Capita
- 1st – Percentage of Residents Who Are Fully Vaccinated
- 43rd – Jewelry Stores per Capita
- 16th – Florists per Capita
- 2nd – Avg. Beverage Price*

• 46th – Greeting-Card Stores & Gift Shops per Capita

*Cost data adjusted for the median household income of the city.

Best 25 Places to Go on Valentine's Day						
Overall City	Total Score	Budget	Activities	Gift Accessibility	Weather Rank Forecast	
1 San Francisco, CA	72.98	5	1	11	89	
2 Seattle, WA	69.10	8	6	12	97	
3 Honolulu, HI	67.70	33	12	2	36	
4 Orlando, FL	66.47	72	4	3	28	
5 San Diego, CA	66.25	13	20	8	49	
6 Washington, DC	65.76	14	11	23	19	
7 Portland, OR	65.76	21	8	9	75	
8 Las Vegas, NV	65.18	68	7	1	36	
9 Scottsdale, AZ	64.93	9	39	14	44	
10 New York, NY	64.31	78	5	5	7	
11 San Jose, CA	62.58	2	41	34	89	
12 Austin, TX	62.07	15	17	20	63	
13 Chicago, IL	60.79	75	3	7	64	
14 Denver, CO	60.77	24	14	17	79	
15 Pittsburgh, PA	59.80	77	15	13	10	
16 Virginia Beach, VA	59.28	11	55	45	17	
17 Raleigh, NC	58.97	22	33	46	5	
18 Albuquerque, NM	58.84	34	38	22	24	
19 Boston, MA	58.76	63	13	25	22	
20 Los Angeles, CA	57.86	80	10	10	53	
21 Tampa, FL	57.19	76	22	18	20	
22 Atlanta, GA	57.18	67	26	6	74	
23 Colorado Springs, CO	56.28	19	48	41	31	
24 Houston, TX	56.00	70	21	16	38	
25 Gilbert, AZ	55.96	1	93	98	33	



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Big city mayors announce program to employ underserved youth

Californians For All Youth Jobs Corps to recruit 8,000 young Californians

Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday and the mayors of California's 13 largest cities have launched the #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps, a California Volunteers-led program to employ underserved youth across the state in critical issue areas.

The #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps is an innovative partnership between the State of California and local government to help underserved youth find employment.

Through the program, young people in cities across California will gain critical job skills while making a positive, lasting impact in their communities. Included in Governor Newsom's 2021 budget, the #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps includes \$150 million dollars for youth workforce development in the 13 largest cities in California and \$35 million dollars for programming in counties and smaller cities around the state.

"California is investing in our youth by bringing people together in service," said Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday. "As communities across the state invest in COVID-19 recovery and fighting climate change, this program will allow underserved youth to find employment, gain valuable job skills, and give back to their communities to build an ethic of public service."

The program was created to help build opportunities for California's young people between the ages of 16 and 30, with a particular emphasis on youth who are low-income, are unemployed and/or out of school, are justice involved, are in or transitioning from foster care, and/or are engaged with mental health or substance abuse systems.

Starting in February, cities will begin recruiting and hiring underserved youth to tackle local priorities, with a focus on climate change, food insecurity, and COVID-19 recovery. Cities may hire youth directly or grant the funding out to community-based organizations. All participants will receive at least \$15/hr and many will have access to wrap around services like case management, resume preparation, job training, and other benefits. Applications for cities with a population under 300,000 and all counties will remain open through February 15th.

As part of the '21-'22 Governor's California Comeback Plan, the state will invest the following amounts to the 13 largest cities:

- \$53,249,641 to Los Angeles
- \$19,151,293 to San Diego
- \$13,976,741 to San Jose
- \$11,876,095 to San Francisco
- \$7,421,049 to Fresno
- \$6,998,984 to Sacramento
- \$6,348,277 to Long Beach
- \$5,911,024 to Oakland
- \$5,393,613 to Bakersfield
- \$4,797,453 to Anaheim
- \$4,497,514 to Santa Ana
- \$4,401,597 to Riverside
- \$4,355,097 to Stockton

"The energy and talent from our young San Joséans in the Resilience Corps are helping us tackle many of our greatest challenges—from the pandemic to climate change to widening gaps in educational and economic outcomes," said San José Mayor Sam Liccardo. "With state funding from the #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps program, we can continue to expand paid opportunities to young residents with a passion for community service. I am thankful to Governor Newsom and Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday for investing in our future."

California Volunteers recently announced #CaliforniansForAll College Corps, a program that will help create debt-free college pathways for low-income students who commit to serve. For more information, visit Californiavolunteers.ca.gov

Times **Feature****OP ED****An outrageous
Evergreen encounter**

By Frank Shortt

As I went to a local well-known market* today I noticed a, seemingly homeless, person walking along the street that I was driving on. For some reason I did not get good vibes from this shabbily-clad person as my thoughts were that he was on his way to stand at the corner and beg for money or maybe some worse mischief!

I proceeded on to the market and entered the door. My purpose was to purchase some soup and French bread for an entire family who were down with Covid! I first went to the hot food counter of the deli section and checked out the three different soups then proceeded to look for some items that my wife had listed for me to purchase. Not seeing the items she wanted at first, I proceeded to the hot food counter again and decided on Clam Chowder for the family. Just as I had paid for the Chowder and began looking for the bread that I needed, I heard a commotion in the back of the deli. Next thing I knew, I saw the man that I had seen on the street, being chased by several of the men who work at the market!

As the wildly shouting man came toward me he was raking items from each shelf onto the floor and cursing with each breath. I happened to be in the path of his retreat and had to jump back as he raked most of the specialty breads from the shelf on which I was looking. He gave me a very dirty look before the men herded him out the front door. By the time I had made my other purchases, the crazy-acting man had disappeared. I asked one of the men who was chasing him if anyone had called the

police. "No, replied the man, even if we called them they would not come as they have more important issues on the East-side of San Jose." My thought was, "doesn't Evergreen have beat policemen who should be ready for any commotion unless they are on a life and death encounter?" I must have appeared a little pale as one of the older ladies asked me if I was alright.

I asked the man, who seemed to be in charge what was his estimate of the damage the man had done and he answered, "Probably about a hundred dollars of bread!" I knew better than that because the crazy man had not only raked expensive specialty bread off but also expensive cheeses and a lot of other items. I was dumbfounded to say the least! My thought at that time was, "what is our society coming to when any vagrant off the street can just go into any business and create havoc without fear of being arrested for his/her misdeeds? Has our whole society gotten to the point that they will accept the mistreatment by just anyone who comes into their business and not even let the police know that there is a crazy individual running loose in the neighborhood?" If this type of behavior continues there will need to be armed guards around every business in Evergreen. I have been told that an elderly lady had her purse ripped off her arm by a thug at this same market! Such a shame!

I must be missing something here. Maybe someone can straighten me out on this mind-set of society. I certainly was not raised this way and I am sure that there must be others who were not also! Is this what 2022 has to offer? If so, we are no better off than the worst third-world country in the world. My question is, "Who is minding the store?"

*I do not mention the name of the market for obvious reasons!

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Times **Community News**

Flooding can happen during a drought; make sure you're ready

By Director Linda LeZotte
Valley Water Board of Directors

As we welcome a wet start to the winter season, it's important to remember that flooding can happen anytime it rains. While our community continues to cope with the impact of the extreme drought conditions in Santa Clara County, we must also be ready for minor floods.

Historically, floods have followed droughts. The 2017 Coyote Creek flood followed a five-year drought with heavy rainfall, un-

leashing Santa Clara County's worst torrent since 1997. Valley Water's work on projects that reduce the risk of flooding is ongoing.

We are excited to share that the completed construction of Valley Water flood protection projects in Lower Silver Creek in East San Jose eliminates the mandate for thousands of homes and businesses to car-



Water District
Linda J. LeZotte,
SCVWD Representative

ry flood insurance. In 2021 we also completed the Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project which benefits the City of Mountain View, an effort nearly two decades in the making.

We invite you to take steps to prepare for the risk of flooding in your home or business. Visit valleywater.org/flood-ready to see if you are located within a flood-prone area as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If you are in the flood zone please review our emergency

preparedness guide, download apps that will alert you of any imminent flooding, and investigate flood insurance. Please watch our stream gauges during upcoming rains if you live near a creek by visiting the above-mentioned website. Obstacles in creek beds can increase the risk of flooding, so we encourage all residents to report any blockages to us via our Valley Water Access System, also located at valleywater.org.

Remember, climate change has made extreme weather the new normal, and we all must be ready for more extended droughts and heavier floods. Don't get caught off-guard; be flood-safe even during dry years!

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Times Feature

Why you aren't popular

By Apoorva Panidapu
Special to the Times

Hi everyone! As a recap: this column, Gems in STEM (fields of science, technology, engineering and math), is a place to learn about various STEM topics that I find exciting, and that I hope will excite you too. This column will always be written to be fairly accessible, so you don't have to worry about not having background knowledge. However, it does occasionally get more advanced towards the end.

You aren't popular. Don't take it personally, but mathematically speaking, on average, your friends have more friends than you do. Cue the Friends theme song, "So no one told you life was gonna be this waaaay!"

You might be thinking, "What friends?" It's okay, I'm your friend, and one is better than none! <3

But seriously, the phenomenon of the number of friends of your friends being, on average, greater than your friends is known as the friendship paradox. This paradox was first introduced by sociologist Scott Field in 1991. (I heard that, by 1992, his friend count went down to 0. Wonder why...)

How in the world is this true? It seems like we would run out of people at some point, right? If my friends have more friends than me, but their friends have more friends than them, and their friends have more friends than them, won't we need an infinite number of friends? No! We have forgotten one key fact: people can count more than once because friendship is mutual (hopefully). Also, the friendship paradox is based on an average, which can be a very misleading measure. For example, if I took the average of 1, 2, and 3, I would get $(1+2+3)/3 = 2$. But, if I took the average of 1, 2, 3, and 96, I would get $(1+2+3+94)/4 = 25$. With just one extra value (an outlier, if you will), the average COMPLETELY changes. Now, this is a very simple example, but you get the idea: your popular friends are to blame for your comparative unpopularity.

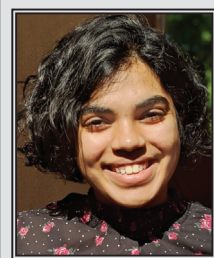
Think of your most extroverted, sociable friend, who seems to have people around them all the time. For me, that's my very good friend Andrew Garfield. (Alright FINE, we're not "real" friends in the technical sense of the word, but in my head we're besties so it still counts). Anyways, Andrew knows all the cool celebrities and is literally Spider-man, so he basically has hundreds of friends. Now, think of someone you know who prefers their own company, maybe only has a couple friends (it's okay, you can say yourself). Our social circles tend to have more of the Andrew Garfield type, just because there's a higher chance of being one of their many many friends than being friends with someone who is a little more introverted, though it's still possible! However, the averages often overshadow these friendships with introverts.

This is why the friendship paradox happens: the distribution of your friends is not linear. Most people have a couple close friends, but the small number of people that have TONS of friends is why this average becomes suddenly skewed, making your number of friends pale in comparison. It's a form of sampling bias, because your friends are not an accurate representation of the general population friend counts.

This paradox translates to very similar situations, like your Facebook friends

have more friends than you have on average, your Twitter followers have more followers than you do on average, and your friends also have more money than you do, say it with me, on average. This is an expected result because of how these networks are connected.

Let's just say this isn't very helpful for our general happiness levels. That's why it always seems like the people around us are happier, richer, and just doing better than you are, especially on social media where networks are even broader. But don't worry, that's the horrible sampling bias at work! It's like going to the gym for the



Gems in STEM

By Apoorva Panidapu

first time. You might be distraught by how much bigger muscles the people there have. However! You forgot about the people who don't go to the gym, so you're comparing yourself to a very small part of the population that isn't an accurate representation of the general muscle size. Don't worry, you'll get those big muscles eventually!

So, is the friendship paradox's only purpose to torture me with the knowledge that my friends are popular-er, richer, and better than me? Thankfully, no! Otherwise, I would be squaring up with Scott

Field right now.

This paradox can be applied to help prevent

the spread of infectious disease! Sound familiar? This makes sense, because "popular" people who meet more of their friends are more likely to catch it and spread it, making them "super-spreaders." The lesson? Don't have friends and you won't catch diseases! (The actual lesson is to be responsible during a pandemic, but that's beside the point.) The friendship paradox can actually detect these outbreaks faster than traditional methods, and caught flu outbreaks two weeks earlier than the old methods.

So, the paradox isn't really a paradox, and you aren't really unpopular. But, even if you are, I'll be there for youuuuuu!

Until next time! If you found this interesting, make sure to check out the next column! If you have any questions or comments, please email me at apoorvapwrites@gmail.com.

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The PAC is supporting both Councilmembers **Dev Davis** (left) and **Matt Mahan** in the contested mayoral race. San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo terms out this year.

Business PAC announces San Jose mayor, City Council endorsements

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

The Silicon Valley Biz PAC (Political Action Committee), which represents local business interests, endorsed two San Jose City Council candidates in the upcoming 2022 contest for Mayor of San Jose.

As stated on their website, the motto for the Silicon Valley Biz PAC is, "Help us advocate today for a better tomorrow."

The PAC is supporting both Councilmembers Dev Davis and Matt Mahan in the contested mayoral race. San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo terms out this year.

The organization is also endorsing San Jose Downtown Foundation Board President Ramona Snyder for District 1, small business owner Irene Smith for District 3, San Jose Planning Commissioner Rolando Bonilla for District 5, San Jose Fire Captain

Bien Doan for District 7 and Councilmember Pam Foley, who's running uncontested for District 9.

"COVID really showed us what type of leadership the San Jose business community needs," said PAC executive director, Victor Gomez during a recent interview with San Jose Spotlight. "Many businesses in Silicon Valley have been hanging by a thread since the pandemic began. We're looking for candidates that certainly understand how important small business is to the San Jose community."

The Silicon Valley Biz PAC, formed in 2019 by former members of the now-disbanded Silicon Valley Organization's PAC.

PAC, which has a long history of endorsing candidates with business-friendly backgrounds, has raised \$125,000 for this cycle so far, according to Gomez.

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Members of the Association of Vietnamese Elderly of the Bay Area posed for photo at the Tet festival Saturday. *Photo by Tran Nguyen*

New Year

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Vietnamese flag-themed attire.

Many residents dressed up in colorful áo dài, embellished with beads and pearls, with red envelopes in hands. Giving and receiving red envelopes is a tradition that symbolizes good wishes and luck for the new year. With music and laughter filling the air, festival-goers posed in front of three-wheel bicycle taxis, or cyclos (xích lô), and photos of famous Vietnamese destinations such as Chùa Một Cột and Chợ Bến Thành.

Tết festivals were previously hosted at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, which often drew thousands of people from the South Bay and nearby regions. Since the pandemic started upending community gatherings in 2020, San Jose residents have opted for virtual celebrations for the last two years.

Saturday marked the first time people could gather in person—many still donning masks and carrying hand sanitizer.

“The pandemic really robbed us of opportunities to come together these last few years,” Cao Hong, one of the event organizers, told San José Spotlight, “I’m grateful that we can celebrate again, especially here in Viet Museum, because we have fun but also look back at our history and the sacrifices of our older generations.”

San Jose is home to some 180,000 Vietnamese residents, making it the largest in any city outside of Vietnam.

Jenny Tran, 4, couldn’t wait to see the Tết festival in person for the first time. Donning a yellow áo dài, Jenny ran ahead of her parents, Phong and Uyen Tran, from one booth to another.

“Happy New Year!” she said with excitement.

The family has shown her pictures of previous festivals, Uyen Tran said, and Jenny became obsessed with the Tết music.

“She loves this

time of the year with all the decorations, the flowers, the music, the dance—all of it,” Uyen Tran said. “We’ve been to Autumn Festivals, but not for Tết.”

Phuong Anh Le and her son Ethan, 3, flew in from New York to celebrate Tết with their family in San Jose.

“There’s not a big population of Vietnamese where I live, so it’s always nice to be in San Jose during this time of the year,” Le said. “I just got to the festival, but I’m excited to see all the booths here. I love the food during Tết.”

Organizers also hosted a traditional ceremony, where members of the Association of Vietnamese Elderly of the Bay Area pay respect and homage to Vietnamese ancestors in prayers. The ceremony also dedicated a moment of silence to commemorate those who fled Vietnam after the fall of Saigon in 1975 but died in their journeys to the United States.

For Tran Byrne, who lives almost three hours from the South Bay, the holiday could be a bittersweet time. Byrne grew up in Vietnam and immigrated to the U.S. by herself several years ago.

“I always get homesick this time of the year,” Byrne said. “I missed the food, the atmosphere, everything.”

This is the second time Byrne and her husband, Gregory, attended such festivals in the U.S. They went to a celebration in Orange County three years ago.

“This is much more relaxing,” Gregory Byrne said. “This feels a bit like home.”

Contact Tran Nguyen at tran@sanjos-spotlight.com or follow @nguyenntn on Twitter.



Uyen (left) Jenny (center) and Phong Tran were among hundreds of people at the Tet festival on Saturday. Jenny, 4, couldn’t wait to see the Tet festival in person for the first time. *Photo by Tran Nguyen*



The Delphi Trio, courtesy of the San José Chamber Orchestra.

San José Chamber Orchestra's 30th Anniversary Season presents 'Unbreakable' March 20

San José Chamber Orchestra's 30th Anniversary Season presents 'Unbreakable' featuring the Delphi Trio on Sunday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at St Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Av., San Jose.

The program includes Beethoven's Triple Concerto and the World Premieres of Clarice Assad's Triple Concerto, Ahmed Alabaca's Unbreakable, and the world premieres of new works by composers Clarice Assad and Ahmed Alabaca.

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Tickets: sjco.org/ or 408 295-4416; Note: no tickets sales at the door. Single Ticket Prices: Adult: \$50; Senior (62 and above): \$45; Student: \$15; Covid-19 info: Proof of vaccination required. Masks required. Subject to change. For more information visit: sjco@sbcglobal.net



Photo courtesy of Conductor Carlos Vieu and Symphony San Jose

Symphony San Jose presents Feste Romane

Symphony San Jose presents *Feste Romane* on Sat, Mar 26 at 8:00 p.m. and Sun. March 27 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose.

This multifaceted concert features Respighi's *Feste Romane*. The program also includes two pieces by Brahms and a new lyrical double concerto performed by renowned classical violinist Rachel Lee Priday together with its composer, Juan Pablo Jofre, playing the haunting bandoneon.

The program:

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Conductor: Maestro Carlos Vieu

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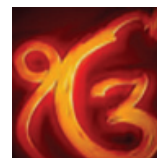
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Coming Soon: Community Budget Meeting

Addressing the shortfall and softening the blow on our residents and first ever opportunity for Zoom (over the internet) voiced public comment at Community Budget Meeting

By Mayor Sam Liccardo

Special to the Times

As we await the official release of the City of San José's proposed 2022-2023 Operating Budget, the Mayor's Office is checking in—reminding our residents and workforce that while many areas of economic activity have recovered since 2020, we aren't out of the woods yet.

The City experienced solid revenue growth this last year, and projections are improving; however, the budget still faces a structural shortfall when considering the number of important, community-serving initiatives that were funded on a one-time basis in response to the pandemic.

We will need to make some tough decisions in the weeks ahead to develop a bal-

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Due to the recent surge in Omicron cases, we will offer the first community budget meeting by phone, website through Zoom and Facebook. In addition to the date and time listed below, please find unique options for sessions dedicated to Vietnamese and Español language. For more information and updates, please visit www.sj-mayor.org/budget.

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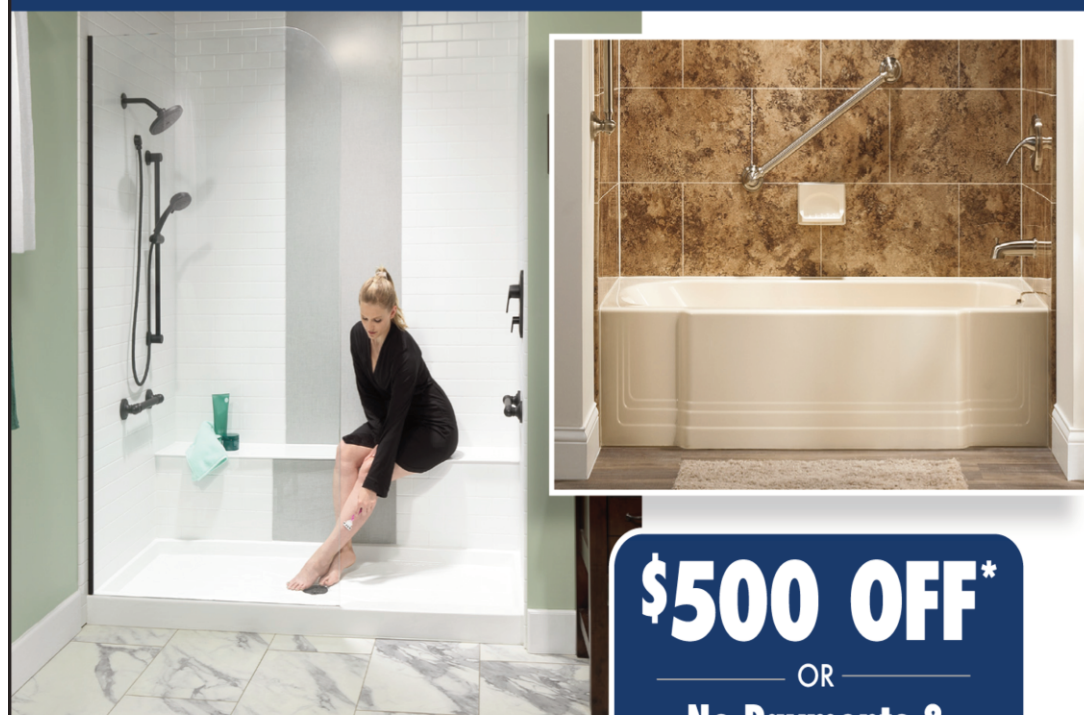
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