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Great Horned Owl

Owls in Evergreen

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Late in the night or early in the morning owls can be heard in and around Evergreen.

They do not care if they are in a housing complex or out in the forest as long as their food supply abounds.

Most of an owl's time is spent in finding food. This it does in the dawning hours of day or during the twilight hours. Their diet consists of small mammals, snails, insects, spiders, earthworms, fish, reptiles, crabs if their habitat is near the crab's hiding places.

Owls will feast on the mountain quail if the quail seem to be in abundance. The squirrel population is held in check as long as
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Denelle Fedor enters the Santa Clara County Supervisorial District 1 race

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By William Bellou
Publisher

Denelle Fedor, who has deep roots in the Evergreen community, has entered the race for Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors District 1.

Incumbent Supervisor Mike Waserman terms out at the end of this year.

Fedor, who intends to campaign for the seat during the June primary, is supported by numerous small businesses owners, community leaders, renters, and homeowners; many of whom have been encouraging Fedor to step into the race for over a year.

Fedor's priorities are homelessness, housing, property rights, helping small businesses, improving jail standards and healthcare.

A San Jose native and grandchild of Hungarian immigrants, Fedor was baptized at Most Holy Trinity Church located on the eastside of San Jose; the same church where her parents were married. She and her partner, Jim Zito, serve as parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi Church, and have been involved with the Evergreen Community for many years.

Fedor served as a volunteer with Odyssey of the Mind, Science Olympiad, Archbishop Mitty High School Robotics Team, PTSA President for Quimby Oak Middle School and former President of the Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association.

Fedor is a Case Manager for the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program ran by LifeSTEPS, a federal



Denelle Fedor, a former Chief of Staff and current Case Manager who's running for the District 1 Santa Clara County supervisor seat, is pictured here with her partner San Jose-Evergreen school board trustee Jim Zito and his son.
Photo courtesy of Denelle Fedor.

nonprofit. The FSS program is for section 8 voucher holders who commit to achieving specific goals and learn to save their earned income. Fedor obtained her Real Estate license in 2021.

Fedor has served in various political roles in San Jose over the last two decades, including as chief of staff for then Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, and as an aide to former Councilmembers Pat Dando, Ken Yeager and Johnny Khamis.

In 2014, four years prior to the "me-too" movement, Fedor filed a lawsuit against the city and Oliverio, accusing him of sexual harassment. Fedor's case was not dismissed by a court of law. After nondisclosure agreements were signed in 2015, Fedor dropped Oliverio from the suit and the City settled the case.

'Budget hawk'

Fedor has been described as a
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No end in sight: California drought on course to break another record

By Rachel Becker
CalMatters

After record-breaking snowfall at the start of the rainy season, January and February will likely be the driest on record, prolonging California's drought.

The first two months of 2022 are shaping up to be the driest January and February in California history, prompting state officials to warn of dire water conditions ahead.

"There's no precipitation forecast through the remainder of February. And there's very little precipitation in the long-range



The drought has collided with earthquake retrofits that required almost completely draining the area's largest reservoir, knocking out more than half of the storage capacity serving 2 million people in and around San Jose.

forecast for March," Erik Ek-dahl, a deputy director with the State Water Resources Con-

trol Board, said at a board meeting Tuesday. "All this is pointing
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The cost of remote work

By Angela Copeland



Over the course of my career, I've had the privilege of being both a full-time salaried employee, and a self-employed business owner. There are pros and cons that come with each. For example, when you're an employee, you typically have perks such as health insurance and vacation. When you're self-employed, you can select your hours of operation and make decisions about which clients you will or won't take on.

There's also another big difference between these two types of employment. When you're self-employed, you pay for your own business expenses. If you have an office, that's a business expense. If you purchase office furniture, that's a business expense. Pens and paper are a business expense.

As a full-time employee, anything related to doing your job is typically paid for by your company. This could include anything from the office chair you sit in to electricity to the internet connection. It could include the paper you're writing on and the pens you're writing with.

But, has anyone noticed this trend shifting a bit? Part of the reason people are now working remotely is because there's a big cost savings to companies. After all, companies were paying so much in rent for big office buildings, and all the related expenses that come along

with them.

However, it seems unclear whether or not employees are benefitting financially in the same way as remote employees. I've heard of people who have moved to a larger living space in order to now accommodate a home office. They've invested in home office furniture. They've upgraded their home internet package.

In this virtual world, it's become very important that employees are self-sufficient. On top of having a great workspace, employees are now expected to use their personal phones for business. The lines between work and home have blurred more than ever before.

Most people aren't talking about this issue, because who wants to go back to working in person? But, who is paying for all these home office upgrades? In many cases, it's the employee. Occasionally, I have seen businesses that will mail out both office supplies and office furniture to employees, but it's not the norm.

Most companies are sending employees a monthly stipend to cover their home expenses. Typically, the stipend is between \$50 and \$150 per month. For some people, this amount might cover the cost of their cell phone and internet. But rarely will it cover any of the other expenses employees are sinking into being a productive worker.

So, what is the real solution? This work from home revolution certainly wasn't planned. It's tough to blame employers for not being more prepared for it. That said, two years into work from home feels like a good time to reevaluate. We need to have conversations about the real cost of remote work. Otherwise, it begins to feel as if we're all self-employed small business owners.

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Owls

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there are owls around as they seem to like the same trees as their homes. Owls prefer trees that have thick foliage, as do squirrels. Squirrels build their nests in the thickly foliated trees but the owl seems to be a little lazy about building nests and will inhabit a nest left by another bird.

The owl has quite a reputation for being wise. This is probably due to the fact that he can sit quietly for hours on end and never make a noise. Actually, though being a great hunter, the owl is not much smarter than any other bird. In some parts of our world different groups of people have various superstitions with regard to the owl. Some believe the hoot of an owl forebodes a death in the family or bad weather coming and this is a long running superstition. The ancient Hebrews were forbid-den to eat an owl as it was said to be an

unclean bird.

The great horned owl is the one most likely to be heard in the Evergreen area. Its hoot is in a succession of four. First, it emits a louder hoot, then three shorter, less noisy hoots close together. Owls hoot when they feel they need to protect their territory or when they feel threatened. Another reason an owl hoots is to attract a mate and begin to set up their territory. Owls choose to hoot at night because most owls, not all, are nocturnal animals.

Some superstitions require the use of bird parts in their rituals. This could be detrimental to the owl population and is not encouraged by law enforcement.

So, if you hear an owl at night, it actually can be very soothing for a brief time, but if the owl is agitated it can become a sleep robber. Usually just clapping your hands beneath the tree that one is roosting in will cause the bird to leave or remain quiet long enough for anyone to go to sleep.

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Santa Clara County increases funding for countywide Homelessness Prevention Program

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved increasing funding for a countywide homelessness prevention program in collaboration with Destination Home Dec. 15.

This action will immediately add funding to support households at risk of becoming homeless.

“How exciting it is that we are continuing to invest in preventing homelessness. I believe the solution to the homelessness issue and affordable housing is making sure our residents don’t become homeless in the first place,” said Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez.

Since 2017, the Homeless Prevention System Pilot (HP System Pilot) has assisted 2,726 households and 93% of those households have been able to retain their permanent housing.

The high cost of living along with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the expiration of the eviction moratorium make it necessary to continue providing financial assistance to households at risk of homelessness.

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Homelessness on the rise in Evergreen

Man lying on ground asks for sleeping bag

Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

This week a man was seen lying on the ground at the Dollar Tree shopping center located on Aborn and White Road in Evergreen.

As I approached the sleeping man, I noticed there were a lot of food papers scattered around him and \$23 laying on the ground being blown away in the wind (one twenty-dollar bill and three separate dollar bills).

When the man was asked if he was OK, he responded in a way that was hard to understand. He did not seem to be under the influence of drugs but instead seemed to have a speech issue.

When asked if he was cold the night earlier, he responded “Yes.”

When I asked if he wanted Taco Bell food he said yes and asked for a burrito. As I gave him a soft drink and food, he seemed not to know how to put a straw in the cup.

When asked if he would like a sleeping bag, he responded, “Sleeping bag yes.”

I told him that he seemed to look like Jesus the way he was spread out on the ground and he laughed. I asked if I could take his photo and he laid back and laughed.

I picked up the \$23 dollars as the money was moving in the wind on the ground and



House-less man on ground is shown soaking up sunshine after sleeping all night outdoors.

went to Big 5 Sporting goods and bought him an on sale \$79 dollar sleeping bag for \$34 dollars with his money and a few dollars I chipped in.

Upon returning he was still in the same place and he took the sleeping bag happily and used it as a pillow.

It seems that an increasing number of people of all races and backgrounds are seen to be homeless or as some call it “house-less” in Evergreen Valley and elsewhere. Often these people who battle the cold, sleep in the sunshine during the day on the cement at shopping centers where good intentioned people buy them food and leave monies on the ground for them.

Of course, San Jose has a phone number to call for the police to come out and conduct a wellness check. However, I figured since there are so many situations like the one I describe here, that I would just skip trying to call the police.

As a follow up, I decided not to drive back to the man the next day but two days later I saw him early morning, sleeping with his sleeping bag. I also observed five days later, although his belongings had grown, he was nowhere in sight.

Perhaps he moved to a new location.



Two days later in the morning, the man is seen using his new sleeping bag.

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Cortese's bill would help more Californians save for retirement

Senator Cortese, (D-Silicon Valley), Chair of the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee, has teamed up with California State Treasurer Fiona Ma to provide more Californians the opportunity to save for their retirement by expanding eligibility of the CalSavers program.

The CalSavers Retirement Savings Program (formerly “Secure Choice”) was created by Senate Bill 1234 (de León, 2016) for private sector workers whose employers do not offer a retirement savings program. CalSavers is an automatic enrollment individual retirement account (IRA) available to employees, with no employer fees or fiduciary liability.

Employers with one to four employees have regularly expressed their desire to have

full access to CalSavers. This program is currently only available to employees with five employees or more.

SB 1126 would reduce complexity for employers and expand access to CalSavers to those small businesses with one to four employees that are currently not covered; in doing so, this bill would improve employee recruitment and retention across California.

“SB 1126 will help more California workers prepare for their future and find financial security in retirement, at no cost to our taxpayers” says Senator Cortese.

It is estimated that SB 1126 would expand access to CalSavers to approximately three quarters of a million California workers.

“CalSavers was created to provide a retirement savings program for the millions of em-

ployees who are not offered one by their employer,” explained Treasurer Fiona Ma. “I can attest that this program is working, and we want to expand this same opportunity to our smaller business owners to help them recruit and retain talent, and help their employees retire with dignity”.

CalSavers is required by statute to be self-sustaining based on participant fees and, to this end, SB 1126 would result in no costs to the state or taxpayers. The Program currently operates with a small start-up loan that will be repaid with interest.

SB 1126 is sponsored by the California State Treasurer’s Office.

For more information, contact Tara Sreekrishnan, Office of Senator Dave Cortese at 408 480 7833 or tara.sreekrishnan@sen.ca.gov.

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Youth leadership month encourages meaningful expression in youth

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

County Superintendent of Schools

February is recognized as Youth Leadership Month. This celebration encourages youth to be their own leaders, speak their minds through meaningful expression, and make positive change locally and globally.

There are many avenues for youth to

gain leadership skills and experiences in our county. At school, students can lead by being role models to their peers, taking on leadership roles in various clubs and activities, or joining their school's associated student body.

Students can apply for vari-



School News
By Mary Ann Dewan, PhD
County Superintendent of Schools

ous peer leadership positions in their communities, such as the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Peer Advocate Advisory Council, Santa Clara County Youth Task Force, Valley Water Youth Commission, and local city commissions. Santa Clara County youth can continue to demonstrate their leadership with COVID vaccinations. More than 70% of county youth ages 5-17 have received their COVID vaccinations, and 66% of youth

12 and older have received their booster shots. Our county youth are agents of change for the present and future generations. Together, we can support and uplift youth to be impactful leaders.

The county public health officer announced that Santa Clara County has not met all the criteria to lift indoor masking requirements. Universal masking, vaccinations and boosters, testing, and staying home when feeling ill have made a great impact in our ability to keep schools open for in-person instruction.

Healthcare providers in Santa Clara County are required to provide testing, PCR or antigen, to those who have symptoms or exposure to COVID. Providers are required to provide testing for those recommended or required to get tested within 24 hours of a request. Contact your health care provider to access the testing. For testing appointments in Santa Clara County, visit www.sccfreetest.org. All individuals ages 5 and older are eligible to be vaccinated. To schedule a vaccination or booster, please visit www.sccfreevax.org.

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.

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A 2000 Toyota sedan was occupied by an adult female driver and an adult male passenger. The vehicle was traveling northbound on South White Road when it left the roadway near the intersection with Castleton Drive; the vehicle then collided with a tree that was on the east side of South White Road.

Both occupants of the vehicle were transported to a local hospital. Shortly after arriving the male passenger succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

The female driver was also treated for injuries sustained in the collision; she was cooperative with the investigation and showed symptoms of alcohol intoxication. Upon being released from the hospital she will be booked into the Santa Clara County jail for vehicular manslaughter and felony driving under the influence charges.

This is the 13th fatal collision, and 14th victim of 2022.

Anyone with information on this investigation is urged to contact Detective Templeman #3556 of the San José Police Department's Traffic Investigations Unit at 408-277-4654.

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Times News

Cortese's bill would tackle student mental health through school-linked services

Senator **Dave Cortese** (inset, D-Silicon Valley) has introduced SB 1184 to ensure California students get the behavioral support they need.

Cortese envisioned and pioneered the "School-Linked Services" program in Santa Clara County. School-Linked Services connects students and families to county mental health counseling, case management, and public health services on district and school site campuses and has grown to a \$40 million-a-year program serving about 200 schools across 15 school districts in Santa Clara County.

"The successful School-Linked Services program should guide the framework of school-based mental health services statewide, to increase the number of credentialed pupil support services personnel like counselors, social workers, nurses, psychologists etc. at our school sites," Cortese said.

The School-Linked Services FY 20 end-of-year survey reported the following:

- Most of the 321 families that completed an end-of-year Family Survey reported that the SLS services they received helped them learn more about the services and supports

available in their community (75.4%), as well as their health and wellbeing (73.2%).

- Most families that completed the Family Survey reported that the SLS services they received improved their ability to find resources for their child (67.0%), helped them advocate for their child (65.4%), and increased their child's academic success (76.3%).

- The majority (83.3%) of the 12 staff responding to the SLS Superintendent and Supervisor Survey "agree" or "strongly agree" that the SLS model has improved school-family-community partnership. SLS Administrators feel the program's most significant benefits involve connecting diverse community partners in lasting relationships. They also report value in the program's ability to streamline referral processes, which in turn saves families and staff time and resources.

"We must expand our statewide strategy to provide school-based mental health services to students and ensure that services provided among various entities are sustainable, equitable, and better coordinated to fill gaps in services that exist for students and support the overall health and wellbeing of all children," Cortese said. "I think all parties can agree that coordination of these services can be better aligned to serve our students and families, and SB 1184 will do that through the School-Linked Services framework we championed here in Santa Clara County."



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Hummingbird sightings an indicator of the start of spring

By Emanuel Henriquez
Special to the Times

Groundhog Day is a great indicator of the start of spring, but even better are baby hummingbird sightings!

Some of the first birds to begin constructing their nests for the year, hummingbirds begin mating in November in the Bay Area, with hatchlings appearing as early as January.

Early flowering plants are a signal to the hummingbirds that food is abundant, that they can begin the task of finding food for their young.

Whether through harsh winds, cat attacks, or mites in the nest, you may find a hummingbird on the ground. What then?

Ashley Kinney, the hospital manager at the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley, says, "Re-nesting the hatchlings will give them the best chance of survival. The mother knows best - they provide care that's difficult to replicate at the center."

Mothers collect nectar and insects to feed their young. They come back to the nest and quickly regurgitate the food into the hatchlings' mouths, before flying off again.

So how do you re-nest a hummingbird? WCSV recommends the following: First, check to see if it's a hatchling or an adult - hatchlings are naked or only partially feathered, while adults are fully feathered.

If you find an adult hummingbird on the ground, take it to your local wildlife rehabilitation center immediately. Unlike other birds, healthy hummingbirds never spend time on the ground.

If you find a hatchling, check for injuries and also check to see if it is warm or cold to the touch. If the bird is warm and uninjured, attempt to re-nest the bird. Don't be afraid to touch them! Contrary to popular belief, parents will not abandon their young after human contact. If you find the bird is

cold, contact WCSV or your local wildlife rescue for assistance.

The nest is very small and will likely be very nearby in a tree or bush. Make sure the nest is secure so that the hatchling doesn't fall back out. Baby hummingbirds usually come in pairs so if there is not a nest mate, look for a second one that may have fallen out.

Once the hatchling is returned to the nest, keep a close watch from a window for signs of the parent bird returning to the nest. Because young hummingbirds need so much food, adults will only return for a brief moment to feed them before leaving again.

With hummingbird baby season in full swing, many more wildlife will soon follow. "In 2021 alone, WCSV had over 7,000 animal intakes", says Laura Hawkins, WCSV's Executive Director, "almost 3,000 were orphaned animals."

Established in 1993, the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley (WCSV) is a wildlife rehabilitation hospital that accepts all local, native wildlife in Santa Clara County. Each year WCSV takes in thousands of sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife with the goal of rehabilitating and releasing them back into the wild.

For more information on WCSV go to www.wcsv.org.



A hatchling hummingbird

Times **Community News****IN MEMORY****Christina Wallace****Nov 3, 1937 - Jan 9, 2022***Taught elementary school at Cedar Grove and Cadwallader in Evergreen*

Christina Ross (Richards) Wallace passed away in her sleep on January 9th, 2022. Christina was born in Santa Ana, CA and moved to Santa Clara as a young girl. She attended schools in Santa Clara and graduated from Frankfurt American High School in Germany.

She then attended San Jose State University, where she studied education, was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, and met the love of her life, Ronald. Christina went on to a long career in education, teaching mostly in the Evergreen School District at Cedar Grove and Cadwallader Schools. She was a passionate advocate both for students with special needs and for teachers. Her work with the CTA and her local union brought her the distinguished "WHO Award" in 1985.

Christina had many interests. She loved all fiber arts, especially dyeing and spinning wool. She enjoyed genealogy and reading books on World War II history. She loved traveling, most of all in the UK, and was able to fulfill a life-long dream to visit the Hermitage in Russia.

Christina was survived by her husband, Ronald, her four sisters, her children Geoffrey, Robert, David, Richard, and Ann, eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Christina is interred at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in Colma.

Opera San José returns with Irene Dalis Vocal Competition May 18 – 21

Opera San José announces the return of the **Irene Dalis Vocal Competition**, named for the internationally-acclaimed mezzo-soprano (inset) who founded Opera San José.



Dazzlingly talented singers from around the country join the Opera San José Orchestra — for the first time in the event's history — to perform soaring arias in a heart-stopping contest of unbridled operatic passion and vocal prowess.

"Throughout the years, these riveting competitions have showcased incredible talent," says General Director Shawna Lucey. "I'm honored to welcome back the Irene Dalis Vocal Competition and know that our local audiences, as well as viewers around the world, will be looking forward to seeing the industry's most exciting rising stars perform some of opera's greatest arias."

The public is invited to view, and vote on an audience favorite, at the competition's Semifinals on May 18, which will be live-streamed FREE from Opera San José's Heiman Digital Media Studio. Tickets can be purchased to the finals of the Irene Dalis Vocal Competition, to be held 3:00pm, May 21, 2022 at the California Theatre, 345 South 1st Street, San Jose.

General Director Lucey noted the free livestream of the Semifinals marks another first for the company, adding "We are thrilled to share these beautiful voices with audiences around the world, offering national and international opera lovers, as well as leaders and directors from other opera companies, a chance to view these stars of tomorrow performing at their highest levels."

Since its inception in 2006, the Irene Dalis Vocal Competition, named for the San Jose native who became a Metropolitan

opera star and then founder of Opera San José, has recognized emerging opera singers who flocked from across the country to participate. The last competition was held in 2014, drawing nearly 100 artists from throughout the United States. General Director Irene Dalis retired from Opera San José shortly after, concluding the three-decade leadership role that she played in the cultural life of the Bay Area. She passed away in December 2014. After an eight-year hiatus, Opera San José welcomes back this event, honoring the legacy of the company's founder as it looks forward to an exciting new future. The Irene Dalis Vocal Competition has been generously underwritten by Dr. H. Andreas Neves.

Opera San José is a flagship arts organization located in the heart of Silicon Valley. Maintaining a resident company of artists, OSJ presents four mainstage productions annually in San Jose's historic California Theatre, while regularly broad-

casting fully-produced productions from its state-of-the-art Heiman Digital Media Studio. Now in its 38th season, OSJ specializes in role debuts, serving as an artistic incubator for established and emerging artists alike, producing world-class operatic performances for diverse audiences throughout the Bay Area and around the globe.

Semifinals will be live streamed for FREE from the Heiman Digital Media Studio.

Tickets

Tickets (\$50-\$200 subscribers; \$75-\$225 public) to this thrilling, high-voltage event will be available exclusively to Opera San José subscribers beginning February 15, and to the general public starting March 1.

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Police believe new *Etch and Protect Program* for catalytic converters will deter and prevent the theft of catalytic converters. Photo courtesy of Facebook

San José Police Department and San José Police Foundation launch *Etch and Protect Program* for catalytic converters

The San José Police Department in partnership with the San José Police Foundation has launched the *Etch and Protect Program* for catalytic converters.

Police believe using this tool will deter and prevent the theft of catalytic converters, which has affected many of our community members.

The program was established in memory of San José resident The Nguyen, who was shot and killed on March 5, 2021, when he confronted two people who were attempting to steal the catalytic converter with his car.

Beginning this month, several auto repair shops will be able to etch or paint identifying information on a vehicle's catalytic converter while the vehicle is getting routine maintenance. The equipment used to do the etching was paid for and provided by the San José Police Foundation. We want to thank the Foundation for their continued support and partnership with this historic project.

Chief of Police Anthony Mata said, "We are grateful to the participating auto repair shops for stepping up to support this important program. We hope this effort de-

ters catalytic converter thefts, which are having a serious impact on our local community."

"This program is a great example of a public-private partnership that will make a difference in the lives of San José residents," said Rob Fisher, president of the San José Police Foundation. "By etching identifying information into catalytic converters, we will give officers another tool for investigating these thefts and holding thieves accountable, and we will protect our neighbors from the burden of an unexpected and costly car repair."

Catalytic converters are stolen and then often resold illegally to repair shops and recycling locations. The precious metals contained within the converters are worth more than gold ounce for ounce.

The San Jose Police Department said in a statement: "This collaboration is a great example of the community partnering with police to combat and deter crime. We also would like to thank the Nguyen family for allowing this program to be named after their family member, whose life was tragically taken during a converter theft. Although gone, his name will live through this program."

Report: 2022's Best & Worst Cities at Money Management

With 43% of U.S. adults grading their knowledge of personal finance a C or lower and good financial skills being essential during the COVID-19 pandemic, the free credit score website WalletHub has released a new report on 2022's Best & Worst Cities at Money Management.

In order to determine where Americans are best at handling their finances, WalletHub compared more than 2,500 cities based on 10 key indicators of money-management skills. The data set ranges from the median credit score to average number of

late payments to mortgage debt-to-income ratio.

Money Management in San Jose (99th Percentile = Best):

- Median Credit Score (745)
- Credit-Card Debt-to-Income Ratio (3.06%) (97th Percentile)
- Mortgage Debt-to-Income Ratio (630.32%) (6th Percentile)
- Car-Loan Debt-to-Income Ratio (22.81%) (83rd Percentile)
- Student-Loan Debt-to-Income Ratio (24.73%) (96th Percentile)
- Avg. Number of Late Payments (1.85)
- Avg. % of Credit Used (35.06%)
- Foreclosure Rate (0.5788%)

For the full report, please visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-cities-at-money-management/19256>

Times **Community News**



Reservations required while visiting Yosemite

By Times staff writers

Massive construction projects in Yosemite National Park, which could lead to unprecedented traffic jams, has prompted park officials to return to its park entry online reservation system for three-day passes from May 20 to Sept. 30.

“Everybody deserves a great park experience,” said Yosemite Superintendent Cicely Muldoon. “If we did nothing, there would be gridlocked traffic all summer long, every day.”

Under the new rules, starting at 8 a.m. March 23, reservations for day use visits, good for one vehicle per reservation, will become available at recreation.gov. Park visitors will need a reservation to enter from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week.

Motorists who arrive without a reservation during those hours will not be admitted to the park, except for visitors entering Yosemite before 6 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

At least seven major construction projects are planned in the coming months at Yosemite, totaling more than \$100 million. Among the projects, closure all year of Glacier Point Road, trail head parking and retaining walls, overhaul of the trails and other facilities around Bridalveil Falls, the closure of campgrounds — Tuolumne Meadows, Crane Flat and Bridalveil Creek — to replace aging water systems, restrooms and other facilities, and a \$10 million project to build a new welcome center with an outdoor plaza, new restrooms, paths and signs.

Consumer Reports: Some new cars, trucks less than sticker

By Sean Eastwood

With new vehicle prices at an all-time high due to limited supplies, a new report released by Consumer Reports details several new cars and trucks that are available for less than their window sticker prices.

Three of the most discounted vehicles are pickup trucks from Chevrolet, Ford and Ram.

However, to get the most discounts, buyers must select vehicles with “specific trim variations.” Discounts are small and the best prices are still available via tried and true “negotiation and shopping around” strategy.

Consumer Reports says: “Most months there are a few models that are given an extra push with incentives tied to supply and/or a coming redesign. Automakers and dealerships need to make room for new vehicles. These days, there’s plenty of room, but some models are still more popular than others.”

New vehicles with the biggest discounts according to Consumer Reports:

Alfa Romeo Giulia: 10 percent off
Price Range: \$43,350-\$78,830

Alfa Romeo Stelvio: 8 percent off
Price Range: \$45,550-\$84,650

Ford F-150: 7 percent off
Price Range: \$29,990-\$77,760

Ram 1500: 6 percent off
Price Range: \$35,900-\$76,780

Cadillac XT5: 4 percent off
Price Range: \$43,995-\$55,895

Chevrolet Silverado: 4 percent off
Price Range: \$30,400-\$65,100

Mini Countryman: 3 percent off
Price Range: \$29,100-\$41,500

Infiniti QX50: 2 percent off
Price Range: \$39,000-\$56,950

Buick Envision: 2 percent off
Price Range: \$31,500-\$41,650

Jeep Wrangler Unlimited: 2 percent off
Price Range: \$29,995-\$77,095



Alfa Romeo Giulia can be purchased at a 10 percent discount according to Consumer Reports.



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Rebuilding Days

Our Rebuilding Day program provides major and minor repairs and renovations resulting in life-changing improvements for the homeowners and organizations served.

Safe At Home

Safe at Home program addresses home repair and maintenance issues that may otherwise present a safety risk or that limit access to or within the home.

Ways to get involved

Volunteers Join us, safely, for Rebuilding Day, April 17 & 24, 2021, as an individual volunteer or with your corporate or community group.

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Evergreen resident Nithya Badrinath makes Tufts University Dean's list



Tufts University announced that **Nithya Badrinath** (inset) of Evergreen Valley, class of 2022, has been named to the Dean's list for the Fall 2021 semester. Nithya is an International Relations major concentrating in International Security, and Psychology. She works as an assistant in the office of Massachusetts State Representative Christine Barber. Nithya is a contributor to the Tufts Daily, Tufts University student newspaper in

Medford, Massachusetts which was first published on February 25, 1980. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford / Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions.

Report: US states best equipped for electric vehicles

As America is looking towards a more EV-focused future, which US state is the best equipped for our EV needs? A study by Zutobi has looked at the num-

ber of electric vehicles in America and the number of charging stations to reveal that California has the most registered EVs and EV charging points, with a total of 425,300 registered EVs and 41,177 charging points. See the full rankings here: <https://zutobi.com/us/driver-guides/the-us-electric-vehicle-charging-point-report> This study (which is an update from a 2021 study), examined the ratio of charging points per total vehicles to reflect which states are most equipped for EV adoption.

The 10 states most equipped for EV drivers

Rank	State	Number of EVs	Number of EV charging outlets	Number of charging outlets per 100 EVs
1	North Dakota	220	139	63.2
2	Wyoming	330	184	55.8
3	Mississippi	780	433	55.5
4	West Virginia	600	307	51.2
5	Rhode Island	1,580	632	40
6	Vermont	2,230	878	39.4
7	South Dakota	410	160	39
8	Washington D.C	2,360	827	35
9	Arkansas	1,330	463	34.8
10	Maine	1,920	639	33.3

- The North East of the country appears to be a hub of the easiest states to charge up for EV drivers including Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington D.C.
- North Dakota also has the least number of EVs, perhaps contributing to why the state is most equipped for EVs.

The bottom three states with the least charging points

Rank	State	Number of EVs	Number of EV charging outlets	Charging points per 100 EVs
1	New Jersey	30,420	2,020	6.6
2	Arizona	28,770	2,258	7.8
3	Hawaii	10,670	839	7.9

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Report: Demand for work in the top 5 states

With the Great Resignation sweeping the nation, the job market is more active than ever in the US. Career board Lensa has released an updated version of its Lensa Index, revealing the demand for work in California.

The research uses Lensa's internal job search data from October-December 2021, analyzing multiple different factors - revealing that California is again the employment capital of the US - with the most unique job listings, and the second highest number of job seekers, according to number of clicks.

Lensa's internal data found that California posted over eight million unique job listings in the final quarter of 2021. This was way above the state that ranked second, Texas, and almost double the number of listings of third-place New York.

Rank	State	No. of unique job listings
1	CA	8.3 million
2	TX	5.9 million
3	NY	4.7 million



- 4 FL 4.2 million
- 5 IL 4 million

When looking at the states with the most number of job clicks, indicating levels of job seeking activity, California also ranked second, just behind Texas, and above Florida, New York and Georgia.

Further findings

- Los Angeles was the sixth most popular city for job seekers looking for work.
- Management occupations were the industry recruiting the most in California, representing over 1.2 million listings.
- Amazon was the most popular company with applicants - receiving the most clicks. Courier jobs were also popular with FedEx and UPS ranking in the top 10.
- Farming, fishing and forestry was the industry with the biggest increase in clicks, with over 500% more interest than 2021 - showing people are potentially looking for more outdoorsy career paths.

The full findings of the 2022 Lensa Index are available to view here: <https://lensa.com/insights/the-lensa-index-2022-update>

Times **Feature**

Celebrating Black History Month

By Supervisor Otto Lee
Special to the Times

Since the founding of the United States, African and Black Americans have been systemically and institutionally neglected, oppressed, and silenced.

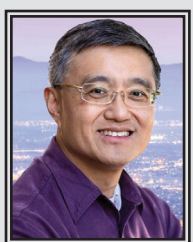
Black History Month is a time to recognize and honor all of the contributions, achievements, and legacies of Black Americans across our society. Black history is American history, and Black History Month is integral to the history of America.

For more than a century, generations of Americans have studied, learned from, and celebrated the legacies of Black change-makers and leaders in our community. In September 1915, Carter G. Woodson and Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization that was devoted to researching and promoting the achievements of Black Americans.

Now known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, the group sponsored the first National Negro Week in 1926 and chose the second week in February to honor the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In the 1960's during the Civil Rights Movement, National Negro Week expanded to become the Black History Month that we all love and celebrate today.

Every American President since President Ford starting in 1976 has designated a theme

for Black History Month. The theme for this year is "Black Health and Wellness" to highlight and honor the work of Black doctors practicing both Western medicine and other medicinal practices throughout the African Diaspora. This theme directly aligns with the work that we are doing here in Santa Clara County. Through the Public Health Department, the County offers Black Infant Health services to mitigate disparities in the American healthcare system that specifically affect Black women and their babies. These services work to address factors that negatively contribute to health such as chronic stress, social isolation, and racial inequities. I am proud of the work that Santa Clara County has done and will continue to do to promote a more just and equitable community for all of our Black residents and families.



County Report
By Otto Lee
Supervisor

In order to have a truly just and equitable society, we must do all that we can to protect voting rights, especially for our Black and Brown communities. There are many state legislatures that are actively passing restrictive voting laws – to create barriers to voting, with studies showing that these unnecessary and controversial measures disproportionately impact Black and BIPOC communities. The fight for basic civil rights and voting rights is still alive and well in this country-- it did not end in the 1960's. Our democracy and our society are strongest when all of our diverse voices are listening to each other and working together.

On this Black History Month, let's recommit ourselves to fighting for a more equitable and inclusive society.

Please join us in celebrating Black History Month by visiting SupervisorLee.org or social media pages at Supervisor Otto Lee on Facebook, ottolee3 on Instagram, and at SupOttoLee on Twitter.

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Times Feature

**Tech Jargon of the week:
Immersive Experience
Technology**

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 me teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

Immersive Experience Technology

It is the integration of virtual content with the physical environment in a way that al-

lows the user to engage naturally with the blended reality. Immersive technology is a class of tools designed to create immersive experiences that include digital elements that feel real to the user. The following are the basic types of immersive technology.

360-degree video/photos: Images and videos with 360 degrees of freedom that can be viewed in a headset or on a smartphone.

Computer-generated (CG) Virtual Reality (VR): An artificial interactive environment that is displayed primarily through a dedicated headset or headset plus smartphone.

Augment Reality (AR): A virtual environment that is superimposed on the real world using a form of transparent glasses or the camera app on a smartphone.

Holography: the creation of a 3D image in space that can be explored from all angles.

Telepresence: A form of robotic remote control in which a human operator has a sense of being in another location. The user could, for example, guide the robot through a party or an office, stopping and chatting with people throughout the environment.

Digital twin: A virtual replication of some real-world object that connects to the object for information so that it can display its status.

Facebook, Google, Microsoft, and Apple all held major events last year in which they delivered or revealed a road map for bringing more immersive capabilities to developers and content publishers. These players

are vigorously working to vertically integrate a stack of immersive hardware and software that is functionally proprietary to each player.

AR and VR require input from user movement, sensors, and historical data. When combined with other technology like conversational platforms, immersive technology can be used to create extremely personalized products, services, and experiences for customers.

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 Feature

Addressing gender bias in youth

By Apoorva Panidapu
Special to the Times

Hi everyone! Quick recap: this bi-weekly column is a place to learn about various STEM topics that I find exciting, and that I hope will excite you too. Future columns may include social issues in STEM, its intersections with other subjects, and various other topics that are prominent in these fields.

When I was in third grade at my very first math competition, a random boy asked me, "What're you doing here? Girls aren't good at math, you're not going to win." After I heard this, I was stunned and confused, but I kept quiet because I didn't know how to respond. But the more I thought about it, the more indignant I got. Who's this guy to tell me what I can and can't do? I promised to myself that I'd prove him wrong. But, what's to stop all the other third grade boys who think the same thing? And who's going to help and encourage the young girls and gender minorities who are consistently told they're not good enough?

With Women's History Month just around the corner, I want to talk about this problem concerning STEM gender bias in youth, which is that we don't talk about it. It's true that there are many panels and talks where wonderful women speak about their experiences and reassure youth that they are not alone, panels that have always inspired me personally. But, these conversations are often not directed at the people who perpetuate gender bias, and we're not actively addressing it early on when kids are at their most impressionable. We need to create an environment where open conversation between adults and youth about prejudice is normalized and welcomed.

To do this, we first need to understand why this problem exists.

What creates gender bias so early?

I know from personal experience that as early as elementary school, the idea that mathematics is a man's field, is already prominent, along with other STEM fields. But, why is this the case?

1. Indoctrinated stereotypes

Gender stereotypes are forced onto young children, whether they realize it or not. Parents and even teachers often subconsciously underestimate the STEM abilities of kids who are not boys, which only reinforce the idea that they are less capable. Research shows that this is the cause for around half the gender gap in math achievement.

2. Fewer role models

One of the biggest factors of gender bias in youth is that there is a lack of gender diverse role models they know about. How long have you known the name Albert Einstein? Isaac Newton? These are staple STEM figures. But what about Ada Lovelace, who is considered to be the first computer programmer? When did you hear the name Marie Curie? Or Katherine Johnson? The lack of role models is not because they don't exist, but that they aren't talked and taught about because of how in-

grained gender bias is in our education system.

3. STEM anxiety

Similar to how stereotypes are passed down, STEM anxiety is also passed on. In early education, a majority of teachers are women, and research shows that they often have anxiety about math that is passed on to their students, especially girls. Additionally, young girls tend to hold themselves to a higher standard than boys. Not only is this stan-

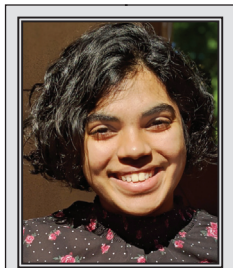
dard self-imposed, teachers also are shown to grade girls harder for the same work.

So how do we address this? How Education Needs to Change

We need to start by making major shifts in early education. First, there should be mandatory classes concerning the history of women and minorities in STEM in elementary school and onwards, and how they face historical erasure. Teach them about Ada Lovelace and Katherine Johnson and Chien-Shiung Wu and Janaki Ammal, who are all significant and

incredible STEM figures whose contributions go unrecognized in our education system. One of the amazing things about history is that you don't need prerequisites to hear about the lives of people. I remember in elementary school we had assemblies or one-day guest speakers to talk about saving water and reducing bullying. Have the same events for gender bias and discrimination.

Encourage girls and gender minorities to tackle STEM classes by reducing the number of cold assessments and superficial success trackers in early grades. Instead, focus on the fun hands-on collaboration that is in STEM at all levels, from
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Times Feature



Gender

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science experiments to tricky puzzles.

We also have to equip teachers with professional training to address systemic and unconscious gender bias, in both themselves and in their surroundings. We should provide resources to help teachers with any math anxiety, and to avoid passing it on to their students. Teachers and parents need to actively have open, understanding conversations with their kids on their prejudices, starting early on. If an educator or parent hears an unconscious bias, correcting it should be normalized, from colors associated with gender to a blatant belief that boys are better at something.

What we can do

All students, regardless of gender, should stand up to call out a classmate's discrimination. Explain why what they're saying and perpetuating is biased and harmful, and how in the future they can remedy their actions. I know it's not at all easy, and takes an incredible amount of courage. Sometimes we're scared of being seen as too sensitive or of losing our friends. But we have to think to ourselves, do we really want friends who would react this way? Friends who aren't open to discourse and unmindful of prejudice?

I also want to say something to any non cisgender friends that might be here. Unfortunately, the world is still a place of prejudice for the LGBTQ community, and there is especially a lack of representation in history and current STEM. I hope that you continue to fight for what you're passionate about, and help pave the way for youth just like you who might be discouraged by STEM's current not-so-open atmosphere. They need role models to look up to and admire, and I can think of no time better than now to show your talents.

This leads me into the last thing we can all do. If you are older, be a mentor. Be a role model for youth and show them how, no matter your gender, you can make a difference and pursue a rewarding career in STEM. And if you're on the younger side, encourage your fellow classmates! Encourage your friends if you see that they are getting discouraged, and power through with them.

We all need to remember that there are no rules for gender and no limits to people's aspirations. So, we owe it to these passionate, driven diverse youth to talk about this problem, with them and their classmates, and to work to dismantle it, so that one day all people are valued equally in STEM, regardless of age or gender.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at apoorvapwrites@gmail.com. Until next time!

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Times Community News

TENNIS TIPS

Doubles is a 'Team Game'

By Ken DeHart

Special to the Times

Here are a few questions which can help you figure out:



What kind of partner are you?

What type of player should you partner up with to become a winning combination?

Take a small survey to see if you are a good teammate.

*Signals are an important way to be on the same page as your partner.

*Are you a good communicator?

*Are you the leader or the implementer?

*Do you like to talk between points to your partner or keep to yourself?

*Do you like to have help with decisions in challenging moments in a match?

*Are you the steady player on the team or the aggressive hitter?

*Which type of player do you like to team up with, a sitter or a hitter?

Doubles is a game of chemistry between two players.

Sometimes the chemistry lasts for seasons and other times it is short lived. Knowing what kind of player you are and what kind of partner you like to play with is the start to building a successful team.

Styles of Play

Often players who are of similar styles do not make good partners. Two steady players may frustrate another team by seldom making an unforced error but they lack the ability to put shots away to close out points. Two aggressive players may look amazing with smashing put away shots but they do not neutralize well and if one player is off that day the partner cannot keep the point alive long enough to allow them to get their game back before the end of the match.

Communication Skills

Do you like to talk to your partner as the match is developing? Are you the strong silent type who just wants to "get on with it"? Having a partner who likes to talk between every point can be very annoying and distracting to someone who doesn't like to talk. When the match gets tight do you prefer to not talk and just play within yourself?

How much do you like to talk between points and what you choose to talk about during the between point times is important as well. Some teams are strictly business, others are simply cheerleaders with "come on" and enthusiasm is the main focus and some teams are strictly analytical, analyzing strategy about what just happened and how to approach the next point. As in any relationship, communication style is a key indicator of a successful team.

Signals

Both players need to know what is going to happen before a point starts. Just like in basketball, football and baseball, all the players must know what the other

players are going to do - what is the game plan for the next play.

Signals are very important for a team sport. Signals can be verbal communication with your partner about where you are going to serve, poach, return or attack a particular player. Signals can also be hand signals between the server and net player with fingers indicating where to serve, if the net player is going to poach or fake.

Many teams communicate verbally but also use the hand signals to confirm the strategy and to make the opponents "think" about what the other team is going to do to "get in their head". In any case, talk to your partner; create a plan of action as the serving team or the receiving team so you can perform as a team.

Skill Set

Each player brings a particular skill set to the team. Some are aggressive, some are great neutralizers, lobbers or drop shot players and some are great with strategy. Some players are great servers, some are great at the net or return of servers.

Analyze what skills you bring to the team and what your partner brings to help you decide what type of game your team should play. Decide if you are playing unusual players if you have the skill sets to adapt to the other teams style effectively.

Practice

Practice against a variety of opponents in practice, not just against your friends. In real matches you will face a wide variety of teams and you need to know how your team matches up and adjusts to their unusual styles.

- Practice a lot of UDF's or Unusual Doubles Formations. This can be an effective strategy against a variety of opponents to either adjust to their style of play or to throw off their game or match momentum with an unusual formation. The formations are many and you need to be comfortable using them so as not to throw off your own game. The most common UDF's are Australian formation, I formation, both back but come up with all kinds of formations that let you capitalize on your teams' strengths or neutralizes your opponents' strengths.

- Practice playing tie breakers vs sets. Most matches are decided either by set or match tie breakers. The pressure is different in tie breakers.

- Also, you want to feel more comfortable than your opponents when the set or match is dependent upon the tie breaker.

- Practice playing using only 1 serve. Instead of going big on the first serve and just getting the second serve in, you will be forced to develop a "between those two" serves that should improve your first serve percentage and reduce weak second serves.

Just like in other team sports, communication, styles of play and enjoyment make for successful teams. So, put a little effort into selecting a partner then work together to become successful.

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Rachel Lee Priday

Symphony San Jose presents Carmina Burana March 26-27

Symphony San Jose is presenting Carmina Burana March 26-27 along with a new Double Concerto for Bandoneon and Violin by Juan Pablo Jofre at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San Jose at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday's performance, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

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Carlos Vieu will conduct the program. He served as Chief Conductor for the Wagnerian Choir Association at Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires from 1993 to 1998. During that time he won the open competition for the position of Music Director of the Buenos Aires Symphonic Band, and by a unanimous jury vote, the Music Directorship of the Mar del Plata Symphony Orchestra.

Pablo Jofre, composer, soloist, and bandoneon, is a native from San Juan, Argentina. Jofre has been repeatedly highlighted by the New York Times and praised as one of today's leading artists by Great Performers at Lincoln Center. His music has been recorded by 16 Grammy winner Paquito D'Rivera, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and choreographed/performed by ballet-star Herman Cornejo (Principal Dancer of the American Ballet Theatre) among others. A recipient of the National Prize of the Arts grant in Argentina, Mr. Jofre has taken his form of contemporary tango to some of the

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Chorale Director, Elena Sharkova.

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“budget hawk” due to her commitment to ensure accountability in government spending. In 2010, she co-wrote Measure W which proposed various cost saving pension changes for the city. Voters overwhelmingly approved it. She also crafted a memo that proposed outsourcing park maintenance for the Rose Garden Park. Fedor’s cost saving proposal was adopted and applied to pocket parks city-wide.

Fedor is the only candidate not accepting endorsements or financial contributions from Political Action Committees (PAC’S), unions, or any other organized group that receives funding from the County.

Fedor is supportive of the Benson, Foster and Lester families who own property in Coyote Valley. These families have filed a lawsuit against Mayor Sam Liccardo and the City of San Jose alleging unlawful taking of their land by the city after the city rezoned their lands against the families will. The City paid \$96 million to property owners across the street from the three family properties, but has refused to compensate Benson, Foster and Lester.

“This is an example of why I am not requesting or accepting endorsements or contributions from prominent individuals or Political Action Commit-

tees,” Fedor said. “I support keeping Coyote Valley open space and compensating every property owner for their land. “I agree with the allegations listed in the lawsuit regarding “taking” which I am against- I hope Mayor Liccardo and the city change their minds and agree to compensate these families instead of continuing with a lawsuit.”

‘We cannot manage what we do not measure’

Fedor is concerned about the plight of unhoused residents in the county and said she wants to find ways to shelter people currently living near freeways and in parks. She is calling for a complete audit of all agencies that receive County, State and Federal funds that work with the homeless, because she says, “we cannot manage what we do not measure.”

“All of her opponents for this race have held elective office during the past 10 years – the time where our homeless problem has exploded out of control,” said Mark Biala. “Fedor is the only candidate confident and courageous enough to take a bold step to address this issue by following the money.”

Fedor explained she does not support the ongoing lawsuit between the County Counsel and Calvary Church considering the Supreme Court decision that churches cannot be treated differently than other organizations and businesses. “I believe County

Counsel is overreaching and wasting our tax dollars. It’s time to move on,” stated Fedor.

Fedor, formerly registered as No Party Preference for more than 20 years, changed her political affiliation to Republican. “I am a fiscal conservative who remains committed in supporting LGBTQ rights and reproductive rights for every woman.”

“While I have registered with the Republican Party, I continue to believe my core beliefs resonate strongly with moderate Democrats,” Fedor said. “We need to solve our problems of homelessness and housing without continuously taxing our small businesses, residents, and the middle class. The County needs to be easier to work with to revitalize our economy for our small and minority owned businesses.”

Sonia Marchana, an Evergreen Resident and an occupational therapist at Kaiser Permanente, says Fedor is objective, levelheaded and not afraid to look at issues differently to find reasonable solutions.

“I was in awe of Denelle’s leadership and managerial skills when she was the event manager for the annual Fourth of July event at Almaden Lake Park for five years,” Marchana said. “She organized every part of the event—including fundraising to cover costs and the security plan for over 40 security officers—for a public event that attracted over 20,000 people.”

Drought*Continued from page 1*

to, again, some pretty dire conditions statewide for drought.”

After record-setting storms in October and then December, the past six weeks — usually among the wettest months in California — have seen precipitation totals plateau at roughly half the yearly average in the state’s major watersheds.

The dry spell follows the driest year in California since 1924, as aridity continues to dominate the West.

The prolonged drought, which began in early 2020, leaves many water suppliers leaning more on their stored water supplies or shifting to other sources, such as groundwater.

Jennifer Pierre, general manager of the State Water Contractors, an association of water agencies in Southern and Northern California and the San Joaquin Valley that receive supplies from the State Water Project, called the storms late last year “a blip” that meant little to California’s water supplies.

The agencies are getting 15% of their requested supplies from the state aqueduct, which carries water from Northern California rivers south. Initially, the allocations were set at zero, which meant deliveries would only cover enough for public health and safety.

For residents of the Silicon Valley, the conditions could mean tightening restrictions and increasing rebates to reduce water use. In San Jose, customers who exceed limits — based on a 15% cut in amounts of water they used in 2019 — already have to pay extra fees.

In June, Valley Water’s board mandated a 15% cut to water use from 2019 levels, to be implemented by the local water agencies it supplies. Board chair Gary Kremen said he wouldn’t be surprised to see an update to the restrictions and rebate programs come up for another vote.



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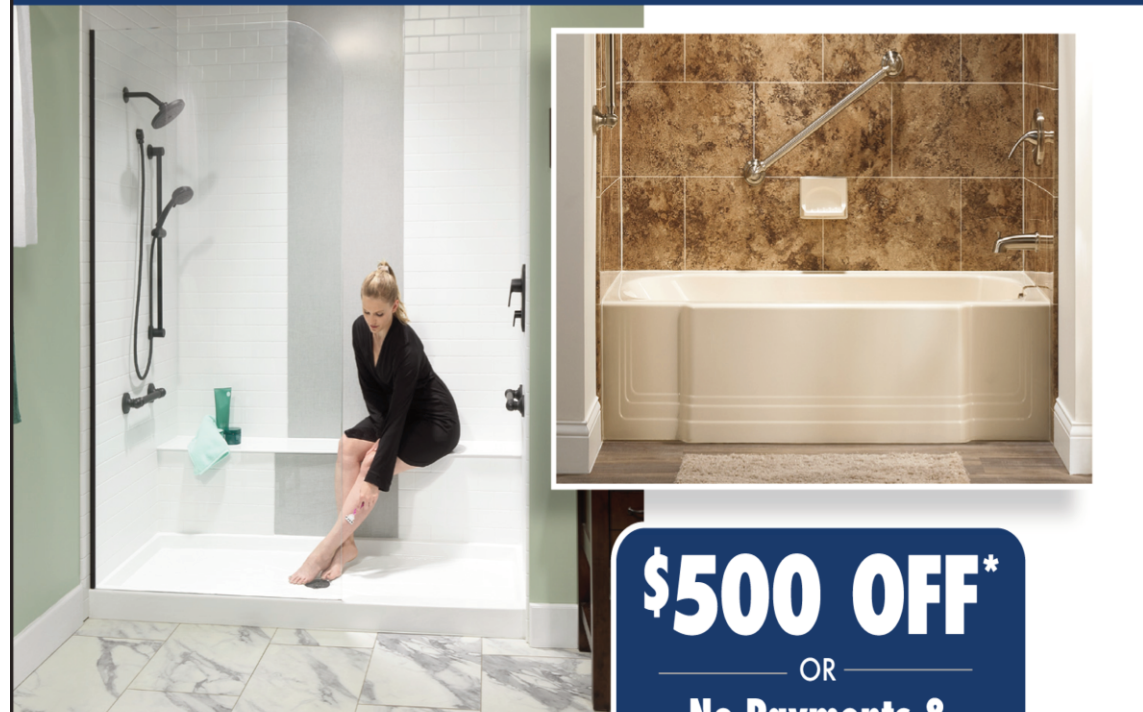
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