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Battling gambling propositions 26 & 27 explained: in-person betting (26) vs online betting (27)

By Times Media staff writers

The November ballot show-down to legalize sports gambling in California has many Californian's confused on which proposition is best for the homeless and tribes.

The barrage of campaign ads for both propositions are the most expensive in state history with all sides poised to exceed \$400 million in campaign contributions.

What's at stake?

At stake is control of what could be a billion dollar sports-gaming industry. But is this industry good for California and which side will profit most?

Proposition 26

A coalition of California tribes
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EVERGREEN K-6 SCHOOL WILL ATTRACT ARTISTS

Prioritizing equity, Evergreen School District Board of Trustees votes to keep O.B. Whaley open

*Elementary school to be
repurposed as a Visual and
Performing Arts magnet school*

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, during its regularly scheduled meeting, the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the recommendation of Dr. Antoine Hawkins, Superintendent of Schools to keep O.B. Whaley Elementary School open and to repurpose the school as a Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Magnet School.

In 2020, as part of a district fiscal stabilization plan to close a \$12 million budget shortfall, due in large part to declining enrollment, O.B. Whaley Elementary School was previously recommended for consolidation by a community advisory committee. The Board of Trustees approved the consolidation of two schools at the end of the 2019-20 school year and the consolidation of a third school at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

This decision was then delayed due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. When the consolidation of O.B. Whaley was brought forward to the Board of Trustees for consideration in June 2022, the Board decided to defer the decision until after the newly appointed Superintendent



of Schools, Dr. Antoine Hawkins had the opportunity to review and analyze the district's fiscal stabilization plan.

In considering the annual financial savings of approximately \$500,000, and the resulting impacts of closing the school on the O.B. Whaley students and community, Dr. Hawkins determined that the school could remain open to current students, and the school could be repurposed into a Visual and Performing Arts Program (VAPA) Magnet School.

Dr. Hawkins's keen insight into O.B. Whaley's unique attendance area in the Evergreen community was his catalyst to move towards an innovative alternative solution. Closing O.B. Whaley would have required families to travel a greater distance to another school, which would have not only created a hardship on the families but would have removed a valued resource in the community.

"Closing O.B. Whaley Elementary School would have created a significant impact on the

community," Dr. Hawkins said. "Although I appreciate and highly value the work of the school closure committee that occurred prior to my arrival as Superintendent, I could not find it in my heart to justify closing another Title 1 school in our community," he said. "The VAPA program will not only allow us to keep O.B. Whaley open, but it will also provide a unique program offering that will benefit all Evergreen School District students and allow us to hopefully begin to grow in attendance at the site," he concluded.

Evergreen School District Board President Chris Corpus added, "The O.B. Whaley community is in a unique location as a community school that serves students and their families. By using an approach that attracts additional students, Evergreen can not only keep this school open but also achieve its fiscal stabilization goals."

Evergreen School District staff will begin the steps to design the VAPA program and will share the timeline and the process with the district community at a future date.

Several thousand attend Hot San Jose Nights 2022



Several thousand people turned out for the 14th annual Hot San Jose Nights 2022 at Reid-Hillview Airport Sept. 3. *See report, page 18*

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Times **In Memory**

IN MEMORY

Stanley M. Bellow

April 24, 1924 - Sept. 7, 2022

Stanley M. Bellow, 98, passed away on September 7, 2022 at his home in the Villages Golf and Country Club, San Jose, CA. His passing was peaceful and of natural causes. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Stan was a fifth generation San Jose native. He served in the Marine Corps in WWII as a Sergeant, enlisting at 17 years old. He was a music major at San Jose State. Stan was hired by Richmond-Chase Cannery Company as weigh master and retired after more than 40 years.

Stan's last job was as account manager at Geiger Bros., an advertising specialty company and was named "Salesman of the Year" numerous times. He served in the Vestry as Senior Warden at Trinity Cathedral in San Jose for 8 years and donated funds to acquire a bell for the bell tower.

Stan was known to be an avid swimmer and swam laps daily to stay in shape. He was also a music lover, supporting Symphony San Jose through donations and annual memberships since 1955. Stan loved playing the piano, especially music by composers Debussy and Rachmaninoff.



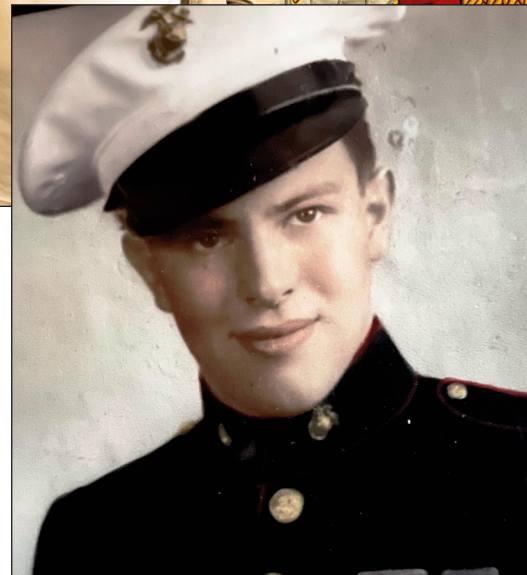
If you knew Stan, you knew you were loved. His life will be forever cherished by his family and friends. He is survived by his beloved Kay Pexton, his son William Bellou and daughter-in-law Sandy Bellou; his daughter Nancy Smith and son-in-law Paul Smith; grandchildren Tami Ozubko and her husband Ryan Ozubko; Kimberly Escobedo, Brandon Klitz, Jason Smith, Jennifer Kohler and her husband Jeffery Kohler; great grandchildren Zachary Ozubko, Nathan Ozubko, Alina Kyle Smith, Wesley Kohler, Harrison Kohler, Danielle Escobedo and, proudly serving in the Marine Corps, PFC Michael Escobedo. He also leaves behind numerous extended family and a wealth of friends.

A private memorial service will take place in October at Oak Hill Memorial Park.

Stan was a generous man until the end. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Symphony San Jose or the Marine Memorial Club.



Stan was a fifth generation San Jose native. He served in the Marine Corps in WWII as a Sergeant, enlisting at 17 years old.



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Governor signs bill that stemmed from VTA tragedy

Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law SB 1294 authored by Senator Dave Cortese, that will address the rise in workplace violence. SB 1294 was authored in response to the mass shooting that occurred on May 26, 2021 at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) Guadalupe Yard, the deadliest mass shooting in the history of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The bill requires the Workforce Development Board, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, VTA, and the Health and Human Services Agency to work together to draw from the lessons and successes of the VTA Wellness Center and develop a model for the deployment of Wellness Centers in transit agencies statewide to provide services and support to workers and their families. “Through support services such as peer-to-peer counseling, prevention and early intervention training, we can reduce stress and improve morale so that everyone can feel safe at their place of work,” says Senator Cortese. “I



am grateful to our Governor for signing this legislation, as well as to the workers who crafted this legislation with me to prevent further tragedies and loss of life.” In the immediate aftermath of the Guadalupe Yard shooting, Senator Cortese worked with VTA unions and management, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office, to respond to the pressing needs of the employees, including through standing up a Resiliency and Trauma Recovery Center, or “Worker Wellness Center,” that has provided behavioral health support to individuals and families dealing with grief.

Workplace violence is on the rise. According to Everytown for Gun Safety, there have been 37 mass workplace shootings between 2009 and 2021. Five of those 37 occurred in the Spring of last year. Experts say that the individuals that commit these attacks are likely to be reacting to stress or pain in the workplace. A recent study of workplace shootings between 2011 and 2015 showed that out of over 1,000 shootings, three quarters involved an argument or conflict, as opposed to a robbery gone wrong or another cause.

John Courtney, President and Business Agent at Amalgamated Transit Union Local 265 says, “Immediately after tragedy struck our place of work on May 26, 2021, hero's emerged to figure out how to provide immediate support for workers and families thrust into a mental health crisis and to make sure mental health services will be available to prevent more tragedies like ours at VTA. The legislation signed by our Governor does exactly what is needed to provide mental health resources and support to workers. We are forever grateful to our heroes, Governor Newsom and Senator Cortese for making this life-saving legislation a reality.”

Valley Currents

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



San Jose Councilmember **Matt Mahan** and Santa Clara County Supervisor **Cindy Chavez** at a candidate forum hosted by San José Spotlight on Sept. 15, 2022. Photo by Jana Kadah.

San Jose mayoral candidates spar over policies, vie for top seat

By Jana Kadah
San José Spotlight

The debate between the San Jose mayoral candidates is more than just business versus labor. Voters in November will decide if they want a freshman councilmember looking to shake things up or a longtime politician with institutional knowledge. San Jose Councilmember Matt Mahan and Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez are battling it out for the top seat at City Hall. Mahan, with one and a half years of experience as a councilmember, is looking to use his tech executive experience to restructure City Hall and foster greater accountability. Chavez is a longtime politico who knows how the underpinnings of intergovernmental agencies work to address complex projects.

At the Thursday mayoral debate hosted by San José Spotlight, both pointed the finger at their rival’s respective backgrounds as reasons for why they are the right choice, and their opponent is not. The biggest issues were homelessness and housing.

Mahan said while the county’s budget has risen in the past few years, supervisors like Chavez failed to utilize the money properly to address the mental health crises and build more housing, exacerbating the region’s homeless problem which has increased in San Jose by 11% since 2019.



San Jose Councilmember and mayoral candidate **Matt Mahan** wants to tie pay raises for elected officials and department heads to performance-tracked goals. Photo by Jana Kadah.

“I haven’t seen that kind of urgency and focus on scaling up solutions that get to the root causes and give us a shot at the history of homelessness in our lifetimes,” Mahan said. “We have people walking down the street in downtown, scaring our residents and you’ve been sitting with the county for 10 years now basically making excuses for why we can’t solve it.”

Chavez responded that the councilmember’s accusations were “disingenuous” and uninformed. “Part of the reason you haven’t known what’s happened in the last 10 years is because you have been in office a year and a half,” Chavez said in response.

“You keep acting like the county’s budget just ballooned on accident. Part of the reason our budget has grown so dramatically is we saved O’Connor and St. Louise hospitals—141 beds and two emergency rooms. And yes, I did that.”

Restructuring City Hall

Mahan wants to set measurable goals and use data to ensure the city is meeting those targets. One of his main initiatives is to tie pay raises of elected officials and city department heads to reaching those goals, and hold them accountable if the work isn’t completed as expected. Changing the pay of city employees is a difficult, if not impossible task because salaries are decided by union-negotiated contracts and council salaries by an independent salary-setting commission. The city also has its own salary-based tier system.

He said housing and commercial construction are moving painstakingly slow, in part because there is a 26% vacancy in the city’s planning department. To solve the housing shortage he wants to reform the planning and building department. Mahan also said the city should be building all types of homes and not focusing only on the number of affordable housing options.

“We should be significantly overbuilding market rate and medium income because low income housing (which) we desperately need (has) limited public funds to subsidize,” Mahan said. “The reality is most of the more affordable housing stock was market rate

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Times **Community News**

\$4.3M in funding now available for Santa Clara County small business owners

Thanks to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, local small business owners have a new resource available to them.

More than \$4 million is being made available from the California Rebuilding Fund, which offers low-interest, fixed-rate loans up to \$100,000 and free business coaching to businesses with 50 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

Santa Clara County is well-known for ingenuity and entrepreneurship, but with interest rates up, and small business assistance winding down, a lot of our small business owners are struggling to find the funds they need to keep the doors open,” said Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe

Simitian. “This \$4.3 million in funding for the California Rebuilding Fund is a big boost for our small businesses and the folks they employ.”

A public-private partnership created in 2020 to help the smallest of California’s small businesses build back from the pandemic, the California Rebuilding Fund has distributed nearly \$80 million in funding to approximately 1,300 small businesses around the state – with a particular focus on reaching small businesses that are unable to access traditional bank loans. In Santa Clara County, 98 small businesses have received \$6.1 million in loans.

While the statewide fund has been nearly exhausted due to high demand, Santa Clara County’s \$4.3 million offers an additional chance at funding for local small business owners. Funds will be available until the closing of the California Rebuilding Fund on Nov. 30 or when funds run out, whichever comes first.

Small business owners can view full loan terms, see if they are eligible, and apply at <https://www.caloanfund.org>.

Debate

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housing built a long time ago that got old.”

Chavez said she has the know-how to get the county and city to work together to solve the city’s biggest woes. During her time on the city council the city permitted 7,000 homes in downtown through state tax funds and rezoned lands to encourage development where there was none. As a county supervisor, she worked with VTA to get 200 acres of transit agency land to be used for housing or safe parking sites.

“We need to look at the funding we have available and be as strategic as we can now,” Chavez said. “We need a public-private partnership to get the backlog filled for the (planning and building) department.”

Chavez’s campaign has also focused on public safety and staffing up the San Jose Police Department which has suffered from vacancies in recent years. She said the city needs to look at SJPd overtime and allocate that money toward recruiting officers who represent the community—particularly more women officers.

the commitment, but when asked on Thursday, she said yes.

San José Spotlight and the First Amendment Coalition are suing the city and Mayor Sam Liccardo for improperly withholding emails, in an effort to change how government conducts public business.

During the primaries, Chavez received more than \$1 million in PAC spending from groups like the South Bay Labor Council, the San Francisco 49ers and the San Jose Police Officers’ Association. In comparison, Mahan received nearly \$300,000 from the Common Good Silicon Valley PAC that was supported by Mayor Sam Liccardo—who personally helped fundraise for him.

Chavez said she has a proven track record of “doing the right thing,” regardless of who helps fund her campaign, and PAC funding won’t sway her.

Mahan said the PAC money to Chavez doesn’t bode well, and that he would much rather have the support of an outgoing mayor, who will not have much power after this year, rather than special interest groups with deep pockets.

Residents will have the opportunity to make their voices heard on November 8.

Mahan said the problem with SJPd is retaining officers and ensuring the city has enough money to be competitive with pay.

Transparency and accountability

The debate also focused on political action committee (PAC) spending on candidates and how they will not be beholden to special interests; and if they will be transparent and public with media. During the primaries, this news organization asked mayoral candidates if they would commit to not deleting emails for at least two years, not using a private email to conduct public business and if they do, to copy a government server.

Before the debate, Chavez was the only one who had not made



Santa Clara County Supervisor and mayoral candidate **Cindy Chavez** said she’d commit to not using a private email to do public business, or at least copying her government account if she did. *Photo by Jana Kadah.*

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support Prop. 26, which would legalize sports betting, but only in-person at existing tribal casinos and also racetracks.

Proposition 27

Prop. 27 is backed by the large online sports betting companies and would create an even larger new market by allowing online sports betting in the entire state. The measure will require a partnership with a California tribe to open an online sports book and specifies how the tax revenue can be spent.

For California residents trying to decide how to vote on Propositions 26 and 27, the media makes it hard to decipher due to the airwaves being plastered with slick advertisements hourly.

Prop. 27 opposition emphasize one message: "California tribes" do not support the proposition that would legalize online sports betting. However, many say that watching a Prop. 27 ad can lead to confusion.

The central face for the "Yes on 27" campaign is Jose "Moke" Simon III, tribal chairman of the Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California, and in one ad he says "only one proposition supports California tribes like ours ... vote 'Yes' on 27."

"Because it is an online platform, we'll finally be able to realize the promises of tribal gaming in California," said Nathan Click, spokesperson for the "Yes on 27" campaign.

The question is why some tribes have broken away from the vast majority of California tribes by supporting Prop 27. Those involved in gambling

law say half of the 110 federally recognized tribes in the state have no casinos and many are in remote locations with little opportunity for in-person gambling revenue.

The 'Yes on 27' campaign is "misleading voters" with ads about tribal support, said Kathy Fairbanks, spokesperson for the campaign opposing Proposition 27.

Homelessness

Homelessness is an important talking point from all the gambling proposition ads, but what does homelessness have to do with gambling?

The connection the propositions are trying to highlight is generating new tax revenue by establishing a new billion-dollar industry, but the actual amount of revenue created is uncertain.

Both propositions include specific loopholes that benefit the sponsors which may result in future legal battles.

Tax revenue for the homeless

The state tax revenue increase from Prop. 27 is predicted to be in the hundreds of millions, higher than the tens of millions predicted for Prop. 26, according to the state's Legislative Analyst's Office.

Prop. 27 language mandates that 85% of that tax revenue should go to programs to address homelessness, and 15% will go to California's nongaming tribes.

Tax revenue generated from Prop. 26 would go mostly to the state's general fund, with some allocations for mental health and gambling enforcement.

The question remains if the revenue for homeless programs will actually help solve California's ongoing homeless problem or if it's window dressing to prop-up support for Prop.27.

Notice of County Committee on School District Organization Election

The Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, the elected body responsible for school district organization and boundaries, will hold an election on November 15, 2022 to fill two seats in Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4. Voters in the election are the designated school board members of each school district in the county. County Committee members serve four-year terms.

Applicants must be registered voters and must reside within the Supervisorial District in which they wish to run. No employee of a Local Education Agency (LEA)/public school district or County Office of Education may serve on the County Committee. School district board members are eligible to serve.

Applicants can verify residency in Supervisorial Districts 2 or 4 by calling the Santa Clara County Office of Education at (408) 453-6869.

For more information on the County Committee please visit the following website: <https://sccoe.to/ccelection>

Interested individuals should submit a letter and resumé that includes interests and qualifications for the position by September 29, 2022.

Materials can be submitted to:
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Times **Community Notebook**

County supports free climate education program for middle school students

Acterra, a Palo Alto-based non-profit organization dedicated to bringing people together to create local solutions for a healthy planet, has received support from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors for their “You(th) Be the Change” education program offered free to middle school students in the North County.

Championed by County Supervisor Joe Simitian, the County grant enables Acterra to expand its You(th) Be the Change education program that teaches students about the effects of climate change and potential solutions.

The curriculum consists of six interactive lessons covering topics that include sea level rise, agricultural systems and food choice, and more. You(th) Be the Change has already been taught in-person in four Santa Clara County schools, and over 100 additional students have completed the program.

“I’m pleased our County can help bring these resources to a wider audience. When most of us were in middle school, we didn’t have to think about climate change the way young people do today. For those who want to do something about it, Acterra’s free program for middle school students creates an opportunity for better understanding and inspires kids to take action,” said Simitian.

Students learn not only the science of climate change, but also how they can engage in sustainable solutions themselves within their local and regional community. You(th) Be the Change helps youth think critically about their own environmental impacts. Upon graduation from the program, participants receive a guidebook with tips to stay engaged with climate change issues beyond the duration of the

You(th) Be the Change program. Students are encouraged to advocate to their local representatives for climate action and get involved in, or create their own, local climate action groups.

Simitian said that, “With this latest effort I feel I’ve come full circle. During my time in the State Senate, I was consistently pushing for renewable energy; eventually we were successful. My legislation mandated that 20% of California’s energy be renewable by 2010, and 33% by 2020. We got there, but man, it was tough. Acterra deserves praise and support in educating the next generation on the urgency of these issues.”

County grant funding will allow Acterra to train educators on the curriculum, provide supplies, and scale-up to serve new schools. Due to the challenges of remote learning, many school administrators and educators struggled to introduce programs beyond the bare minimum over the past few years. You(th) Be the Change offers a ready-made curriculum teachers can use to augment standard climate-based education.

“We are honored to have Supervisor Simitian’s support and the County’s help in building the climate awareness and readiness of Santa Clara County youth. With the Board’s support, more youth will learn about climate impacts and start engaging with solutions in their schools and communities through the You(th) Be the Change program,” said Lauren Weston, Executive Director of Acterra. “Youth are forever empowered when they experience firsthand the changes that they make.”

To learn more about Acterra and the program, visit acterra.org/youth-be-the-change.

The intrinsic art of crying

By **Apoorva Panidapu**

What’s the big deal about crying anyway? You cry. I cry. Well, I guess I cry a lot. But it’s all totally warranted, like when I’m stressed about meeting deadlines or laughing at TikTok cats or when returning soldiers are reunited with their dogs.

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

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

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

Can you see grief?

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

These simple questions led to her extensive photography project “Topography of Tears”, in which Fisher photographed over a hundred tears of grief, laughter, irritation, joy—collected from herself, a couple other volunteers (don’t worry, she didn’t force people to cry), including a newborn baby. Each tear is like a bird’s eye view of a new world, a thoughtfully and carefully designed frozen moment in time. Fisher beautifully describes her project best, saying, “Although the empiri-

cal nature of tears is a chemistry of water, proteins, minerals, hormones, antibodies and enzymes, the topography of tears is a momentary landscape, transient as the fingerprint of someone in a dream. This series is like an ephemeral atlas.”

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

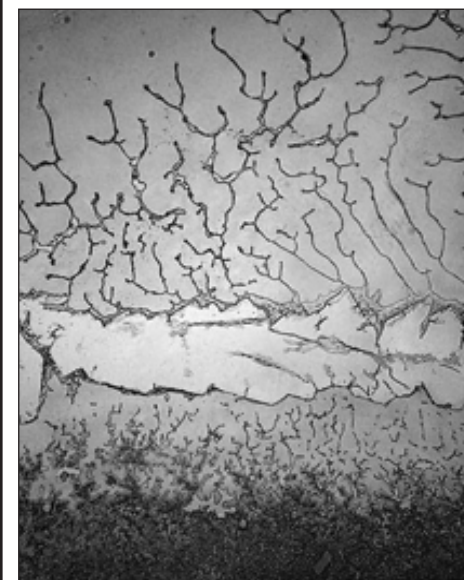
“Basal Tears”

Reflex tears (see below) are exactly what they sound like—a tearful response to when your eye is irritated, like when you’re cutting onions or using

any other shampoo than Johnson’s Baby Shampoo (no more tears).

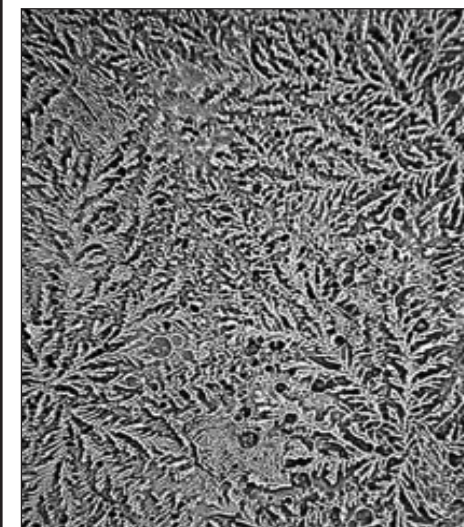


Gems in STEM
By **Apoorva Panidapu**



“Onion Tears”

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



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

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Fruit flies return to San Jose in two Evergreen locations

Emergency preventative action launched

On Friday, September 2nd, the State of California launched an emergency action to combat two areas in San Jose where oriental fruit flies were found.

The oriental fruit fly is a significant threat to both the natural ecosystem and California's over \$20 billion dollar agriculture industry stated a representative for the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

No helicopter spraying at this time

In the Safeway parking lot on the corner of Quimby Road and Capital Expressway, two California Food and Agriculture employees were seen earnestly hand spraying and wiping down their truck. When asked if at present there are plans to fly over and fumigate the areas with helicopters the response was "No." The workers explained they are just spraying by hand on locations where fruit flies were found.

Fruit flies found at two locations in Evergreen

Oriental Fruit Flies were reportedly found in Evergreen in the area of South King Road and Enesco Avenue, and near

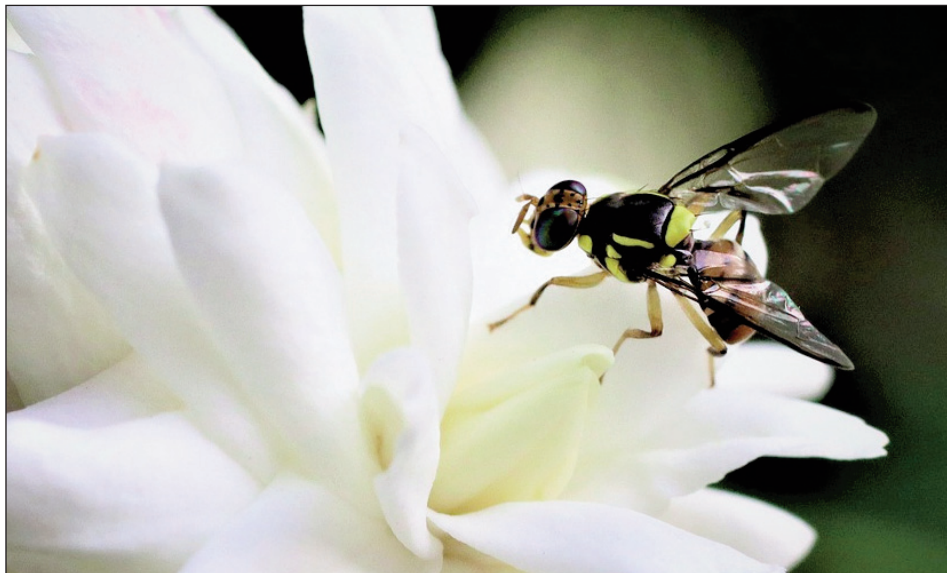
Middle Park Drive and Oldfield Way.

The Office of Communication and Public Affairs stated, "The oriental fruit fly is native to Asia and has spread to multiple Pacific Islands, including Hawaii. It is known to infest more than 230 types of fruits and vegetables, including such valuable California crops as avocados, apples, stone, and citrus fruits, tomatoes, and peppers. The 2020 value of California crops threatened by the fruit fly was \$19.3 billion, according to the CDFA.

Fruit flies enter the state from travels

The most common ways for the fruit fly to enter California are when people illegally bring fruits and vegetables back from their travels or receive packages of home-grown produce through the mail. County of Santa Clara Agricultural Commissioner Joe Deviney said it's critical for county residents to follow federal and state laws governing what they are allowed to bring home when traveling.

"It would be disastrous for the oriental fruit fly to get established in Santa Clara County and California," Deviney said. "We all need to be vigilant in protecting our agricultural and natural resources. Please do not bring or ship any fruits, vegetables, or plants into California without confirm-



ing with agriculture officials that they are free of pests and permitted by law."

CDFA will seek to eradicate the fruit flies by applying bait high on street trees, utility poles and other surfaces within a roughly 1.5-mile radius of the spots where the flies were discovered. The bait contains a natural compound called methyl eugenol, which attracts the flies, and an organic pesticide known as spinosad, which kills them. The small splotches of bait are applied eight to 10 feet off the ground using a pressurized gun.

Oriental fruit flies are larger than common houseflies. They lay eggs under the skin of host fruits. When the eggs hatch into larvae, they tunnel through the flesh of the fruit, making it unfit for human consumption.

sumption.

Larva hitchhikes under skin of fruit

Because the larvae can remain hidden within the fruit for up to 10 days, they can "hitchhike" into California undetected. That's why it's important for the public to remember not to pack any pests when traveling or mailing packages. Visit the Don't Pack a Pest website: www.dontpackapest.com for more information.

If you have any questions about what items are permitted to bring into California, or if you come across produce that looks like it may be infested, contact the County of Santa Clara Division of Agriculture at scc.agriculture@cep.sccgov.org or 408-918-4600.

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Times Notebook

TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK

Explainable AI

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:

Explainable AI

In 2018, a self-driving car knocked down and killed a pedestrian in Tempe, AZ. There were many issues like who is to blame (accountability), who to prevent this (safety) and whether to ban self-driving cars (liability and policy evaluation). All these require AI models that are used to make those decisions to be interpretable.

This is where Explainable AI comes into picture!

Explainable AI is the idea that an AI algorithm should be able to explain how it reached a conclusion in a way that humans can decipher. There’s a well-known “black box problem” where an AI algorithm can determine something but is not able to give details about the factors that caused that result. Then, how can people feel that they can authoritatively trust what an AI algorithm says?

This is where we need explanations from the AI algorithm, to understand how it reached a conclusion.

The first type of explanation is that which

helps to understand the data better. An example would be a system that tells you that a particular picture is a cat because it looks like another example of a cat (nearest neighbor). Another AI can tell you it’s a cat because it has whiskers and fur (feature).

The second type of explanations are the ones that give you an understanding of the model better. Approaches to visualize the various neuron activations in neural networks are primarily in this category.

Another thing that’s crucial to realize about explainable AI is that, contrary to what most people believe, we don’t need to look at AI as a starting point for getting the answers. In contrast, making progress with explainable AI means starting at the application level.

For example, an AI app used to facilitate a loan approval process would ideally function in such a way that allows a person to go back through each step the AI tool took, and the path created through those actions. Then, a person could potentially drill down and see which characteristics of a person’s application triggered an approval or denial.

Taking that approach does not necessarily bring about fully explainable AI for the given application. But, keeping explainability in mind is an excellent strategy for people involved in building applications that use AI.

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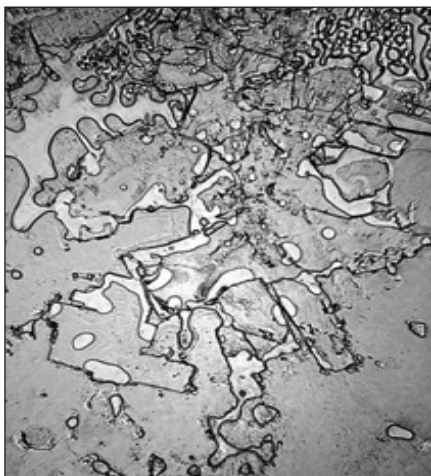
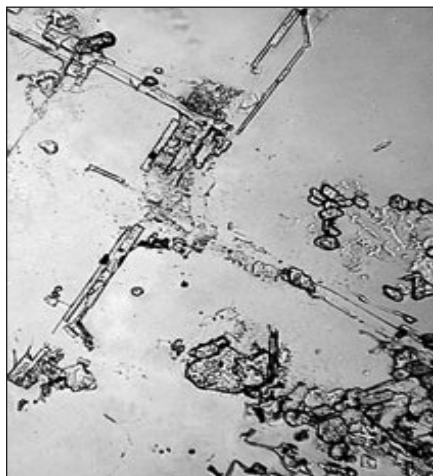
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Above left: "Tears of Grief" (magnified between 10x and 40x). Above right: "Tears of Laughing Till I'm Crying" (Photographed from regular hand-held microscope).

Gems

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"Tears of Grief" and "Tears of Laughing Till I'm Crying"

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

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

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

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

To see more of her photographs, you can visit her website: <https://www.roselynnfisher.com/tears.html>

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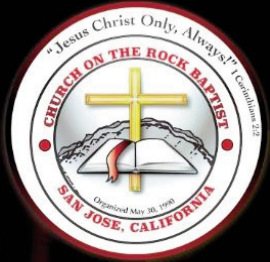
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Mahan speaks about issues facing the city in another 'Chat with Matt' town hall meeting

By **Lorraine Gabbert**
Senior Staff Writer

At his biweekly District 10 Town Hall meeting on Aug. 27, Councilmember Matt Mahan spoke with residents about their concerns and issues facing the city.

Mahan said additional police staffing is needed in San Jose, but the city faces recruiting challenges. Outreach has been increased to include college campuses, he said.

"We have been steadily growing the department," he said. "I want to see us grow it faster."

Mahan said the number of people applying to be a police officer has dramatically declined during the last five years across the country as officers have become liable for their actions. Mahan said he supports having a police auditor to police the police and investigate citizen complaints.

City budget constraints and accrued debt have to be taken into account when considering pay increases for police officers, he said.

"We want to give raises and increase headcount as fast as we can, but no faster than we can sustain," he said.

Crime

Resident Patricia Brassfield complained of burglaries at her business on Capital Auto Mall.

"The break ins are just increasing," she said. Every month, it's getting worse. A few weeks ago, we had break ins on two consecutive nights."

An officer told her five businesses were broken into by the same people. Her tools were stolen and used on a later attempt to get into her pay stations. Cigarettes were also taken.

Mahan said not feeling safe in your own community is awful and he hears these stories far too often. He said state ballot initiative Proposition 47 reclassified some

felonies as misdemeanors, including basic property theft. If someone steals less than \$950 worth of merchandise per incident, it doesn't matter how many times they do it, he said.

He said policy changes are needed and someone repeatedly arrested should be detained until their court date. Officers arrest someone stealing from a store, take them to the county jail and they're back on the street the same day, he said.

"It's not fair to the community to just keep this revolving door going," Mahan said. "...It's a tax on our policing resources. It's demoralizing for our police department and frankly, for a lot of those folks committing crimes, they need intervention. The only shot they ever have for getting their lives back on track is consequences. We're failing them, too."

Noncitizen voting

The San Jose City Council participated in a study session on Aug. 23 to consider allowing individuals age 18+ who lived in San Jose for more than 30 days, regardless of immigration status, to vote in city elections.

Councilmembers Magdalena Carrasco and Sylvia Arenas initiated the proposal which would affect about 100,000 noncitizen residents. Those in favor of enabling noncitizens to vote say as they pay taxes, they deserve an opportunity to weigh in on city government.

Mahan said voting is a right and responsibility of citizenship and he doesn't support expanding municipal voting to noncitizens. Mahan said he is in favor of expanding legal avenues to citizenship instead.

He said San Francisco passed a similar law in 2016, but it was tossed out by a lower court and will be appealed. He said San Jose should wait to see what the courts ultimately decide before proceeding further.

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Times **News**

Reid-Hillview Airport in East San Jose is pictured in this file photo.

Santa Clara County to study lead levels near airport—again

By **Tran Nguyen**
San José Spotlight

Santa Clara County is planning another study of airborne lead levels around Reid-Hillview Airport after banning the sale of leaded plane fuel at the facility a year ago.

Deputy County Executive David Campos told a group of East San Jose residents about the new study at a community meeting this week. This is the third study on lead levels around the airport since 2021.

He said the new study will help county officials determine the current level of danger from airborne lead and the impact of the ban of leaded fuel.

"There is an intention to analyze the level of lead in the air after the action of not selling leaded fuel," Campos said, noting county officials haven't decided on a scope or timeline for the study.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last August to nix the sale of leaded fuel at county-owned airports—the first in the nation to do so. Pilots can still fuel their planes with leaded fuel elsewhere and land in Reid-Hillview.

The decision to ban the sale of leaded airplane fuel came after a county-commissioned study found elevated lead levels in the blood of children living around the East San Jose airport.

The percentage of children with high lead levels in the study is consistent with the state average, San José Spotlight previously reported, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there's no safe level of lead in the body. The county commissioned a second study last year, examining lead levels in the soil around the airport.

The pros and cons of the airport

The 2021 study has renewed calls from residents to close the 85-year-old airport, which is surrounded by East San Jose neighborhoods.

For decades, advocates have pushed to shutter the airport, saying plane crashes, noise and leaded fuel endanger people in vulnerable, low-income neighborhoods. Opponents and aviation enthusiasts say the airport serves a critical purpose for smaller

planes, helps train aviation students and supports emergency operations.

Supervisor Cindy Chavez, who represents the area, has led the efforts to close the airport and brought the fight to ban leaded aviation fuel to Congress last month, as federal officials consider a national ban on leaded aviation fuel.

County supervisors also voted in 2018 to close the airport by no longer accepting Federal Aviation Administration grants. While the soonest it can close is 2031, officials are fighting the agency to shut it down sooner at the urging of Chavez.

Walter Gyger, who owns a flight school at the airport, said the new study could help keep the airport open. He estimates 80% of flights coming in and out of the facility use unleaded fuel. Opponents of closing the airport also argue the lead levels could've come from other sources, such as house paint in the area.

"This is good news," Gyger, who's also a board member of the Community and Airport Partnership for Safe Operation, told San José Spotlight. "For a year now, many have been using unleaded fuel so I'm sure things have changed."

For resident Maria Reyes, who has lived in the Cassel neighborhood next to the airport for decades, the new study is a waste of tax dollars. She wants the county to close the airport as soon as possible.

"How much of this is it going to continue to cost the taxpayers?" Reyes told San José Spotlight. "The issue still is the same, because there are still airplanes flying that carry leaded gas. That has not stopped."

The FAA this week approved the use of unleaded fuel from General Aviation Modifications Inc. for all airplanes—a significant victory toward an all unleaded aviation fuel future. When it will see widespread use is unclear, according to national news report.

Reyes said flying airplanes is a privilege, and the safety of the neighborhood around the airport should take precedence.

"Flying a plane is a hobby, and it is not something that is needed," Reyes said. "What about the safety of our kids? What about the safety of our community?"

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The Board amended the existing outdoor watering ordinance to allow Valley Water to enforce the State of California’s ban against watering decorative lawns on commercial, industrial and institutional properties Sept 13.

Valley Water also streamlined its coordination with water retailers to speed up the time it takes to address water waste cases in Santa Clara County and avoid duplication of en-

forcement processes.

“The Valley Water Board of Directors will consider every option available to help protect our county’s water supply,” Valley Water Chair Pro Tem John L. Varela said. “We must all work together so we can protect our current and future water supply.”

The updated outdoor watering ordinance goes into effect immediately. The following restrictions previously approved by the Board of Directors on April 12, 2022, remain in place:

- Watering ornamental lawns no more than two days a week

- Watering any outdoor landscape between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 - Any outdoor watering that results in runoff
 - Watering outdoors during and within 48 hours of rainfall
- In June 2021, the Valley Water Board of Directors established a 15% water use reduction goal for Santa Clara County compared to 2019. After months of steady progress, Santa Clara County reached this goal in July, saving 16% compared to July 2019.
- Santa Clara County also exceeded Gov. Gavin Newsom’s call for a reduction of 15%

compared to 2020. Santa Clara used 19% less water in July when compared to July 2020, well above the statewide average of a 10% savings.

“I’d like to thank everyone who has taken steps to reduce their water use during this drought and encourage you to keep up the great work” Chair Pro Tem Varela said. “We don’t know how much rain and snow this winter will bring us. We must continue to reduce our water use, especially if this drought carries into 2023. We owe it to our kids, family and community not to waste water.”

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Silicon Valley lawmakers want to ban leaded plane fuel

By Tran Nguyen
San José Spotlight

Two Silicon Valley congress members are vowing to take the fight to ban leaded aviation fuel to the White House.

Congress members Ro Khanna and Zoe Lofgren renewed calls for the Federal Aviation Administration and Environmental Protection Agency to take immediate action to stop the use of leaded airplane fuel on Thursday at Reid-Hillview Airport in East San Jose. Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez, who represents the area and has led the efforts to ban leaded fuel at county-owned airports, joined the federal officials. Airplanes using leaded fuel can no longer refuel at Reid-Hillview Airport as of last August.

Khanna, chair of the Congressional Oversight Environmental Subcommittee, hosted a hearing last month on the issue, but officials from the FAA and EPA didn't attend. The lawmakers said leaded aviation fuel has a direct impact on six million children living near airports across the country—including those near the East San Jose airport.

"There are some things in politics that are challenging and complex, this is not one of them," Khanna said. "We're going to take this to the White House, because it is simply unacceptable in our community or any community in America for kids (to) be poisoned by leaded fuel at airports."

Lofgren criticized the federal agencies for dragging their feet on the issue—and for threatening to sue the county for banning the sale of leaded fuel at its airports.

"That seems pretty backward. Why would the FAA prevent the local government from protecting their own community?" Lofgren said. "We have a very deep concern about how much the department actually does care about poisoning children."

Reid-Hillview Airport has taken center stage in the national fight to ban leaded aviation fuel. The county's decision to ban leaded fuel came after a county-commissioned study found elevated lead levels in the blood of children living around the airport. The percentage of children with high lead levels in the study is consistent with the state average, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there's no safe level of lead in the body.

For decades, advocates have pushed to shutter the airport, saying plane crashes, noise and leaded fuel endanger people in vulnerable, low-income neighborhoods. Opponents and aviation enthusiasts say the airport serves a critical purpose for smaller planes, helps train aviation students and supports emergency operations.

The county ordered another study earlier this year which showed no dangerous lead levels in soil samples taken at the airport and has plans to do another study of airborne lead levels around the facility.

The lawmakers also called for the FAA to host a meeting in San Jose to hear directly from residents.

The Department of Transportation released a statement Thursday saying safety is the agency's top priority.

"In Santa Clara County, the FAA has outlined a path that would allow the airports to have safe lead-free operations," a spokesperson said, adding the federal government approved the use of unleaded fuel created by General Aviation Modifications Inc. for all airplanes last week. "We continue to work with the county in

efforts to reach a mutually acceptable implementation timeline to make this happen."

Lofgren said the FAA has not halted its investigation over the county's leaded fuel ban, adding she wants the agency to mandate unleaded fuel—not just allow it.

"This is the last sector in transportation where leaded fuel is allowed," she said. "It needs to stop."

John McGowan, a pilot and board member of Community and Airport Partnership for Safe Operation, said he'd rather see the county investigate other sources of lead impacting the neighborhood. He said lead from aviation fuel shouldn't be a concern anymore since 80% of

the planes coming in and out of the airport now use unleaded gas. Pilots can still fuel their planes with leaded fuel elsewhere and land in Reid-Hillview Airport.

"We're fine with using unleaded fuel," McGowan told San José Spotlight, noting lead could also come from paint, plumbing and other sources. "If we're using unleaded fuel, there's no reason to shut down the airport."

Silicon Valley Congressmember **Ro Khanna** speaks at Reid-Hillview Airport in East San Jose on Sept. 8, 2022. Santa Clara County Supervisor **Cindy Chavez** and Congressmember **Zoe Lofgren** stand to the left. Photo by Tran Nguyen.



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When will Cindy Chavez tell the truth?

By Ann Ravel and Michelle Glogovac

These are ominous times in America for those who have lost their fundamental right to make decisions about their own body in many states—although thankfully not here in California where our rights will remain protected—and because of the threats to our democracy.

In these serious times, we need our leaders to take our issues seriously, and to fight for our rights and on behalf of the public, and not just their own political careers.

Sadly, Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez has been putting her political self-interest above our vital cause and above the urgent importance of truth in political discourse to protect our democracy.

Her opponent in the race for San Jose mayor, Councilmember Matt Mahan, is 100% pro-choice. He is a steadfast ally. But you would not conclude that if you have seen one of Chavez's many attack ads that imply Mahan is not pro-choice.

The ads are purposely constructed to mislead. This is always a red flag. If a candidate needs to lie about their opponent to seek political victory, it is a sign their own record is far less than stellar. In this important moment in our country, when our movement for reproductive freedom needs to unite all of our allies and to focus on facts and truth, a politician exploiting this cause for their own

gain is deeply troubling.

The irony is she is attacking Mahan for something she does for her campaign every day—supporting “content neutral” platforms like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and others. If you have seen the Chavez attack ad on YouTube—or via an email or text message she sent you—she is using platforms that don't censor anti-choice messages. When she mails you a “hit piece” on this topic, she will use a platform like the USPS that does not censor this or other topics.

The whole basis of the Chavez attack—not just on choice but on other issues—is the fact that Mahan started a technology company that did not censor protected political speech. This company was meant to encourage the critically needed civic engagement of all Americans, not to censor protected speech.

In normal times, the hypocrisy being displayed by Chavez would be seen as just politics as usual. But these are not normal times. It is imperative that our leaders understand they must put toxic politics aside and refuse to diminish the importance of a cause by exploiting it for their own purposes, and by not spreading more falsehoods to the public that can undermine our political process.

We need the truth from our leaders. On the vital topic of a woman's right to choose, we are still waiting for Cindy Chavez to tell the truth.

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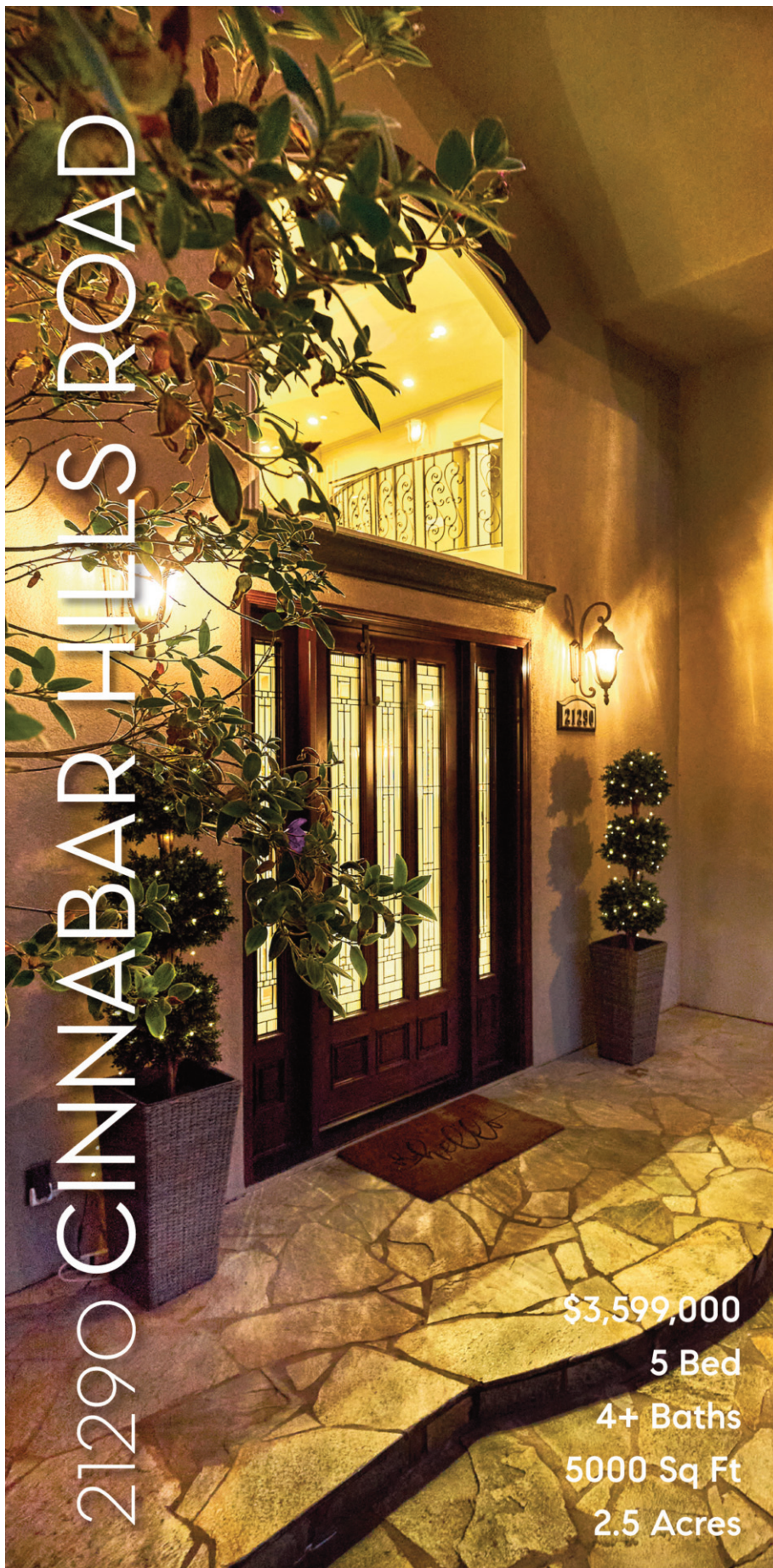
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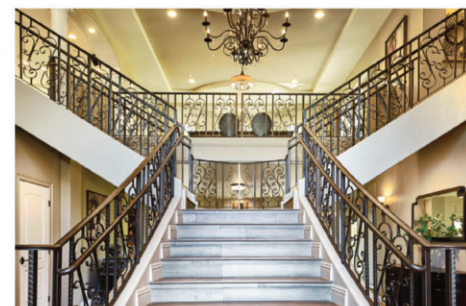
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