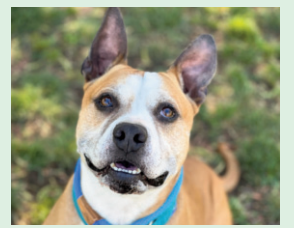


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"I'M VERY HAPPY WITH THE DECISION" - KATHY GOMEZ

Former Evergreen School District Superintendent Kathy Gomez wins \$2M discrimination case

By Loan-Anh Pham
San José Spotlight

Women earn about 83 cents for every dollar men make. For the first-ever woman superintendent at one Silicon Valley school district, that number was closer to 81 cents compared to her male predecessors.

Former Evergreen School District Superintendent Kathy Gomez won a more than \$2 million settlement, after a federal court validated her claims last month of unequal pay and discrimination against her at the district. The case is a crucial step in ensuring women in the education space get fair pay, but also reveals how abuses of power occur at the school board level, experts said.

Gomez said the verdict serves as a bitter-sweet ending to a decades-long career in the same district. Born and raised in San Jose, Gomez said she wanted to be a teacher since age 14 and spent more than 30 years at Evergreen School District.

"It's not the way you want to end your career," Gomez told San José Spotlight. "I'm very happy with the decision, it's definitely a victory. And more than that, I'm really happy that the truth came out."

Court documents reveal Gomez's hiring salary in 2011 was \$180,000, while her male



Kathy Gomez (center), the first woman superintendent in Evergreen School District's history, won a \$2 million equal pay and discrimination lawsuit against the district last month. Photo courtesy of Kathy Gomez.

predecessor received a starting salary with benefits not offered to Gomez that totaled more than \$191,000. Adjusted for inflation, the predecessor's starting salary was \$222,474.

Evergreen School District declined to comment.

Gomez initially advocated for higher pay following a 2015 district study that revealed Evergreen School District underpaid its superintendents compared to six other districts. In the next three years, Gomez's request was met by both support and opposition from the school board. Court documents reveal that in a 2016 closed session meeting, board member Jim Zito allegedly made inappropriate comments to two female board members.

At the same meeting, the board verbally agreed to increase Gomez's wage, but reneged on the decision in June 2017 following several

changes in leadership.

That reversal prompted Gomez to file a Department of Fair Employment and Housing complaint the same year. Court documents also reveal Gomez faced retaliation in the form of a "punitive and discriminatory" performance review authored by Zito, who has been on the board since 2010. The board, however, signed off on the review. Gomez ultimately filed a lawsuit in 2020.

Zito declined to comment and referred San José Spotlight to the district's responses to the lawsuit. He's running to retain his board seat in the November election. Two newcomers, Stan Rose and Mary Pollett, and three incumbents—Christopher Corpus, Marisa Hanson and Zito—are all vying for three seats on the district school board.

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Local author releases her fourth book *Soul Of Success Vol.3*



Local author Valerie Whetstone retrieves a copy of her new book *Soul of Success Vol. 3* with Jack Canfield.

Whetstone's new children's book *Oh No, Riley!* launches Oct. 20

By William Bellou
Publisher

Evergreen Valley author Valerie Whetstone just released her fourth book called the *Soul Of Success Vol.3* with Jack Canfield, author of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series of books. Valerie also launched her first children's book this week called *Oh No, Riley!*

Whetstone has demonstrated her commitment to professional success and willingness to share her vast knowledge on mindset and transformation. She is a teacher, motivational speaker, Silicon Valley's Top Life & Wellness Coach, an expert on mindset, and also the founder of Doorwaytotransformation.com.

Valerie's own journey of pain and health obstacles has led her to want to help others feel supported, loved, and

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The Santa Clara Valley Water District is located at 5750 Almaden Expressway in San Jose. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

Election 2022: Changes could be coming to Silicon Valley water agency

By Joseph Geha
San José Spotlight

Motivated by what they call poor management and a lack of accountability, three political newcomers are challenging two long-standing incumbents to represent Santa Clara County's wholesale water supplier.

Two seats on the Valley Water board of directors are up for grabs in Districts 6 and 7, currently belonging to Tony Estremera, who has been on the board 26 years, and Gary Kremen, who is in his eighth year on the board.

The district manages water for the county's roughly two million residents, has an annual budget of



Tony Estremera

\$917 million and nearly 1,000 employees. In addition to contending with a statewide drought, major infrastructure projects could shift direction under new leadership, including \$3 billion to build the Pacheco Dam.

The project has seen costs soar to nearly three times original estimates and is currently facing a lawsuit from those who oppose it.

Public relations manager Diego Barragán and business consultant and San Jose Planning Commissioner Chuck Cantrell are both running in Central and East San Jose's District 6 against Estremera, while corporate attorney Rebecca Eisenberg is facing off with Kremen in District 7, from Palo Alto to Los Gatos.

Incumbent John Varela is running unopposed for reelection in District 1, and in District 4, incumbent Linda LeZotte is retiring. Jim Beall, the former longtime Silicon Valley state senator, is running for that seat unopposed.

District 6

Estremera and Kremen are two of four board members who supported Measure A in the primary election in June, which many criticized as deceiving voters into extending term limits on the board. The measure enables members to serve four consecutive four-year terms, increased from the prior limit of three. The measure passed by a razor thin margin, getting 50.56% support.

That change is what allows Estremera, who has served three consecutive elected terms for the last 12 years, to run in this November's election for a fourth term. He was appointed to the board in 1996, prior to his three terms.

A newly released Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury report criticized the measure's language as a "lie by omission," because it did not clearly explain that a yes vote would extend the prior term limits. The board split over the decision to approve the unclear language, highlighting an ongoing rift between the men and women elected.

Estremera, 72, said the grand jury report was a "hatchet job," and was released outside of its normal schedule.

"They want to affect the elections. See WATER AGENCY, page 7

Valley Currents

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East San Jose theater planned as community nexus

By Lorraine Gabbert
San José Spotlight

For East San Jose, introducing a performing arts space means more than theater. It's a window into the community's future.

As part of a redevelopment project, a mostly vacant block of stores on Alum Rock Avenue is being reimagined. Part of the plan is a theater that will bring vibrancy to the neighborhood, provide jobs, a place for cultural activities and social gatherings.

The performance space, located at 1783 Alum Rock Ave. across from the Mexican Heritage Plaza, will be an extension of the School of Arts and Culture. It will provide a venue for theater productions, dance and live music, as well as community events, parties and weddings.

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Jessica Paz-Cedillos, co-executive director of the School of Arts and Culture, said this approval is an example for other communities to see what is possible, even considering stark economic divides.

"The only way to ensure community assets stay in the hands of the community is making big moves like this," she said. "Getting into the real estate game and activating this space for the community... we're able to demonstrate to our partners that we can dream big and that we can get it across the finish line."

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Jessica Paz-Cedillos, co-executive director of the School of Arts and Culture, and Chris Esparza, director of community development, hope to create a Mayfair Cultural District on Alum Rock Avenue in San Jose. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

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The theater, which includes a cafe, and a Garner Health Services wellness center that offers nutrition classes and mental health services, are scheduled to open in late 2023 or early 2024. About 80% of funds are raised for the property, with a

goal of \$20 million, Paz-Cedillos said. A fundraiser is planned on Oct. 29. Plans and building permits will be completed next year and construction will follow.

The 200-seat theater will offer a third option for entertainment at Mexican Heritage Plaza. Currently there is a 50-seat and 500-seat venue. Dianne Vega, production manager for Teatro Visión, which presents events at the plaza, said the new theater will offer an ideal space to add intimate stories for a community focused on social justice.

"We would value that and jump at the chance to be able to do a show there," Vega told San José Spotlight.

Chris Esparza, director of community development for the School of Arts and Culture, envisions the redevelopment as the community focal point. With Garner Health and Hills Training gym down the block, families can take cooking classes, workout at the gym, see a play and have a cup of coffee in the theater.

"This was something we knew we were ready for," Esparza told San José Spotlight. "We had the capacity to fill it and the group of folks to use it. It was also desperately needed here on the East Side."

The theater and cafe, with changing-colored lights shining on its exterior walls plus crosswalk murals connecting to the plaza, are planned to evoke a sense of place, creating a Mayfair Cultural District. Esparza hopes it will attract people from other areas.

"A lot of times folks don't feel safe enough to come here... It doesn't get the economic flow of business that other neighborhoods get," he said. "We want this to be a special stop on BART... an umbrella of cultural representation that makes you feel excited, welcome and joyful."

In April, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved a \$250,000 grant

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Gomez

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Discrimination was apparent

The unequal pay and discrimination Gomez faced is tied to more disparities, including fewer leadership positions and less retirement security for women, said Sonya Mehta, Gomez's attorney.

"Women are not being promoted into the highest levels, even though they're the ones that are familiar with the work in these women-dominated fields like teaching," Mehta told San José Spotlight. "When women are underpaid their whole life, you contribute less to retirement... The case for women everywhere is that there's not only a paid wage gap, but there's a huge pension gap."

Her decision to file the equal pay lawsuit was difficult, but ultimately spurred by multiple instances of unfair treatment, Gomez said. She also made the decision to retire early in January 2019 as a result.

"The board members who were in the room when that promise was made to me (in 2016), they reneged on it... I was hurt," Gomez told San José Spotlight. "I was shocked that they would go back on something that they said because I had trusted them."

Tensions on Evergreen's school board also rose behind closed doors, said Sylvia Alvarez, a former district board member during Gomez's tenure as superintendent. Alvarez was present when Zito allegedly made the sexist comment in 2016.

"As soon as that came out of his mouth, I just shot up to my feet. How could that come out of his mouth? It was obscene," Alvarez told San José Spotlight, referring to Zito's comment.

Losing good people like Gomez has been the most difficult part of the process, said Alvarez, who ultimately left the board at the end of 2018 following months of discord with other board members.

"I was the only one who supported her, and they were angry with me because they wanted me to be in consensus with them," Alvarez told San

José Spotlight. "Behind closed doors it got ugly."

The case is a victory for women who are often underpaid for doing the same job, but also reveals how school board tensions can cost the district — and ultimately students — millions of dollars, said Brian Wheatley, a current San Jose Unified School District board member and former president of the Evergreen Teachers Association. Wheatley testified in the lawsuit.

Wheatley said voters should choose their school board members wisely given their impact.

Gomez's victory will encourage other women in leadership and education to stand up for themselves, Mehta said.

For Gomez, it's a relief to finish the yearslong battle, she said. She still thinks fondly of her time at Evergreen School District.

"I'm really happy and proud that I was able to spend an entire career in one place," Gomez told San José Spotlight. "Having that truth out there makes me as happy as getting the award."

School Board Trustee Zito Speaks

(New information added by Evergreen Times)

Regarding the allegations in the lawsuit, Jim Zito told the *Evergreen Times*, "I did vote against giving the Superintendent a huge raise, just like four other trustees did (2 men and 2 women)."

There was heated conversation in closed session from both men and women on both sides. Even though I felt like the one bullied, I was unwilling to give a huge raise to the Superintendent when the District was telling the Board there is no money for teacher raises; we'd have to close schools and cut student services. In addition, a number of trustees did not approve of Ms. Gomez's handling of the child molestation issue at OB Whaley a couple years earlier. This vote was never about gender! It was about budget and accountability! The fact is I never said what was alleged and I testified under oath to that fact, as did another woman trustee who was there."



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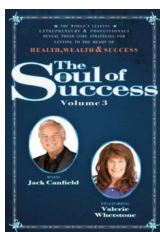
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Editor's note: A portion of the royalties earned from Soul of Success Vol. 3 will be donated to Entrepreneur's International Fund, an organization dedicated to creating awareness for charitable causes.

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That's totally an inappropriate role for the grand jury," Estremera told San José Spotlight. "It should not have been put out before an election when it relates to election issues."

Cantrell, 56, said the ballot measure is one of the major reasons he's running for the District 6 seat.

"To do this unethically and intentionally to deceive voters is reprehensible," Cantrell told San José Spotlight. "We have to learn to transition power, we have to learn to consider our post a temporary."

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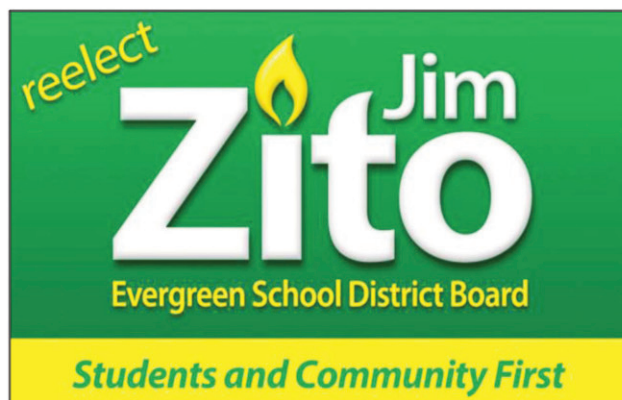
Giving shelter dogs a break from shelter stress for three months is a worthwhile endeavor while becoming adoptable pets especially during the upcoming holidays.

Currently 107 dogs are waiting for a forever home, some there almost a year. The goal of fostering is to re-home all of the dogs in the shelter.

Currently, there is one hearing impaired dog named Angel that needs someone to love her and go on walks for the day. The program is called Dog Day Out where people can take any of the dogs in the shelter for the day.

The Dog Day Out program is sponsored by Silicon Valley Pet Project.

For more information, visit the San Jose Animal Care Center at <https://tinyurl.com/4nnp2bxx>; or visit 2750 Monterey Rd, San Jose, CA 95111, or email Erin.cizan@sanjose-ca.gov.



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- Jim Zito



These are Jim's **four** main priorities for our Evergreen School District over the next 4 years:

- ✓ **The Physical, Social & Emotional Health of ALL Students & Staff**
- ✓ **Reverse Declining Enrollment - keep EESD Fiscally Sound**
- ✓ **Reverse 2 yrs of COVID-caused Academic Learning Loss**
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School Safety**Accomplishments:**

- Stricter Campus Vape Policy
- More Mental Health counselors
- Enhanced School Safety Plans
- Walk & Roll Partnerships

Priorities:

- Enhance School Site Security
- Enhance Physical, Social & Emotional health services
- Classroom & School Upgrades
- Better Parent Communication
- Fiscal & Academic Transparency

Student Services**Accomplishments:**

- Keeping Schools OPEN!
- New Tech for ALL Students
- New STEM Classrooms
- More Enrichment Programs

Priorities:

- Enhanced Services for Special Needs Students
- Dual Immersion Programs
- More Classroom Technology
- More STEAM Class Offerings
- Addn'l After School Programs

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- Addn'l 15.5% Salary Increases
- COVID Bonuses for ALL Staff
- Additional Classroom Funding
- Enhanced COVID-19 Safety

Priorities:

- Keep All Class Sizes SMALL
- Attract and Retain Great Staff
- More Teacher STEAM Training
- FULL Classroom Funding
- Competitive Compensation
- Keep COVID Safety Measures

Sustainable Finances**Accomplishments:**

- Voted to Limit Admin Salaries
- Prudent Use of COVID Funds
- Created Land Use Committee
- Limited Health Insur. increases

Priorities:

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- Sustainable, Balanced Budget
- Eliminate Deficit Spending
- Full Financial Transparency
- Keep Admin Salaries in Check
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Times **Community**



San Jose's first mountain bike team founded to get more kids on bikes

2023 season kick-off meeting Nov. 30

By William Bellou
Publisher

San Jose Composite is San Jose's first mountain bike team for high school and middle school students founded by Eileen Elam and her son James Thelen, a senior at Leland High School.

The team has students from Leland, Bellarmine, Willow Glen, Pioneer, and Santa Teresa, and is open to students that reside in San Jose.

"San Jose Composite was founded to get more kids on bikes in a fun and supportive environ-

ment," said James Thelen. "It's exciting to see our team grow in a positive direction with five of our team members qualifying to compete in the NorCal Championship race."

The mountain bike team holds practices for experienced riders on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays January through May. Newer and younger rider practice takes place on Wednesdays.

Since Composite is growing, the team is striving to attain more coaches/ride leaders. In order to hold practice, the league requires a minimum of two coaches for every eight riders.

2023 kick-off

The team's 2023 season kick-

off meeting and jersey fitting party is taking place on November 30 at 6 p.m. For those who would like to attend, visit www.san-josemtb.org/contact

The team is seeking corporate sponsors, used mountain bikes, and financial donations in order to grow and to get more impoverished youths on bikes. To donate, visit www.san-josemtb.org/sponsors-donations

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A cafe connected with a theater is expected to attract customers to Alum Rock Avenue. Rendering courtesy of the School of Arts and Culture.

Theater

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for predevelopment and consulting costs. An additional \$250,000 was provided by the Hewlett Foundation and another \$250,000 by the David & Lucile Packard Foundation, as well as funds from family foundations and individual supporters.

When San Jose invested \$1 million in a matching grant, the David & Lucile Packard Foundation took up the challenge, adding \$1 million to its investment.

"That was a testament to what we are doing here," Paz-Cedillos said, "but also a testament to the commitment of the city. In addition to

the work we've done in this community, it is what inspired the Packard Foundation to make a contribution."

Other funding came from the Castellano Family Foundation, Google, Silicon Valley Community Foundation and Latino Community Foundation. Garner Health Services is also an equity partner.

"When you think about the vibrancy and the different cultures our community is exposed to because of this space and because of what we're building across the street, that's the opportunity," Paz-Cedillos said. "We are creating a vibrant, connected community that is diverse... That's what art and culture is all about."

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GEMS IN STEM

Much like life, distribution ain't fair (Part 2)

By Apoorva Panidapu

Last time, we talked about how we have these things called apportionment methods to divide things fairly, like distributing the 435 delegates in the House of Representatives to all the states. Turns out that it's not the easiest thing to do! We learned what the harmonic mean is and how it plays into Dean's Apportionment Method... but we never actually saw how it works. Well, the wait is finally over...let the apportioning begin!

To run Dean's Apportionment Method, we first need a few definitions. (Heads up, things might get a little more detailed/technical, so hang in there!)

We say that the standard divisor of a population is the fraction of the total population divided by the number of representatives, which gives the number of people represented by the average representative. Then, a state's standard quota is the population of the state divided by the standard divisor.

The first step of Dean's method is to calculate the standard quota for each state. This number is almost definitely not going to be an integer (AKA whole number). So, we calculate the harmonic mean of the two closest integers to the standard quote and round it according to this mean. If the standard quota is above the harmonic mean, round up by one, and if the standard quota is below the harmonic mean, round down by one. To make this more clear, let's do a quick example! Say the standard quota is 5.37. Then, the two closest integers are 5 and 6 and the harmonic mean of 5 and 6 is $1/((\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6})/2) = 60/11 = 5.45$. Since 5.37 is less than 5.45, we round down to 5, and that is the number of delegates for the state!

Cool, so let's just do this for every state. Easy, right? Nope. When has politics ever been easy? In this case, when we sum up the delegates for each state, it should come out to a total of 435, but it doesn't always. If it sums up to less than 435, that means there are surplus delegates, i.e., extra delegates that aren't assigned to any state. To fix this, we need to decrease the standard divisor to modify all the quotas until it totals up to 435. On the flip side, if the total number of delegates is over 435, we increase the divisor to modify the quotas until the total goes down to 435.

Weird. Why are we doing this? Does it actually fix things?

Well, the reason this works is because if we go back to our definitions at the beginning, we can see that the standard divisor is the denominator of the standard quota. This means that as its value increases, the fraction decreases, and vice versa. (For example, $2/5 < 2/4 < 2/3$.) So, using trial

and error, we adjust the standard divisor until we reach the correct total of 435 delegates, then use those delegate numbers as the apportionment. Ta-da!

To see Dean's Method in action, let's look at an example! Boy, do we love examples around here.

Suppose we have 20 new students to apportion to four houses

Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff, and Ravenclaw. (I'm going to pretend I'm one of these students to fulfill my childhood dream of going to Hogwarts.) Now, Gryffindor has a population of 2,964 people, Slytherin has a population of 3,220 people, Hufflepuff has a population of 829 people, and Ravenclaw has a population of 4,987 people. So, the total number of students in the 4 houses is 12,000, and the standard divisor is $12000/20 = 600$.

Recall that the house's standard quota is the population of the house divided by the standard divisor. So, we calculate that the standard quota is $2,964/600 = 4.94$ for Gryffindor, $3,220/600 = 5.37$ for Slytherin, $829/600 = 1.38$ for Hufflepuff, and $4,987/600 = 8.31$ for Ravenclaw.

Now, using Dean's Apportionment Method, the harmonic mean cutoffs are 4.44 (the harmonic mean of 4 and 5) for Gryffindor, 5.45 (the harmonic mean of 5 and 6) for Slytherin, 1.33 (the harmonic mean of 1 and 2) for Hufflepuff, and 8.47 (the harmonic mean of 8 and 9) for Ravenclaw. This means the final apportionment of the twenty students is 5 students for Gryffindor (because $4.94 > 4.44$), 5 students for Slytherine (since $5.37 < 5.45$), 2 students for Hufflepuff (since $1.38 > 1.33$), and 8 students for Ravenclaw (because $8.31 < 8.47$). Since $5+5+2+8 = 20$ students, we don't have to make any adjustments to the divisor—hallelujah! Our twenty students have found a house (and I hope I'm one of the Slytherin five).

The rounding step is where the divisor apportionment methods vary, depending on which kind of rounding they use. In Dean's Method, we're using the harmonic mean to round, whereas Webster's Method uses conventional rounding, i.e., rounding using the arithmetic mean and Hill's Method uses geometric mean as the rounding cutoff. So, since harmonic mean is always less than or equal to arithmetic mean (as we talked about in last week's article), Dean's Method favors smaller states with harmonic mean while Webster's method is neutral to state size.

Dean's Apportionment Method, like other divisor methods, has the advantage of avoiding typical paradoxes that apportionment methods run into, but it's not perfect. Dean's Method violates something called the quota rule. The quota rule states that each state should get the number of representatives that is a rounding up or down of their quota. But, when using a divisor method like Dean's Method, some states can get more delegates than their quota

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Gems in STEM
By Apoorva Panidapu



Times **Briefs****Op-Ed****Our leaders need a plan**

All leaders who want to be successful must have a plan and a strategy to implement that plan.

Johnny Khamis spoke at the District 8 Community Roundtable Candidate's Forum. I attended and it is clear he has a plan, a strategy and the experience to make it work for our District 1 benefit.

He has done it before and will do it again if elected as District 1 Supervisor.

One needs a strategic plan to implement ideas and actions. Like addressing the homeless issue and not just the current window dressing we have that is costing millions of dollars and getting us nowhere; like fiscal responsibility so we better use the tax dollars raised and also using current underutilized County facilities for public benefit.

Other candidates have a 'shotgun' approach to deal with issues as they arise. It's always better to have a plan to eliminate problems before they become major problems, and even more so if the problem exists and is not being constructively dealt with, while understanding the long-term implications for our community.

Johnny has a track record for pro-active addressing problems and not just repeating the same old formulas and expecting different results. Best to check out his website or speak to him directly at a community meeting before you vote!!

John Goldstein
Grace Church

Sami Mitchell of Evergreen Valley receives 2022 Phi Kappa Phi 'Love of Learning Award'

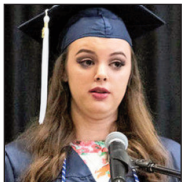
Sami Mitchell of Evergreen Valley was recently awarded a Love of Learning Award worth \$500 from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Love of Learning Awards are designed to help fund post-baccalaureate professional development for active Phi Kappa Phi members including graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, travel related to teaching and research, career development and more.

Mitchell, a graduate student at Palo Alto University, will use funds from the award to complete her concurrent Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Palo Alto.

Mitchell was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi in 2019 at Pennsylvania State University.

Established in 2007, the Love of Learning Program gives 200 awards annually. The selection process for a Love of Learning Award is based on the applicant's academic achievement, campus and community service, intended use of award funds as it relates to academic and career goals, and a personal statement.



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Times **Community News**

Supervisors push for 21st century privacy protections

To fulfill its obligation to protect the public's privacy, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors moved forward with three privacy protection actions at recent meetings:

- In response to an earlier proposal by County Supervisor Joe Simitian, the Board substantially updated the County's privacy ordinance to protect personal information about the County's residents and clients;
- The Board adopted a detailed description of the duties of the County Privacy Office; and,
- The Board also approved a subsequent proposal from Simitian that directs County Administration to begin the process of creating a secure file transfer system that could be used across all County departments to ensure that the files submitted by constituents are secure and confidential.

"We gather a lot of information about our residents, and a lot of it is incredibly sensitive," said Simitian. "While the goal of using these technologies and systems is to better serve the public, we shouldn't be blind to the fact that both new and existing technologies could be used improperly—whether intentionally or unintentionally. We need to recognize that the County has an ongoing obligation to protect the information we collect from our residents."

The updates to the County's Ordinance Code and Board Policies, first proposed in April 2022 by Supervisor Simitian, sought to bring the County's "Information Practices and Individual Privacy" Ordinance and other County policies up to 21st century standards, amid ever-evolving privacy regulations and technological advancements.

The County is responsible for a number of activities that require the collection and storage of sensitive information about its two million residents. Those activities include running hospitals and jails, administering elections, collecting taxes, maintaining lists of property ownership and providing social services, among many others.

At the same time, the County continually acquires new technologies and implements new systems that analyze, parse, or leverage that data in new ways, while hackers and criminals develop new tools to access information they shouldn't.

In light of recent Supreme Court decisions and actions by some states, one of the many pressing privacy concerns today relates to the use of information regarding reproductive health care services. Division A16 of the County Code, which relates to information practices and individual privacy, was one prominent example that had not kept up with the times, as it has not been updated since it was originally introduced in 1979. That ordinance will now be repealed and replaced with language that addresses modern day concerns, including the protection of information as it relates to providing reproductive health care services in the State of California.

Simitian said, "The fact that our existing privacy protection ordinance was more than 40 years old really left me shaking my head. Back in 1979 Jimmy Carter was President, gas was less than a dollar a gallon and disco was a thing. It seemed long past time to update our privacy protections."

With this new ordinance the County has reaffirmed its commitment to protecting our fundamental rights. The County Ordinance Code explicitly prohibits any County department from "provid[ing] information or expend[ing] or use time, money, facilities, property, equipment, personnel, or other resources in furtherance of any investigation...by another governmental entity that seeks to impose civil or criminal liability...for: (1) The provision, securing, receiving of, or any inquiry concerning reproductive health care services that are legal in the State of California; or (2) Any assistance given to any person or entity that relates to the provision, securing, receiving of, or any inquiry concerning reproductive health care services that are legal in the State of California."

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What: The Board of Directors of Valley Water intends to fill a vacant director position on the Public Facilities Financing Corporation (PFFC).

The PFFC is a nonprofit public benefit corporation whose primary purpose is to provide assistance to Valley Water in financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of public facilities for Valley Water. Directors on the PFFC Board of Directors serve as volunteers.

Responsibilities of the PFFC director are to perform any and all duties imposed by law, by the PFFC's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, or by resolution of the Valley Water Board. The PFFC Board of Directors meets at such times and places as required to conduct PFFC business, usually from one to three times annually.

To be eligible for appointment consideration, an interested party must reside within Santa Clara County and must continue to reside therein while serving on the PFFC. The Valley Water Board is seeking interested candidates with experience in and understanding of the financial market, the issuance of bonds, areas of finance, accounting, public administration, and/or local/state/federal governmental work experience.

When: Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest with the following information:

- Name, phone number, residential address, and email address
- Summary of educational background, professional work experience, and any relevant knowledge of or training in areas listed above
- Any contribution or participation on a Valley Water commission, committee and/or volunteer opportunity, etc.
- A commitment to attend scheduled PFFC meetings as required

Where: Letters of interest should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2022, to:

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5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

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while others get less as the standard divisor is modified. In fact, Dean's Method often violates this rule in favor of smaller states since the harmonic mean cutoff is lower when the standard quota is smaller, which explains why it is not used in real life.

In fact, it is proven that no apportionment method is without its problems. The Balinsky-Young Theorem says that no apportionment method can satisfy the quota rule and avoid paradoxes. That's kind of interestingly disheartening, isn't it? There is no perfect method. So, all we can do is weigh the consequences of each method and choose one with the least drawbacks.

Turns out the consensus is that avoiding paradoxes is more important than violating the quota rule. So, the United States government uses a divisor method, the Huntington-Hill Method, to officially apportion the House of Representatives, using geometric mean as the rounding con-

vention. This method, along with Webster's Method, are neutral, while Dean's Method is not.

Though Dean's Method has its flaws like any other apportionment method, it's an interesting example of how divisor methods can be created simply by finding a new measure for rounding. This idea of trying to find a fair distribution when no objectively perfect one exists is a crucial question to ask, for government, politics, and life now and in the future.

Before you go, I have one last question for you: Are you Dean's Apportionment Method? Because it isn't fair how amazing you are.

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

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

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TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK

Data Breach

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 in this column the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

Data Breach

Are you tired of hearing news on data breaches? As technology progresses, more and more of our information has been moving to the digital world. As a result, cyberattacks have become increasingly common and costly.

The data breach incidents have been on the rise lately. Just few days back, the credit-monitoring service Equifax agreed to a class-action settlement in which it will pay up to \$700 million in claims in the wake of the 2017 data breach that compromised the personal information of more than 140 million Americans.

So, what is a data breach?

A data breach is a security incident in which information is accessed without authorization. Data breaches can hurt businesses and consumers in a variety of ways. They are a costly expense that can damage lives and reputations and take time to repair.

Why do they occur?

Cybercrime is a profitable industry for attackers and continues to grow. Hackers seek personally identifiable information to steal

money, compromise identities, or sell over the dark web. Data breaches can occur for several reasons, including accidentally, but targeted attacks are typically carried out in these ways:

Weak passwords

Weak and insecure user passwords are easier for hackers to guess, especially if a password contains whole words or phrases. That’s why experts advise against simple passwords, and in favor of unique, complex passwords.

Drive-by downloads

You could unintentionally download a virus or malware by simply visiting a compromised web page. A drive-by download will typically take advantage of a browser, application, or operating system that is out of date or has a security flaw.

Targeted malware attacks

Attackers use spam and phishing email tactics to try to trick the user into revealing user credentials, downloading malware attachments, or directing users to vulnerable websites. Email is a common way for malware to end up on your computer. Avoid opening any links or attachments in an email from an unfamiliar source. Doing so can infect your computer with malware.

Data breaches are likely here to stay, and the best defense against them is a good offense. Educate yourself and be diligent about monitoring your online life.

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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In Memoriam

Fred L. Jager

November 1941 - September 2022

Fred Jager, a resident of The Villages in Evergreen Valley since 2005, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and passed away at age 80 in Good Samaritan Hospital in early September.



He was predeceased by his wife Kathy, who passed in March 2021. He is survived by his daughters, Erin of Vancouver, Washington, and Erica of Sunnyvale, as well as their spouses and children. Fred is also survived by his sister Cynthia Woolverton (husband Paul) of Keaau, Hawaii; nephew John Woolverton (wife Laieikawai) of Hilo, Hawaii; nephew Adam Woolverton (wife Mari) of Seattle, Washington; five great-nephews and great-nieces; as well as cousin Norma Erdely and cousin/godson Richard Erdely, both of Fairview Park, Ohio.

Fred graduated from Arizona State University in 1964, where he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. He had long and successful careers with IBM and Hewlett Packard, retiring from both after positions in Cleveland, Columbus, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, and finally in San Jose.

Fred also operated a thriving income tax business in San Jose, offering tax preparation and planning services, until his death.

From an early age, Fred was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in his late teens. He was a life-long supporter of the organization and of the Cleveland Indians.

He read voraciously, loved science fiction, and was known as the family's "chief pontificator and knower-of-all-things" with a limitless store of trivia. Memorial services will be held in Hawaii and Ohio at a later date. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

James S. Dyer, MD

March 20, 1940 - October 7, 2022

James (Jim) Dyer passed away on October 7, 2022 after sustaining injuries from a fall.

Jim was raised in Erie, Pennsylvania and graduated with honors from Allegheny College and Jefferson Medical College, both in Pennsylvania.

While completing an internship in Denver, Colorado, he met his wife of 54 years, Susan.



Jim served in the Air Force for three years near Tokyo, Japan.

Jim and Susan eventually settled in San Jose where Jim practiced Family Medicine in Almaden Valley and later at Kaiser San Jose. In retirement, they divided their time between a summer home on Hood Canal in Washington, and The Villages Golf and Country Club in Evergreen Valley. They settled permanently at The Villages in 2017.

People who knew Jim spoke of him as a kind, good man and caring physician. He loved all things automobile, astronomy, opera and he was a serious News Junkie. Jim is survived by his wife, Susan and his brother Herb (Sonia), a niece and two nephews.

Jim's life will be remembered and celebrated when friends gather for fine food and good conversation, when a certain piece of music touches you, and whenever a man with his dog bring a smile to your face.

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Times **Community**

San José adopts proposal to create Office of Family Friendly Policy to fully implement Children's Bill of Rights

San José City Councilmembers Sylvia Arenas and Magdalena Carrasco joined child advocacy leaders at City Hall Oct. 5 to rally support for a proposal, which was then unanimously adopted at Council.

The new policy brings the City of San José into full compliance with San José's updated Bill of Rights for Children and Youth (Bill of Rights).

The adopted proposal – written by Councilmembers Sylvia Arenas, Raul Peralez, Magdalena Carrasco, and Pam Foley – calls for the formalization of an Office of Family Friendly Policy to implement the Bill of Rights, the audit recommendations and to unify the City's family friendly initiatives and policies.

"Today is a critical next step in making the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth real. Together, we have issued a bold statement that San José will ensure the fundamental rights of the children that live in our city. Our children," Councilmember Arenas said. "Now, we will move forward with a plan, a team to execute the plan, and the ability to track our investments."

In April 2021, the City of San José adopted a revised Bill of Rights. Shortly after, Councilmember Arenas asked the City Auditor to investigate how the City was adhering and upholding the Bill of Rights.

The City Auditor's recently released Bill of



Councilmembers **Sylvia Arenas** and **Magdalena Carrasco** rally Oct. 5 to support updated Bill of Rights for Children and Youth.

Rights for Children and Youth Audit Report showed that there is still no comprehensive plan to ensure the city is upholding the rights it has declared that all San José children have. The joint memorandum aims to formalize an Office of Family Friendly Policy to implement the audit report recommendations and unify the City's existing children, youth and family policy and Family Friendly Initiative work currently underway.

"Children have a right to up-to-date educational resources that promote success in life, in future careers, and a love of life-long learning. We believe that this right is for every child at every stage of their education and that learning begins at birth and happens everywhere not just in schools," said Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools.

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Local author announces 'I Can' contest for her new children's book: *Oh No, Riley!*

Getting Rid Of The Four Letter Word, I "CAN'T!"

Author Valerie Whetstone of Evergreen Valley is holding a contest for her upcoming children's book called, *Oh No, Riley!*

Whetstone is on a mission to promote positive mental health by empowering more than 100,000 children worldwide that if you believe in yourself anything is POSSIBLE! She is partnered with the Unstoppable Foundation, which is near and dear to her heart, to make a larger impact and help change the future. <https://donate.unstoppablefoundation.org/OhNoRiley>

"I'm teaching children how to break through

their limiting beliefs by letting go of the four letter word, I 'CAN'T' and re-pattern their thoughts to live with a positive growth mindset and become more confident," Whetstone said.

Whetstone is inviting you to send in a 10 second or less video clip of your child/ grandchild that shows them doing something they "CAN" do, showing a "Yes, I can!" mindset.

Contest

To participate in the contest, parents record their child saying the words, "When I believe in myself I can"... (Fill in the blank). Here are some examples: "I can ride my bike; I can hit a baseball over the fence; I can tie my shoelaces; I can do my homework; I can brush my teeth; I can smile every day; I can be a good friend.

When I believe in myself I can

The top winners will be featured in Whetstone's upcoming book trailer for her book launch of *Oh No, Riley!*

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Oh No, Riley! is available on Amazon October 20. It is also available at Ohnoriley.org.



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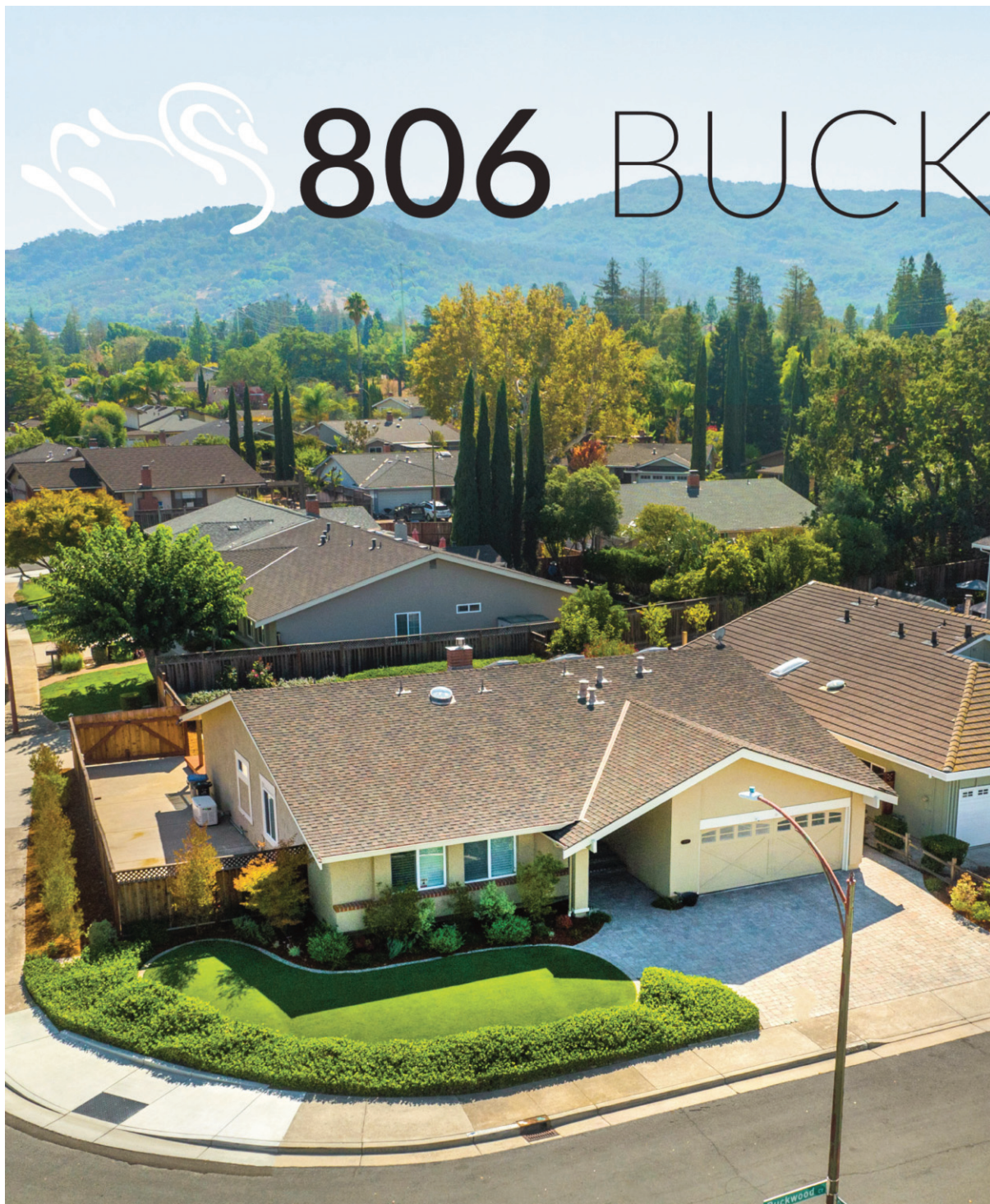
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