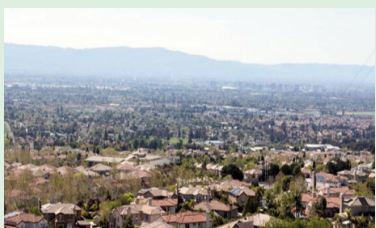


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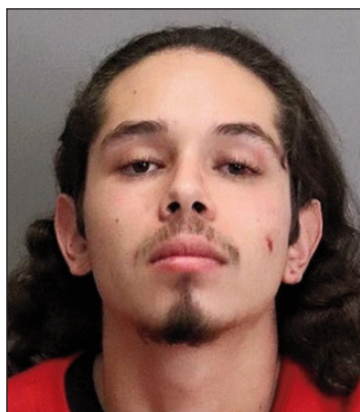
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Brayan Perez Macias, 19, of San Jose is being sought by police in connection with the Aug. 17 armed robbery of Peters' Bakery. *SJ Police photo*

Four arrests made in Peters' Bakery armed robbery

Fifth suspect Brayan Peres Macias still sought

By William Bellou
Publisher

Four arrests have been made, a man and three boys, in connection with the August 17 armed robbery of the popular Peters' Bakery. One other man, 19-year-old Brayan Perez Macias of San Jose is still being sought, according to San Jose police.

Detectives and officers arrested
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Prius owners targeted by catalytic converter thieves in Evergreen

By William Bellou
Publisher

Catalytic Converter theft in Evergreen is on the rise again.

On the morning of October 18, several Honda Prius owners found their cars missing their catalytic converters in the area of Rue Mirassou of Evergreen Valley.

Vehicles parked on streets not in driveways

The most recent catalytic converter thefts were believed to have been committed by three men around 2:20 a.m. All of the vandalized vehicles were parked on the street.

"My neighbors up the street and across from my house that both have a Prius parked in front of their house had something cut out and stolen from underneath their car what I suspect to be their catalytic converters," said Evergreen resident Kristine Long. "I walked down the street and found a third Prius parked on the curb that had the same damage to underneath the car."

It only takes two to three minutes for thieves to remove a catalytic converter from a car. Most of the thefts occur when vehicles are parked on the street, especially near broken street lights. Many Evergreen residents are now having their catalytic converters etched with their identification to assist law enforcement.

One of the Oct. 18 catalytic converter thefts was caught on a surveillance camera.

"My camera caught the Catalytic Converter theft in action near the Carolyn Clark area. It happened on Tuesday night around 2:20," said Evergreen resident Rajesh Munavalli. "Unfortunately, the video resolution is not that good to identify the suspects or the car they drove in."

From the video footage, one of the assailants was wearing a light hoodie and the other two men were wearing black hoodies with their faces covered. The vehicle was a black or some very dark colored vehicle, possibly a Lexus LS, Year: 2012 to 2015,

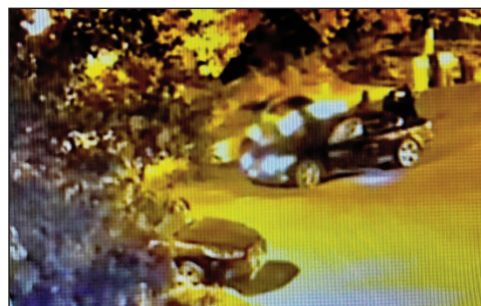


New Catalytic Converter Theft Law

Gov. Gavin Newsom recently signed new laws designed to curb the rise in stolen catalytic converters which go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

AB 1740 and SB 1087 are intended to disincentivize black market operations and dissuade further theft. The bills are two of the roughly dozen measures introduced by California lawmakers to combat the dramatic spike in stolen catalytic converters.

Even before COVID-19 and rising inflation,



most families could not afford to replace a stolen catalytic converter.

The measures define who may sell and purchase catalytic converters, ensure that the sellers are the verifiable owners of the part's vehicle, and require a traceable payment method for transactions. AB 1740 and SB 1087 also include fines and penalties for those convicted of knowingly and willfully violating these requirements. Unfortunately, many thieves sell the catalytic converters in other states.

\$1,000 to \$3,000 to replace a catalytic converter

According to recent data, catalytic converter theft claims are up more than 1,000% since 2019. A report from the National Insurance Crime Bureau found that owners pay \$1,000 to \$3,000 out of pocket to fix their vehicles. Some say the theft can occur in a matter of five minutes with a cutting tool and sometimes thieves lift the back tire of the car onto the curb to allow ease of getting under the car.



Close call for 3 bicycle riders when car drifts out of control in front of them

Three bike riders got the scare of their life on near Clayton Rd. on Tuesday, Oct 25.

Around the bend came a Nissan Altima out of control in a four wheel drift right in front of them.

"The driver corrected once and then came back towards us. He missed me by about

three feet, said Evergreen resident Allan Hadad. "By the time he went by my two friends he was backwards. He went back across the road, slammed into the light pole and ended up in someone's yard at the corner of Story and Watters Drive."

Hadad said he hit the curb and fell on his right side in the dirt.

"My friends got to the car and with some difficulty the driver managed to crawl out the passenger side, Hadad said. "He said something in Spanish and took off running. I followed him a bit and when he saw me he

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Christopher Corpus

“Serving four years as an Evergreen School Board member, I have the experience and history to help Evergreen continue its excellence!” Christopher Corpus, Teacher (37 years) principal, district administrator, four years serving as ESD Board Member

Endorsements: Blanco Alvarado, Lorena Chavez, Democratic Party of Santa Clara County and South Bay Labor Council

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Marisa Hanson

Math Teacher Evergreen School District, mother of special needs child, wife of Evergreen Valley High School Teacher & golf coach Bradley Hanson. Currently serving as school board member. “I am the best choice to improve our schools.”

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Stan Rose

“I want to support our children to receive the best possible education in a safe environment, and with respect for all students, staff, and community.” UC Berkeley, Ed. D. superintendent, educator.

Endorsements: Evergreen Teachers Association, Dave and Pattie Cortese, Jim Beall, Blanca Alvarado

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Jeremy Barousse

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Endorsements: Evergreen Teachers Association, Santa Clara County Democratic Party, State Senator Dave Cortese, San Jose City Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas, East Side Union High School District School Board Trustees Patti Andrade, Chris Corpus and former board trustee Leila Welch



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Why San Jose air is worse than other cities

By Brian Howey
San José Spotlight

Air quality in the South Bay is worse than neighboring parts of the San Francisco Bay Area—and it hits underserved communities hardest.

According to data compiled by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, ozone levels are consistently higher in the San Jose area because of traffic congestion,

weather and topography. Local studies show air pollution causes health issues like asthma, and communities of color and low-income neighborhoods tend to see higher levels of pollution than wealthier, whiter neighborhoods due to their proximity to highways and industrial areas.

Since May, ozone levels in the Santa Clara Valley have been

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Children deserve a quality education

Dear Editor,

Throughout my tenure as an educator, I have been driven by my belief that all children deserve a quality education. Children of our district are no different.

As the new Superintendent, my focus is to ensure academic excellence for all current and new incoming students. During my brief tenure, I have found our educational community members passionate about student achievement, excited about quality educational programming, and committed to equity for all students.

This is our time to learn, grow, and develop together. I am honored by the Board's belief in my ability to lead our District to the next level, in essence, to make the Evergreen School District the top choice for children and families in Santa Clara County. I also appreciate the community's support and look forward to working with the community.

My first-year priorities are to provide a roadmap for the transition process. The work of increasing the success of all students is too great an ask for our school district to attempt in isolation. While doable, the goal of an improved educational experience will require involvement from all — students, parents and guardians, staff, and community partners.

The initial transition process can be thought about in four major phases: Engage, Explore, Evaluate and Equip. Each phase will build upon the previous phase. A culminating plan with deliverables and updates will be monitored and shared with the Evergreen School Community. Through these engagement opportunities, we will capture the voices of all stakeholders considering the feedback provided in the strategic planning process.

Dr. Antoine Hawkins
Superintendent
Evergreen Elementary School District

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PHOTO OP

CUTE ENGINE ORNAMENTS - As we approach the cold weather months, it's a good idea for those who park outside to tap on your hood before starting your vehicle's engine. Small animals sometimes crawl in the engine compartment to keep warm. *Photo by submitted by Janet Haver.*

Op-Ed

Iranian women stand up for rights

God bless the women of Iran!

They have spontaneously stood up to protest and demand their Rights to be seen and accepted as equal human beings as their male counterparts. They do not want nor need men to lead them around.

Iranian women do not want the Republic to grant them Rights. They want men of the Republic and the Republic Lawmakers to recognize their equality as human beings and to withdraw the controls that prohibit them from exercising their human rights.

The oppression and suppression of women over the ages is not a unique phenomenon of Iran's homophobic so-called "Islamic" regime. Women have fought for centuries to be viewed as equals in all parts of the world.

Don't forget that the United States was one of the last western democratic countries of the world to remove the laws that prevented women from voting. And the current struggles over the abortion issue echo a similar issue about who has the Right to determine what happens in a woman's body. And don't forget that most Baptist communities and the Catholic Church restrict the role of women's leadership under the guise of biblical interpretation. And don't think that the secular irreligious are any better. They may perceive women more as vessels for service and servitude than as equal persons. The human trafficking and sexual slavery scandals of our day are symbols of the perspective that women are an economic and social vessel for use by their male counterparts for personal gain at the expense

of womanhood.

The Bible doesn't hold women as secondary to men. Sure, the biblical stories show women in their historical and cultural contacts where the men are the leaders and the women primarily the servers; until they break out of the imposed roles!

One needs to read and see beyond the descriptive photos of the times. The key moments of Jesus' teaching is usually through a discussion or interaction with a woman: A woman collecting water at a well and Jesus reveals his divinity to her. She becomes the first evangelist to tell the community that something special is up. Women are the first to witness the resurrection at Jesus' tomb and go off to tell the discouraged men that something special is up! Jesus challenged the men gathering to stone a woman to death: "Let the innocent cast the first stone." No takers, of course. The world is full of people who want to present the image of correctness but have no appreciation for equality among us. God sees us as equals even if we don't.

The outright oppressors of women are being challenged. From the male dictators of Saudi Arabia, Iran and other countries of the world who kill, torture, persecute and restrain women, to the religions and churches of the world dominated by men who think 'maleness' is some form of unique divine manifestation. Ultimately, the women will win. So long as they raise their voices in a united way they will knock down the doors. They will breakdown the religious salt pillars. It is only a matter of time.

The message of the woman of Iran is 'electric.' The requirement of submission and dominance of one over another is a major cause of ongoing tension in our world. And women having an equal voice in the human debate will bring us closer to a more tranquil reality. We need 100% of the people at the table.

God bless the women of Iran!
John Goldstein, Lead Pastor
Grace Church of Evergreen

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Robbery

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three teen boys between the ages of 14 and 17 in San Jose, as well as a 21-year-old man in Sacramento who police said is on parole for an unspecified conviction.
The armed robbery happened in the middle of the night at 1:20 a.m. that day at the bakery located at 3108 Alum Rock Ave. Security video provided by the bakery shows five people, all male, make their way inside the business wearing face masks and hooded sweatshirts covering their heads.

As the intruders pushed open the door, an employee was pushed against a wall and held at knife point. Police said at least one other member of the group also held employees at knifepoint while the remaining three “rummaged through the business.” Luckily, no one was injured.

As the group exited the building, one suspect is seen holding a cash box that the group reportedly demanded from the employees.

The group fled in a white BMW. Traveling in the same car, the group burglarized an Arteaga’s Food Center location on Lincoln Avenue in Willow Glen about 45 minutes earlier, according to a police investigation. Police said the group broke a window to get inside, then stole several items from a jewelry kiosk before leaving.

Automated license plate reader cameras are credited for helping detectives identify the suspects by tracking the suspects’ movements.

Security video provided by the bakery shows five people, all male, make their way inside the business wearing face masks and hooded sweatshirts covering their heads.

Anyone with information is asked to contact SJPD Robbery Detective Alan Yee at 4342@sanjoseca.gov or at 408-277-4166. Tips also can be left with Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers at 408- 947-7867 or at svcrimestoppers.org.

Crash

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started climbing up the steep dirt hill towards Ramstad Drive. I went around the corner and waited to see if he was going to come back down. He never did, so I rode back up to join my two bike buddies.”

A neighbor witnessing the incident called 911 as did Hadad.

“San Jose Police came pretty quick but by then the guy was nowhere to be seen. I guess he got away. I don't know if the car was stolen. He did leave his phone behind. I thought my video camera was working but it quit about a mile earlier. That would have been a good one,” Haddad said.



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The Evergreen School District is accepting applications from parents/community members interested in serving on the Measure EE Citizens’ Oversight Committee for the 2022-2023 school year. This committee will oversee the expenditure of Measure EE Parcel Tax funds, ensuring they are spent as approved by the voters. It is expected that the committee will meet twice a year.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please submit a **letter of interest** to:
Evergreen School District
3188 Quimby Road
San Jose, CA 95148
ATTN: Debbie Ashmore

Your letter should include a brief introduction of yourself, your contact information, and an overview as to why you are interested in serving on the committee. Applicants will be contacted for follow-up interviews.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Katie Coates at 408-270-6827 or kcoates@eesd.org.



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Inflation is rising the most in Phoenix, AZ (pictured).

Report: Cities where inflation is rising the most

With the year-over-year inflation rate at 8.2% in September, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on the Cities Where Inflation is Rising the Most, as well as accompanying videos and expert commentary.

To determine the cities where inflation is rising the most – and thus is the biggest problem – WalletHub compared 23 major MSAs (Metropolitan

Statistical Areas) across two key metrics involving the Consumer Price Index, which measures inflation.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the latest month for which BLS data is available to two months prior and one year prior to get a snapshot of how inflation has changed in the short and long term.

Rising the Most

Rising the Least

1. Phoenix, AZ

19. Denver, CO

2. Atlanta, GA

20. New York, NY

3. Miami, FL

21. Washington, DC

4. Tampa, FL

22. San Francisco, CA

5. Baltimore, MD

23. Anchorage, AK

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Cities Where Inflation is Rising The Most

Overall Rank	MSA	Total Score	Consumer Price Index Change (Latest month vs 2 months before)	Consumer Price Index Change (Latest month vs 1 year ago)
1	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	95.28	0.80%	13.00%
2	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	91.10	1.30%	11.70%
3	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	75.76	0.40%	10.70%
4	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	73.44	0.30%	10.50%
5	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	69.50	0.10%	10.20%
6	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	66.43	0.50%	9.20%
7	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	64.71	0.10%	9.50%
8	San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	63.35	0.90%	8.20%
9	Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	62.67	0.90%	8.10%
10	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	61.11	0.30%	8.70%
11	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	60.34	0.00%	9.00%
12	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	56.84	0.50%	7.80%
13	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	56.23	0.00%	8.40%
14	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	54.17	0.00%	8.10%
15	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	53.15	0.40%	7.40%
16	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	52.88	-0.50%	8.60%
17	St. Louis, MO-IL	51.95	0.20%	7.50%
18	Urban Honolulu, HI	51.45	0.80%	6.60%
19	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	49.55	-0.20%	7.70%
20	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	44.93	0.40%	6.20%
21	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	41.33	-0.20%	6.50%
22	San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	33.02	-0.50%	5.70%
23	Anchorage, AK	13.01	-4.00%	7.60%



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Times **Community****Symphony San Jose
presents 'Mighty Cello'
with acclaimed soloist
Julian Schwarz Dec. 3, 4**

During its 21st concert season, Symphony San Jose will feature acclaimed solo artists chosen for their virtuosity and their singular magic on their instrument.

Cellist Julian Schwarz, already near-legendary in his early 30's, marks his second appearance in San Jose with one of his favorite works, Lalo's Concerto in D minor.

Maestra Falletta opens the concert with Turina's infectious Danzas, filled with Spanish rhythms and color; and concludes with Dvorák's masterful, melody-rich Symphony No. 7.

Mighty Cello

Symphony San Jose will present Mighty Cello, Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street, downtown San Jose.

This will mark Julian Schwarz's second appearance in San Jose and features one of his favorite works, Lalo's Concerto in D minor.

Schwarz was born to a multigenerational musical family in 1991.

Heralded from a young age as a cellist destined to rank among the greatest of the 21st century, Julian's powerful tone, effortless virtuosity, and extraordinarily large color palette are hallmarks of his style.

After making his concerto debut at the age of 11 with the Seattle Symphony and his father Gerard Schwarz on the podium, he made his US touring debut with the Moscow Radio

Symphony Orchestra in 2010.

Since being awarded first prize at the inaugural Schoenfeld International String Competition in 2013, Julian has led an active career as soloist, performing with the symphony orchestras of Annapolis, Boise, Bozeman, Buffalo, Charlotte, Columbus, Des Moines, Hartford, Jacksonville, Louisville, Memphis, Modesto, Omaha, Puerto Rico, Richmond, Rochester, San Antonio, Sarasota, Seattle, Syracuse, Toledo, Tucson, Virginia, West Virginia, Wichita, and Winston-Salem, among others.

Internationally, Julian made his Australian debut with the Queensland Symphony, his Mexican debuts with the Boca del Rio Philharmonic in Veracruz and the Mexico City Philharmonic with frequent collaborator Jorge Mester, and his Hong Kong debut at the Intimacy of Creativity Festival. He has also appeared at the Salzburg Mozarteum, and the Verbier festival in Switzerland.

THE PROGRAM:

Joaquin Turina: Danzas fantásticas

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Antonín Dvořák: Symphony No. 7

Soloist: Julian Schwarz, cello.

Conductor: JoAnn Falletta.

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Times **Community News**

Holidays at the Ainsley House for the entire family

The Ainsley House is excited to be open this holiday season with events for the whole family. This year there is something to delight everyone!

You're invited to Holiday Teas & Tours, Holiday Boutique, and Evening Open Houses, as the Ainsley House brings Holiday Cheer to Campbell.

The Ainsley House will be decorated in the theme: Holiday Alphabet. Discover how each room in the House is inspired by letters. You will see find N for nutcracker, and S for Santa, and E for Elves. The Ainsley House will be magical and interactive.

Tours through the Ainsley House will be unguided and self-paced. The Ainsley House and Boutique will be open November 17 through December 18, Thursdays-Sundays, from 11am-3pm. The Ainsley House will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Tour admission is \$10 adults (18-64), seniors (65+) \$8, youth age 7-17 \$6, Museum members are free.

The Holiday Boutique is located in the Carriage House as well as in several rooms



on the first floor of the Ainsley House. In the Boutique you will find unique seasonal gifts, ornaments, jewelry, scarves, and much more. The Boutique will be open during touring hours.

The Campbell Museum Foundation's annual Holiday fundraiser: Holiday Teas and Tours will take place December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, & 11. Seating will take place at 12pm. The tea menu includes finger sandwiches, champagne, a special Ainsley blend tea, and tasty treats in the Carriage House, followed by a self-guided led tour of the Ainsley House. Admission is \$60/ General Public and \$55/ Museum Member. Admission proceeds go toward supporting education programs and preservation efforts at the Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley

House. Reservations are required for the teas and can be made at www.campbellmuseums.com. Reservations for the Holiday Teas and Tours are open now.

Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Ainsley House on Saturday, December 10 from 9am-12pm. He will greet families and kids on the West Patio surrounded by a decorated Holiday scene. Reservations to take pho-

tos with Santa will be 9am-10am, 10am-11am, and 11am-12pm. While families wait to see Santa, there will be hot chocolate and crafts set up. Santa reservations can be made at www.campbellmuseums.com and admission is \$10 per family.

One of the best ways to see the Ainsley House decorated for the Holidays is to attend one of two evening Open House events. The Open House events at the Ainsley House offer the public an opportunity to enjoy the holiday decorations at night, with live music in the Ainsley living room and light refreshments in the Carriage House. The Open House events take place 5:30 – 8:00 pm on Thursday, December 15 and Sunday, December 18, 2022. Admission is \$15, \$10 for Museum members; children 17 years old and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Carriage House the evening of each event.

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Santa Clara County reaches conservation goal for the second month in a row

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The 16% water savings exceeds Governor Newsom's call for conservation

For the second month in a row, Santa Clara County exceeded the call by the Valley Water Board of Directors to reduce water use by 15% compared to 2019. In August 2022, countywide water use dropped 16% compared to the same time in 2019.

"It's encouraging to see local residents and businesses taking action during this severe drought emergency," said John L. Varela, Valley Water Chair Pro Tem. "We must all work together and continue to make a difference in our communities by saving water."

Santa Clara County residents are doing their part to conserve. Landscape Rebate Program applications are up over 250% since 2020. To help residents save water, Valley Water is enforcing restrictions on outdoor water runoff, midday watering, watering after rainfall, and a limit of two days a week of watering for non-functional turf. In addition to residential watering restrictions, Valley Water is enforcing the State of California's ban on watering commercial, industrial and institutional non-functional turf. Since the residents and

commercial restrictions were put into effect, Valley Water has received over 1,500 total water waste reports.

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Times **Editorial****Op-Ed****Update: Wat Khmer Kampuchea Krom Temple continues collaborative process**

In the late 1970s, the Khmer Rouge spent 45 months enslaving, killing, torturing and executing entire families, including children and grandparents, often in front of one another, as part of what became known as the Cambodian genocide.

Lyna Lam, an ethnic Cambodian who came to the Bay Area as a refugee following the Vietnam War and Cambodian genocide, has created a nonprofit foundation to build a healing temple that will serve the needs of her community who escaped unimaginable trauma to live in peace here in San Jose.

The Khmer Krom community, which has called San Jose home for decades, wishes to keep Evergreen residents informed of its progress towards establishing a Cambodian Buddhist temple at 2740 Ruby Avenue in San Jose.

The Wat Khmer Kampuchea Krom, a Khmer Buddhist Foundation founded by Lyna, aims to serve the local Khmer community in San Jose by building a temple and community building to be used for the healing, meditation, religious services and teaching Buddhism to its members.

The site in Evergreen was selected because of its central location to congregation members—nearly all of whom live in San Jose and many within five miles of the proposed new location—and because it offers abundant space and natural beauty.

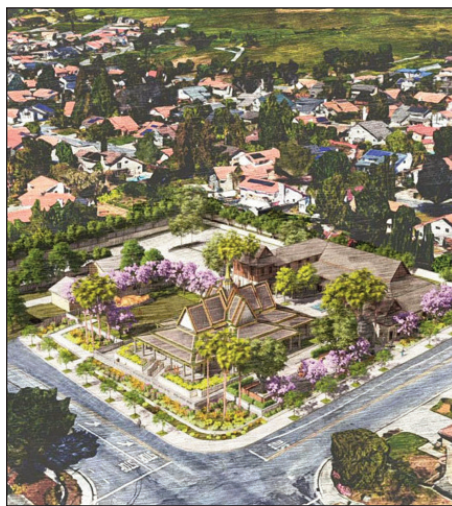
The project is currently undergoing an Environmental Impact Review (EIR) to address traffic, noise and other possible impacts. The latest Special Use Permit design revision and other project documents can be found on the City of San Jose's website.

Temple to help heal traumatized citizens

The Khmer Krom people are a small ethnic Cambodian minority that practices Theravada Buddhism. Their intention is to create a space to preserve their history, language and culture to be passed on to future generations. A Khmer Buddhist Foundation will serve the Khmer Cambodians in San Jose who are still struggling from similar journeys as Lyna's.

The Khmer people are among the most traumatized of any refugee group in the nation. From 1975 to 1979, the Khmer Rouge killed an estimated 2 million Cambodians, nearly a quarter of the country's population at the time. Survivors suffered through unimaginable atrocities as they endured massive human rights violations. During the chaos of the Khmer Rouge regime, Buddhism was systematically and brutally dismantled.

As one can imagine, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression are prevalent among those who fled for their safety. A 2005 study of more than 500 Cambodian refugees showed that 62% had PTSD, and more than half suffered



from depression. Many experience both.

By supporting this project, the Evergreen community has a unique opportunity to contribute to the healing of the Cambodian people. Temples represent a place of peace, where Cambodian refugees can practice their religion and maintain a connection to the roots of their traditions.

Temple design elements complement neighborhood aesthetics

The Wat Khmer Kampuchea Krom temple offers just that. It includes plans for a temple, a multi-use community building, quiet courtyards and peaceful gardens that provide sacred spaces for quiet meditation and reflection for both residents and visitors. The first floor of the community building will include a kitchen, religious library/classroom, office and bathroom spaces, and a second floor will house eight full-time resident monks. The only daily visitors to the temple will be a few elders who will arrive mid-morning, after any local traffic, to deliver food to the monks who only eat one meal each day before noon.

The design will be faithful to the Khmer temples in Southeast Asia. The design team has worked closely both with local members of the Khmer community and with architects in Cambodia to provide guidance about the appropriate forms, proportions, details and decorative elements for a traditional temple. The overall design will comply with the parameters of the San Jose Planning Code and the California Building Code.

Over the last two years, project leaders have held several meetings to gather feedback from the neighbors and worked closely with the City of San Jose to offer a design that complements and enhances the local neighborhood, as well as accommodates the needs of the temple's members.

Many design changes have been made based on feedback from those meetings. The size of the temple has been vastly reduced and the underground garage has been removed from the design. A sound wall has been added with mature landscaping to protect neighbor privacy and provide a welcoming atmosphere.

We look forward to creating a space that meets the needs of this small, impoverished and traumatized community in San Jose. We are grateful for Evergreen's openness to creating a safe haven for the Cambodian community where members and neighbors alike can enjoy the peaceful and meditative environment at this temple for generations to come.

— The Khmer Krom Community



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Verde Vineyards represents a clever and symbolic way of naming this modern and welcoming winery

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By Denelle Fedor

Historic wineries in Santa Clara County have paved the way for new vineyards to call our valley home.

This week we are featuring L & G Verde Vineyards. The “L” and “G” represent the initials of the two owners Lynda and George and the French word “Verde” translates to Green in English, which is Lynda’ and George’s last name. The winery is recognized as “Verde Vineyards,” which represents a clever and symbolic way of naming this modern and welcoming winery.

Lynda and George’s careers are in the medical field; George is still a practicing physician and Lynda an R.N. Although an argument can be made that wine is medicinal; their professional background does not necessarily lend itself to wine producing. In fact, Verde Vineyards was created by chance.



Jeff Ritchey, Verde Winemaker

Lynda and George purchased 20 acres for their personal home. They were originally going to landscape their acreage, but instead decided to grow and sell grapes. In 2015, after further consideration, they began producing wine with Jeff Ritchey, a well-known winemaker known for his winemaking skills throughout the Santa Clara County. The production of their wine led them to open Verde Tasting Room in 2017.

Verde Vineyard specializes in small-lot, hand-crafted Bordeaux varietals from their estate vine-

yards. The grapes that are grown onsite at Verde Vineyard are Rose, Sophia’s Estate Blend, Estate Merlot, Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc grapes are grown offsite in the St. Lucia Mountains.

A special kind of grape called the Dornfelder grape – the second most popular grape grown in Germany – is now grown onsite at Verde Vineyards. Usually, this grape serves as part of a blend for Rose’ wines, however, in 2019 George wanted to create a Rose’ wine that was made from 100% Dornfelder grapes. This was a risk due to the strong flavor of the Dornfelder grape, however, the 2019 Rose’ made of only the Dornfelder grape won an award at the Orange County Competition.

In fact, Verde Vineyard has won several awards since launching its winery a decade ago. Verde took a Bronze for their Sauvignon Blanc, a Silver for their Cabernet Sauvignon and Rose and a Gold medal for Sophie’s Blend and Merlot at the Orange County Wine Competition.

Additionally, the Wine Enthusiast magazine gave Verde’s 2015 Cabernet 91 points, and it won first place at the CordeValle Vintner’s Dinner the same year.

It’s no surprise then that in 2021, Verde was awarded The Best of Gilroy Award for the Vineyard category. This award is part of an annual program honoring the achievements and accomplishment of local businesses through the Gilroy area.

Onsite Wine Tasting Experience

The beautiful wine tasting space – which is also the crush pad and barrel room – at Verde Vineyards is a large built in veranda style area with a permanent covering with



Lynda and George Green

numerous tables for customers to sit and sip wine while overlooking the vast onsite vineyard. Because Verde is in the East Foothills, the sunsets are quite amazing. Verde encourages customers to bring a picnic lunch, their dogs and children. The only exception to bringing food is when Verde is hosting food trucks.

Events

Verde Vineyards offers a variety of events throughout the year – including free music on the weekends, harvest tours, barrel tastings to a Wine, Whiskey and Cigar dinner.

Be sure to check out Verde’s Facebook page and website for current and future events.

Wine Club

Verde offers two different membership levels for its Wine Club. Please see below for overall options and visit their website for more information: VerdeVineyards.com

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■ Access to “Member Happy Hours” on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

■ Complimentary Annual Harvest Tours for 4 – Vineyard Walk and Talk, Crush Pad visit, Barrel Tasting and Q & A.

■ Discounts on all general winery event tickets.

■ Early access to new and limited wines.

■ Exclusive Emerald Club Quar-

terly Wine Club Pick Up Parties.

■ Exclusive Emerald Club member events including dinners, barrel tastings, etc.

Enthusiast’s Wine Club Membership

■ 4 bottles quarterly (ability to choose Red, White or a mix).

■ 20% discount on all bottle purchases.

■ 25% case discount (mix and match available).

■ 2 complimentary “Standard” tastings per visit.

■ Member’s only “Featured Pour of the Month” when visiting Verde Tasting Room.

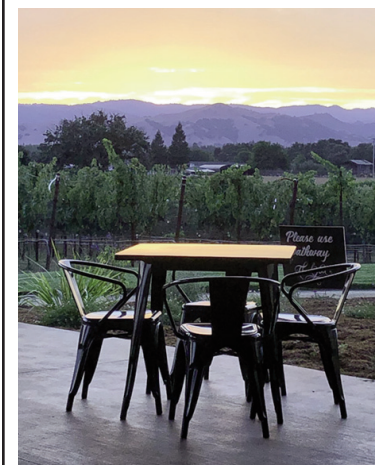
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■ Early access to new and limited wines.

Ron Jensen, a previous manager for the former Joey Franco’s PW Supermarkets now works at Verde Vineyard overseeing the tasting room, sales, and public relations. “Verde Vineyards is high quality and provides an overall experience – people love our outside tasting room, friendly atmosphere and overall hospitality,” shared Ron.



Above: Sunset at Verde Vineyards. Below: a group of winetasters participate in one of Verde’s winetasting events.



Times **News****Air***Continued from page 4*

worse on average than any other region monitored by the district, out-smogging even the refinery-laden North Bay, which includes San Rafael and Vallejo. Levels are similar to the traffic-clogged Eastern Zone, which incorporates Fairfield, Livermore and San Ramon.

"The Santa Clara Valley has consistently worse air quality (compared to other zones)," said Richard Lam, a district meteorologist.

Conditions in the Santa Clara Valley are perfect for creating and trapping ozone, Lam told San José Spotlight. The valley's warmth and sun turn traffic emissions into the smoggy gas, and the mountains bordering Santa Clara County trap it there.

Average ozone levels in the valley tend to remain below the federal Environmental Protection Agency's safety threshold, and they've only spiked to unsafe levels three times this year in Santa Clara Valley. But local studies show long-term exposure to air pollution in congested areas like San Jose can cause significant health impacts.

In an air pollution study published in May, San Francisco-based tech company Aclima collected air quality data block-to-block across 5,000 square miles and 101 Bay Area cities.

Across the region, communities of color and low-income neighborhoods are often closer to congested highways and emission-spewing factories where air quality is worse, the study found. For instance, 81.2% of Santa Clara County residents of color live in areas with unsafe levels of nitrogen dioxide, a harmful gas found in fuel exhaust. Nearly 95% breathe harmful particles in their neighborhoods, the study found.

Nonprofit air monitor Sustainable Silicon Valley, which studies air pollution in East

Palo Alto, found child asthma cases are 2.5 times higher than the national rate in the traffic-clogged city, which borders a freeway and sits at the west end of the Dumbarton Bridge.

"There are pockets in all these communities that have worse air pollution than others," Sustainable Silicon Valley Chief Scientist Anthony Strawa told San José Spotlight, "I think that if you did the same kind of study (in San Jose) those values would hold."

Strawa is doing just that. His organization recently launched an air quality study and community outreach program, installing air monitors at 10 East San Jose high schools and working with students to research air quality in those communities. The study is already collecting data.

Wildfire and ozone

Smoke can push ozone and other harmful pollutants to unsafe levels, and as California nears the supposed end of an ever-expanding wildfire season, experts have advised residents to be mindful of ozone and other pollutants in their neighborhoods.

"Ozone can damage and inflame the lining in our lungs similar to how sun causes a sunburn on our skin," air district spokesperson Erin Demeritt told San José Spotlight, noting it's particularly harmful to pregnant women, the elderly and young children who breathe more rapidly than adults.

When pollution levels get too high, the district issues spare the air alerts so residents know when to cut back on driving and other polluting activities. The best way to cut back on air pollutants is for local residents to drive gasoline-powered cars less and use public transportation more, Demeritt said.

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Times **Community News****Career Column****Maintaining social connections while working from home**By **Angela Copeland**

As I've shared before, I'm a fan of working from home. Although it comes with pros and cons, the benefits are often undeniable.



Those working from home are often able to be more productive. They have the ability to get more done in less time. They don't waste hours each day in the car commuting. They are able to focus on what matters the most – working. And, they have more time left to devote to their families.

On the flip side, if you're working from home, you have to try harder to make real connections with your coworkers. It's easy to know very little about the people you're working with. You are less likely to know about their families or hobbies, for example. Although these details aren't related to work, knowing coworkers well can increase teamwork and therefore productivity.

Personally, there's another hurdle too. Working in person creates more opportunity for social connection. When you work in an office, you're more likely to have lunch with coworkers. You're more likely to celebrate birthdays and holidays. Work is more than just work. It's a place to make friends. It's a place to socialize.

One downside to working from home is that people feel lonelier. They feel disconnected. The social aspects of working in an office are gone. If you're working from home, this is something to be aware of. Very likely, you will want to try to make more time for social connection outside of work than you did before. Making friends as an adult isn't an easy task, but it's important.

If you're like most people, starting to make new friends is the hardest part. It's hard to know where to begin. Think about your hobbies, and interests. Are there things you wish you knew more about? From cooking to bowling to running, there are many different types of groups for different interests.

Meetup.com can be a great resource. Meetup has many special interest groups that you can join with little obligation. Look for events on the website of your local newspaper. You can also search Eventbrite for paid events that may be happening in your area. If you find groups that are of interest that are not on one of these sites, send them an email and asked to be added to their newsletter. Most groups send out weekly or monthly notices of upcoming activities.

When you find fun things to do, be brave, try to attend a few different activities. If you can, attend alone. Many people do this. Going alone will encourage you to talk to people you haven't met before.

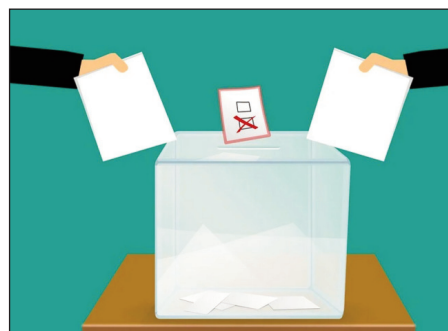
Just one social activity per week can greatly change your social connectedness.

Suddenly, you'll find yourself with friends and social events. And, being social is about more about being social. The happier you feel, the better you'll do at work. And, very often, being socially connected can help you find a future job.

Angela Copeland, a leadership and career expert, can be reached at copelandcoaching.com.

Santa Clara County sends ballots to non-citizens

Four San Jose non-citizen permanent residents received Santa Clara County 2022 election ballots last week. Copies of the documents were reviewed by



San Jose Inside last week.

They received election ballots in the mail even though it is illegal for non-citizen permanent residents to vote in U.S. elections.

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters confirmed that the four individuals sub-

mitted registration forms through the California Department of Motor Vehicles and "information was included in transmissions from the DMV to the ROV."

"Our office sends ballots to all individuals who are listed as active voters in our voter registration database. The ROV receives voter registration information from several sources including the DMV," said Evelyn Mendez, Public and Legislative Affairs Manager for the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. "As to these individuals, their information was included in transmissions from the DMV to the ROV. It is our understanding that the DMV screens people that obtain drivers licenses or state IDs to verify that they are citizens," Mendez said.

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Times Feature

Tech Jargon of the week

AutoML

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:

AutoML

When you first hear the word AutoML or Auto machine learning, you may think it means machine learning for cars. But it means far from that.

Machine learning, which deals mainly with data modeling (selecting the best algorithm, tuning its parameters, etc.), is part of a larger data science toolkit that encompasses things like data preparation and descriptive analytics, to name a few. Keeping that in mind, AutoML is the process of automating end-to-end the process of applying machine learning to real-world problems.

In a typical machine learning application, practitioners have a dataset consisting of input data points to train on. The raw data itself may not be in a form that all algorithms may be applicable to it out of the box. An expert may have to apply the appropriate data pre-processing, feature engineering, feature extraction, and feature selection methods that make the dataset amenable for machine learning. Following

those preprocessing steps, practitioners must then perform algorithm selection and hyperparameter optimization to maximize the predictive performance of their final machine learning model. As many of these steps are often beyond the abilities of non-experts, AutoML was proposed as an artificial intelligence-based solution to the ever-growing challenge of applying machine learning. Automating the process of applying machine learning end-to-end offers the advantages of producing simpler solutions, faster creation of those solutions, and models that often outperform models that were designed by hand.

Basically, AutoML services provide machine learning at the click of a button, or, at the very least, promise to keep algorithm implementation, data pipelines, and code, in general, hidden from view.

Currently, selecting the “best” algorithm to use per dataset requires a level of intuition or expertise about the data. Data scientists leverage their experience to experiment with different combinations of models and hyperparameter values to achieve the highest accuracy.

AutoML will lessen our dependency on intuition by iteratively trying out an algorithm, scoring its performance, and choosing and refining other models. In other words, it will automate the machine learning process of the data science workflow.

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Times Feature



Stacey Tappan (left), Vanessa Becerra and Karin Mushegain in Alma Deutscher's "Cinderella" at Opera San José in 2017. Photo: Robert Shomler

Opera San José presents Alma Deutscher's 'Cinderella' Nov. 12-27 at California Theater

A historical performance of world acclaimed 17-year-old female composer Alma Deutscher and all kids who attend on a special performance called Cinderella Day can pay to get in by matching their age for ticket price! Made possible by those who care about the arts.

Opera San José will host the international operatic conducting debut of prodigy composer/musician Alma Deutscher, who will take the podium for a lavish production of her landmark opera, Cinderella November 12-27 at the California Theater in San Jose.

Based on the classic fairytale, this family-friendly work is reset at an opera company run by a scheming stepmother, in which the title character is a brilliant composer laboring as a lowly copyist. In this production, Cinderella is united with her prince not because a glass slipper fits, but with the beginning of a melody only she knows how to continue.

Internationally acclaimed production

In 2017, California Theatre audiences watched the sold-out American premiere of the already internationally acclaimed Cinderella by the then 13-year-old composer, in a production supported by the Packard Humanities Institute (PHI). Opera San José and PHI again join forces to welcome Deutscher back, with the now 17-year-old taking the baton in this pivotal moment in her career.

Director Brad Dalton will return to revive his stunning original production.

Kids can pay their age

Opera San José will be presenting a Cinderella Family Day* for the performance 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 19, for which children's tickets are "Pay Their Age." Casting includes Natalia Santaliz as Cinderella, Joey Hammod-Leppek as The Prince, Ben Brady as The King, Stacey Tappan as Griselda, Julia Dawson as Zibaldona, Rena Harms as The Stepmother, Megan Esther Grey as Fairy, and Lance LaShelle as The Minister.

Cinderella will be sung in English, with English supertitles, with performances from November 12-27, 2022 (dates/times below) at the California Theatre, 345 South 1st Street, San Jose. For more information or to purchase tickets* (\$55-\$195), the public can visit operasj.org or call (408) 437-4450 (open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). *Must be purchased in advance online, one adult ticket must accompany the order and children's tickets are "Pay Their Age" (minimum \$5).

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Wrath of the witch

By Matthew Frazier
Certified Water Manager

As a certified water manager, I have undergone extensive education and training in many arenas and facets of The Water Industry – beginning as a consultant and salesperson in garden centers and nurseries and now in the employ of a stormwater firm.

A little over fifteen years ago The Witch Fire unleashed its wrath. As a water professional, I do not have the authoritative knowledge and wisdom of a fire professional, but I have attended and completed some trainings which have a direct impact on Irrigation Design and Water Management.

Fifteen years ago, I was working in a family-owned nursery here in Almaden Valley, with ambitions of becoming a landscape architect or landscape designer. This was my very first nursery job and I had little knowledge of the mechanics and nuances of fire and its impact on the environs and landscapes of California.

The Witch Creek Fire
Vague memories serve me only in that there was an abundance of media coverage of one fire in particular: The Witch Creek Fire – also known as The Witch Fire and The Witch Guejito-Poomacha Complex Fire. All I knew then of this fire is that it devastated the city of San Diego and the county of San Diego.

In preparation of writing this column entry ... I watched several video clips of media coverage plus read some articles. My words and my limited knowledge of this fire does not do it justice in one brief and succinct column entry. But ... The toll it took is one of legend: More than 197,000 acres burned. Combatted by San Diego Fire Rescue ... 73 engines ... 7 trucks ... 420 personnel deployed ... This is one of magnitude.



Water Wise
Matthew Frazier,
Certified Water
Manager

The power of fire

Nearly one year ago I had the good fortune of a course in Firescaping taught by a renowned author and subject matter expert who gave a comprehensive and thoughtful tour of the danger and the power of fire and what we can do to minimize the damage and the impacts. For those who do not work directly with fire on an hourly or daily basis, the effect is not the same. As a water professional, I gained a renewed reverence for this powerful component of nature.

One of the first items I consulted in writing this column entry is a very well-documented account of The Witch Fire on Wikipedia. The origins and the progression of this haunted apparition force is given in great detail, including its proliferation and aggregation with other fires along the way – consuming nearly all in its path.

According to the sources I referenced ... “The Witch Creek Fire forced the evacuation of at 500,000 persons from over 346,000 homes throughout San Diego County.” Having lived in San Jose and Santa Clara Valley

my entire life ... I have not seen a fire of this magnitude but I feel deep sorrow for those who lost everything in this torrent of terror.

Preventive maintenance

The sage advice I and my peers were given pertains directly to preventive maintenance of homes and properties, including ensuring that there are abundant and clear “defensible spaces” within the path of destruction of fires. The phenomenon of “convection effects” and “fire brands” are worth researching, along with the details and specifics of this fire and the others which have plagued California. From what I recall, it is the cumulative heat from the fires that lashes out ahead of the flames and consumes materials and structures at a rapid rate.

I re-assert that I am not an expert in the arena of fire management nor fire mitigation but I have a deep respect for those who are. As a water manager, I see the direct impact of drought and insufficient irrigation contributing to the kindling for these raging California fires.

To do the subject justice, I encourage each and all to reach out to your local fire agencies and organizations and request literature and training on what we can do to manage and mitigate the risks associated with both urban and wild fires.

This column concerns water wise topics but I am hard pressed to find a more immediate example than the fires of California and especially those which have left a lasting impression. Safety and best wishes to each and all.

Matthew Frazier is a CLCA Expert Certified Water Manager. You may contact Matt by email: kitchenfrazier@hotmail.com

San Jose Chamber Orchestra presents Ourland: A Dystopian State

San José Chamber Orchestra (SJCO) will present Ourland: A Dystopian State on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 pm.

“I’m thrilled to announce our 2022-2023 season of musical renewal”, said San José Chamber Orchestra Founder and Music Director Barbara Day Turner. “These past two years have re-confirmed my long-held belief that live music, with its sense of involvement and exchange of energy between performers and audience, is a completely different art form than any other. We hope to see many new faces at our concerts and make many new friends during this upcoming season of creative programming of known repertoire and world premieres.”

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Selections reflecting the winter season holidays
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3. Bring the completed VSD-001 to a DMV field office.

4. Pay the nonrefundable application fee.

5. Pay an additional \$5 fee to add the veteran designation to your DL/ID card (applicants who qualify for a reduced fee, or no fee driver license or identification card may waive the \$5 fee).

Note: SB 837 will take effect on January 1, 2023, and will eliminate the one-time \$5 fee to add a veteran designation to a driver's license or identification card.

Visit dmv.ca.gov/online to get started.

Q2: Can my friends and extended family visit me at a military base without a REAL ID?

A2: Starting May 3, 2023, everyone will need a federally approved form of identification, such as a REAL ID or passport, to enter military bases and other federal facilities. Military IDs will meet this requirement, but civilians who wish to visit bases will need to ensure they have federally compliant identification, such as a REAL ID.

You can start your REAL ID application online now to beat the rush as the enforcement date draws closer. After completing your online application and uploading your documents, visit your local DMV office with your documents to finish the application process. Visit dmv.ca.gov/REALID to get started.

Q3: How is licensing handled for U.S. Armed Forces and Foreign Service personnel away from home?

A3: If you are out of state on active military service in the U.S. Armed Forces or U.S. Foreign Service, you and your spouse's California DLs will continue to be valid beyond the normal expiration date. DMV will send you an Extension of License for Person in Armed Forces (DL 236) card to carry with your DL. The DL 236 card shows CVC §12817, which authorizes the extension of your and your spouse's DLs.

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For more information or answers to questions specifically for veterans, active military, and their family members, please visit the DVM website at www.dmv.ca.gov

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and the yearning for peace. Includes Rene Clausen's In Pace, Across the Calm Waters by Ahmed Alabaca, Pacem: Find Love from Ben Allaway's Heaven & Earth: A Celtic Mass, and the premiere of "Molytva Pro Protsvitannya" ("A prayer for prosperity") written by the Choral Project's director Daniel Hughes.

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4 Bed | 2 Bath | 1797 Sq Ft | 7601 Sq Ft Lot

Totally remodeled single story home in the Almaden Woodside neighborhood. Recessed lighting, fresh interior paint, soaring ceiling, skylights, tile flooring. High peak ceiling, transom windows, plantation shutters, new carpet, fireplace with brick hearth, sliders that provide access to the backyard. Kitchen has granite slab counters and plenty of maple cabinetry. A dual height counter has room for extra seating. NEST thermostat, Tesla Motors cable wall connector EV charger, SolarEdge HD-wave, Generac backup generator. Graystone Elementary, Bret Harte Middle and Leland High School.

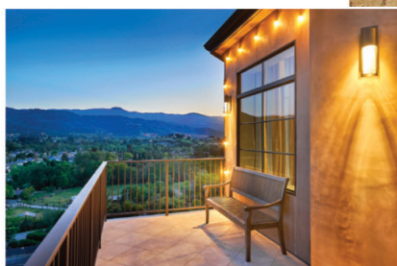


20601 Via Santa Teresa

\$4,990,000

5 Bed | 4 Bath | 3 Half-Baths | 7158 Sq Ft | 2.62 Acre Lot

Enter the private driveway up to this stunning Almaden Valley executive-style home and you are immediately awestruck by panoramic views in Santa Clara County. This architectural masterpiece incorporates the sweeping views into almost every room in the home. Gourmet kitchen, office/library, media room, game room, bonus room that could be an "in-law" suite. Tesla charging station. Solar. 4-car garage with workshop. Numerous balconies as well as the side yard with outdoor kitchen, two sitting areas, fire pit, pergola, hot tub, lawn, and pavers. Top schools: Graystone, Bret Harte, Leland.



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