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ELECTION 2022

\$572 million general obligation bond passes

Half billion-dollar tax bill owed by those living within boundaries of East Side Union High School District

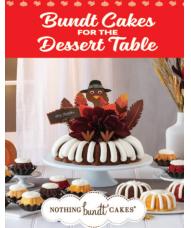
By Times Media Staff Writers Special to the Times his may be one of the largest

school district bonds ever passed in our area of San Jose.

On the election night of November 8, 2022 voters in the boundaries of East Side Union High School District approved the Measure N bond on the ballot.

The school district literature states, "With no increase in future tax rates, the estimated average annual tax rate is less than 3¢ per \$100 of assessed value while bonds are outstanding."

Other aspects of this bond are See BOND, page 6



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Evergreen School District board election results

By William Bellou Publisher

School District Board of Trusour seats on the Evergreen tees were up for general election on November 8, 2022, including one seat that was up in a special election.

Mary Hiền Pollett was the highest vote getter at 12,940 votes. Jeremy Barousse received 12,699 votes, Stan Rose received 11,348 votes, and incumbent Jim Zito received 11,175 votes.

Jeremy Barousse and Alecia Kelley ran in the special (Short Term) general election for Evergreen School District Board of Trustees due to the resignation of board member Leila Welch. Ms. Welch has served on the ESD Board since December 2016. "It is with a full heart that I bid goodbye to the Evergreen School District community." she said. Barousse won the special election.

Evergreen Elementary School District serves more than 11,000 K-12 students.

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with 54.21% of the vote.

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istrict 8 San Jose Coun-

cilmember Sylvia Arenas

has won the Santa Clara

County Supervisor District 1 race

Former District 10 San Jose

City Councilmember Johnny

Khamis received 45.79% of the

vote. Total number of votes cast

Khamis and Arenas beat out

three candidates in the June pri-

mary to replace Supervisor Mike

Wasserman, who terms out at

Sylvia Arenas the end of the year.

When District 1 boundaries were re-drawn by a redistricting process last year, Khamis was forced to sell his south San Jose home to stay within the new District 1 boundaries.

Clockwise, from top left: Pollett, Zito,

Rose, Barousse

"It is with a full heart

that I bid goodbye to

the Evergreen School

District community."

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since December 2016

– Leila Welch

The district no longer has the conservative stronghold areas of Almaden Valley and Los Gatos in its borders. The new boundary now extends to include several new San Jose neighborhoods including Evergreen Valley and Silver Creek.

Khamis conceded the race to the Bay Area News Group on Monday saying he has no intention of calling Arenas.

"My opponent cast me as a 'MAGA Republican,' a tactic that was both "dishonest and deceitful."



Cindy Chavez, a San Jose mayoral candidate, speaks to supporters at her election night party in Willow Glen. Photo by Tran Nguyen.

Cindy Chavez concedes to Mahan in SJ mayor's race

By Joseph Geha, Tran Nguyen, Ramona Giwargis and William Bellou

ith precinct reporting showing 100% of ballots counted, Cindy Chavez conceded the San Jose mayoral race to Matt Mahan, though there were still mail in ballots to be counted (as shown on the tabula-

tion of ballots on the Women's League of Voters website.) At the time of Chavez' concession, San Jose mayoral candidate Matt Mahan led opponent Cindy Chavez by 6,351 votes as of Monday afternoon.

Mahan had received 123,436 votes (51.32%) compared to Chavez' 117,085 votes (48.68%). See CHAVEZ, page 7

Politics: a war zone?

By Frank Shortt Times staff writer

Who will be responsible for the mess?

From all indications, war was declared at the corner of San Felipe and Yerba Buena Road prior to the mid-term election.

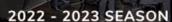
At this particular corner, signs of different political aspirants were up and down for a few months. It seems that these particular jobs are so important that war is being declared on their opponents

Torn to Shreds

One day, one can see one particular group, next day, a new group appears. Signs are not disappearing! They are just being torn to shreds by someone, maybe a vandal? It is easy to see why this corner See POLITICS, page 6



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OpEd Campaign sign wars: which side is telling the truth?

By Kevin Larsen

Big money is spent for signs that say Vote for Me!

During the run to election day, politicians and their crews of helpers began to complain about someone pulling up their signs.

Wind blew them down?

Did the wind blow them down? Not likely. In what was considered a new modern sign composed of metal holder and perhaps environmentally friendly plastic the same thickness as a shopping bag, scissors were used. Look at the dastardly deed (see photo below) where someone cut out the name of the opponent. That's true tampering and it





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Politicians complained about the opposition pulling signs up out of the ground and taking them. Opposing candidates say, "We're facing the same problem." But there is a doubt to which side is telling the truth.

Anger, angst and sadness It's a contentious political time. Posts on NEXTDOOR are perhaps strategically posted to buoy up political campaigns. Anger angst and sadness chum the waters of the election process. Everyone is tired and on edge.

There are some very upbeat, clean and pristine signs too, of innocent campaigns for school board that simply disappear. It is a violation of the campaign code of ethics but there is no such thing in existence. Might makes right and if signs are taken perhaps, it's an adrenalin rush for the opposition in the secret act of hunting and destroying advertising.

Some get angry of when dirt is thrown hard and sticks to mailed flyers and door hangers which expound upon expert detailed efforts to twist truth and malign opposition. This might also trigger the theft of campaign signs in acts of desperation. Emotions run high.

Maybe at night the lawn sign takers, under the cloak of darkness, forget that cameras film their every action.

Videos on the internet are posted which catch the thieves in the act of stealing of signs and putting them in their trunk, all caught on camera, yet opposing sides do not prosecute the crime. Some candidates have hundreds of signs removed and replace them at \$8 each.

Some say they get tired of the signs along their property and did not understand after they were cited, that it was wrong for them to take signs on public land along roads.

Manufacturers of signs that get taken are happy for if they are stolen then more are quickly ordered to replace them.

Lovely Democracy

The campaign literature is divisive and good to read. I like the bickering of the candidates and the mushrooming of signs all over the place. For me it is lovely Democracy.

After election day, most candidates are good about packing up all their campaign signs along roads and such. They are removed gracefully and the war is forgotten.

Things got nasty in San Jose this election and people are tired of campaign sign wars.

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Clara with her Nutcracker in a scene from the 2018 production of "The Nutcracker."

57th Production of San Jose Dance Theatre's The Nutcracker

Experience the magic of this Bay Area tradition starting Dec 9-18

By Cathe Huynh-Sison Special to the Times

udiences across San Jose will be swept up in the magic of the season as San Jose Dance Theatre returns to live performances this December, with the 57th annual classic Christmas favorite: The Nutcracker, performing at The San Jose Center for the Performing Arts.

The longest-running live production of The Nutcracker in San Jose, celebrating its 57th year, has been a Bay Area family tradition since 1964. The company is very excited to perform once again with the Cambrian Symphony, with musical direction by Scott Krijnen.

San Jose Dance Theatre has created countless family memories and holiday traditions with the magical production of their Nutcracker! Step into an enchanting world of elegant sugarplums, a thrilling battle between brave soldiers and menacing mice, waltzing flowers, and a new extra-large Christmas Tree that grows to more than 200 feet tall.

This year features San Jose Dance Theatre's professional ballet company and youth ensemble – choreographed by Mark Foehringer, Mariana Zschoerper and accompanied by a live orchestra, the Cambrian Symphony.

This production offers an unforgettable experience. San Jose Dance Theatre is excited to present this year's production back in the theater at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts in downtown San Jose, December 9 - 18. Audiences will be awed by the grace and talent of exquisite performers from our professional company.

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"We are very excited to be back in the theater this year, and with our professional ballet company performing in the original San Jose Nutcracker," Foehringer said. "I'm so excited to be able to share this Christmas tradition with the community again this year."

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- Sun., December 11, 2022 @ 2pm
- Fri., December 16, 2022 @ 7:30pm
- Sat., December 17, 2022 @ 2pm & 7:30pm
- Sun., December 18, 2022 @ 2pm

Editor's note: Looking for a shorter production of The Nutcracker for young children? On December 9 and 16 @ 10:30am, SJDT will present Once Upon a Nutcracker, a condensed, 45-minute version of The Nutcracker at a reduced ticket price.

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What is Measure N?

Measure N is a general obligation (GO) bond measure on the November 8, 2022, general election ballot. If approved by 55% of district votes cast, it will result in an extension of the current tax rate to authorize \$572 million to make renovations and improve schools and classrooms

throughout the East Side Union High School District. In addition, voter approval of Measure N will allow the district to qualify for state matching funds.

What taxpayer protections are in place?

Measure N ensures that an inde-

pendent Citizens' Oversight Committee must review and report on all bond expenditures, and a third-party auditor must annually audit all bond expenditures. Measure N includes a specific list of projects that bond funds may be spent on. Laws prohibit funds from being used for administrators' salaries, pensions, or benefits. Measure N bond funds must be spent on East Side Union High School DIstrict's projects and cannot be taken by the state.

What is a GO bond?

California school districts commonly use GO bonds to fund improvement projects, such as constructing and renovating classrooms. Similar to a home loan, GO bonds are repaid over time. Funds to

Politics

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Magic

Continued from page 1 is important for a political wanna-be. It is easily seen by anyone from the Villages or the Estates as they go to work in the morning,



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someone has learned the political leanings of the other candidate and made sure that their signs were not seen! Is this a reflection of the war that is going on in America between the two major rivals for the running of our U.S. Government?

repay the bonds come from a tax on

all taxable property-residential,

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Will Measure N increase my tax-

It is projected that Measure N will

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of less than 3¢ per \$100 of assessed

Assessed value should not be con-

While bonds are outstanding, the

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and is typically lower than market

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tural—located within the district

especially if they turn to the left at Yerba Buena Road or head on down San Felipe.

We would all like to accuse the vandalism on wayward youth the homeless, or maybe escapees from some mental institution who have nothing better to do. But, it could go a lot deeper than that! It could be that

What we would all like to know is; who will pay to clean up the aftermath of this crazy political campaign? Who will step forward after the election and volunteer to take down the signs now that they no longer matter?

Who knows?



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Chavez

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The county mailed 524,698 ballots to registered voters in San Jose and 240,521 have been received this week, according to PDI, a voter data and campaign software company.

And with every new batch of election results tallied thus far, Mahan had only widened his lead over Chavez. Voter turnout is estimated at 55% to 65%.

"In my experience, when there's a gap like this, it doesn't usually change as more votes come in. But according to the registrar, there's still almost half the votes to be counted," said Terry Christensen, a retired San Jose State political science professor.

When asked if Chavez could have caught up, Christensen said "there's a possibility."

"But I really think it's an outside chance," he added.

"It was a spirited campaign," Chavez told San José Spotlight. "My focus remains on representing my community on the Board of Supervisors."

Mahan thanked his supporters on social media Thursday morning.

"We've had an edge in every count released so far, including mail-in and election-day ballots," Mahan said.

Early vote-by-mail ballots and those cast at polling centers on Election Day have been counted as of Wednesday night, according to the elections office, while last-minute mail-in ballots, those dropped off on Tuesday and provisional ballots are still being counted.

A closer look

To understand what's happening in this week's election and how a political newcomer like Mahan with two years on the San Jose City Council could beat out a two-decade politician like Chavez, one can look at history.

It traces back to voter turnout, especially in the city's east side. Midterms are known to have lower turnout without an exciting topof-the-ticket presidential race to draw voters. The 2020 presidential election, for example, had historic turnout levels of nearly 85% across Santa Clara County.

The disparity is why advocates championed a measure to move San Jose's mayoral elections to presidential years, promising at least 10,000 more ballots cast. Voters approved that measure in June, and whoever wins the mayor's race this year must seek reelection in 2024 when turnout is expected to rise.

Chavez's defeat this year has remnants of the 2014 San Jose mayoral election—the last time the city elected a new mayor. In that matchup, Mayor Sam Liccardo narrowly defeated then-Supervisor Dave Cortese, who's now a state senator. Liccardo's narrow win was secured by a resounding victory in West San Jose, a more affluent area of the city with higher voter turnout historically. Cortese won handily in East San Jose, but because of low voter turnout, he lost to Liccardo by just 2,750 votes. Countywide, turnout was only 50% in the 2014 election.

Chavez supporters hoped history would not repeat itself this year. In the June primary, Chavez flipped west side districts won by Liccardo eight years ago, such as in downtown, South Willow Glen in District 6 and Stevens Creek in District 1.

And unlike the 2014 race, which was split down San Jose's ideological business-versuslabor lines, Chavez plucked support from the business community despite her significant labor ties. She snagged support from the San Francisco 49ers, former Bloom Energy executive Carl Guardino and former San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce leader Jim Cunneen, cutting into Mahan's expected base. Special interest groups spent \$3.4 million to support Chavez and \$1.7 million to support Mahan.

Mahan also had an advantage with early mail-in ballots, with 61,088 votes. Chavez received 60,080 early mail-in ballots.

By the numbers

The lowest ballot returns so far are in East San Jose districts, which have higher concentrations of minorities and people of color. Those are voters likely to cast ballots for more progressive candidates like Chavez.



San Jose Councilmember and mayoral candidate **Matt Mahan** speaks to supporters at his election night party in downtown San Jose. *Photo by Tran Nguyen.*

As of Wednesday night, Districts 5 and 7, both in the heart of East San Jose, had a turnout of 25% and 26%, respectively.

But in more affluent, west and south side districts—those won handily by moderate, business-backed leaders like Liccardo—the percentage of ballots returned is more than 10% higher. In Dis tricts 6, 9 and 10 which encompass Willow Glen, Cambrian and Almaden and Blossom Valley, the turnout is 38%, according to PDI. In Evergreen Valley's District 8 the turnout was 31% with nearly 20,000 ballots received.

"Turnout was down a little bit (this election), which probably hurt Chavez," Christensen said. He added the disparity in voter turnout between the east and west sides is not surprising for San Jose. "It's typical of what we have seen in the past: higher turnout in west side and lower turnout in east side."

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Evergreen residents Chloe Chow and Bernardine Landicho named to Biola University's Deans List

E vergreen Valley residents Chloe Chow and Bernardine Landicho have been named to Biola University's Deans List in spring 2022.

Biola students are placed on the Dean's List to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

Chloe Chow

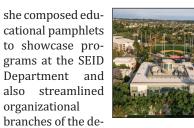
Chow is majoring in Communication Sciences Disorders. Her goal is to become a pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist! Aside from her passion for serving

kids, Chow is proficient in digital content creation, social media, and marketing.

Bernardine Landicho

Landicho is majoring in Psychology. She recently served as an Administrative Coordinator for Biola University. There





partment to better serve colleagues and the student community.

"Inclusion in Biola University's Dean's List is reserved for students who demonstrate exceptional performance in their academic studies. This honor signifies hard work, engagement and investment in scholarship," said Tamara Anderson, Associate Provost of Academic Effectiveness and Administration. "These attributes are the building blocks of continued success, not only in the classroom, but in the workplace and in the students' personal lives."

Biola University, founded in 1908, is a nationally ranked Christian university in the heart of Southern California. It was recently recognized as one of America's best colleges, earning a spot in the top tier of the "Best national universities" category of U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges 2023 rankings.

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County's Fentanyl working group sets standard for Cortese's Bill attempting to prevent more Fentanyl poisoning deaths

State Senator Dave Cortese (D-San Jose) is calling for the expansion of Fentanyl prevention programming and services statewide to support schools and youth serving organizations.

Cortese says he intends to introduce a statewide framework to prevent Fentanyl overdoses through a legislative vehicle in the upcoming 2023-24 state legislative session.

One in five youth deaths caused by fentanyl As reported recently by The Mercury News, fentanyl was responsible for an astounding one in five youth deaths (ages 15-to-24) in California last year.

Building on the work of Santa Clara County's Fentanyl Working Group and in partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, Senator Cortese's proposal will focus on awareness as well as access to lifesaving Naloxone (Narcan) training and distribution at targeted locations with high populations of youth.

The legislation will include:

• Distributing widespread information on the impact of fentanyl; and

• Asking counties to set up Behavioral Health Advisory Councils; and

• Establishing a Restorative Justice framework for unintentional possession by victims of spiking; and

• Embedding fentanyl prevention groups in school-site councils to facilitate site-based de-

cision making for schools; and

• Providing schools with Narcan kits and training on how to mitigate the side effects of Fentanyl.

"The fentanyl crisis and its deadly effects on youth is of grave concern. Recent data shows fentanyl deaths amongst youth doubled in one year alone. We cannot wait for this crisis to exacerbate further. I am committed to introducing legislation rooted in prevention and education to combat the skyrocketing overdoses that have plagued youth statewide," says California State Senator, Dave Cortese.

The framework will build off the successful prevention model being implemented in Santa Clara County in partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services, and the Santa Clara County Opioid Overdose Prevention Project.

"This crisis requires a comprehensive statewide, multipronged approach. Schools have an essential role in both raising awareness about the dangers of fentanyl and keeping lifesaving medications on hand. Through our program, we are ensuring that schools, communities, and families have access to Narcan. Narcan kits have been provided to attendees immediately after receiving the training and used successfully within days" says Santa Clara County Superintendent, Dr. Mary De-



BEAUTIFUL BOBCAT -- This beautiful bobcat had gone up a tree behind our home in the Villages Golf and Country Club trying to catch a squirrel. However, the squirrel got away. The bobcat, pictured here coming down the tree, was not happy I was out taking his picture. *Photo by Lou Alexander*.

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Lives of two San Jose high school students saved last month with Narcan kits

The Santa Clara County fentanyl-working group established by Supervisor Cindy Chavez and District Attorney Jeff Rosen last April has made great strides in supplying school districts with Narcan kits and training school staff members on how to administer Narcan, which in turn has already saved the lives of two high school students last month in San Jose.

Online pills can be laced with fentanyl "Narcan kits need to be in schools, in health clinics, bars and on public transportation," says Santa Clara County Supervisor, Cindy Chavez. "There is still a great void of information for youth, parents, teachers and health care workers on the dangers of ordering pills and other narcotics online. A substantial number of youth have died because they ordered pills online that they didn't know were laced with fentanyl. That is why we launched a fentanyl public service campaign on all platforms."

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Times **Editorial**

Op Ed Who would want to vote for 'that guy?'

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I won't miss those shiny, expensive looking attack ad fliers that come in the mail.

Every election they arrive just before I have to get up and cast that ballot.

Wow! They are expensive looking things. One I got had the preferred Democratic slate on one side...all smiling, happy; looking good. On the other side was the demon they were attacking. Looked almost like a confused Halloween costume character who had gone awry. Who would want to vote for "that guy"? Read all the stuff about him and you would think he was "hell warmed over."

I guess that stuff will sway a few who had a few too many beers the night before; but really?

You have probably shaken my hand at some time and it didn't destroy your persona. You probably hold some political positions that I would not support but being seen with me won't destroy your integrity; apparently not so if you are running for office.

I don't dislike Democrats, Republicans,

Independents or anyone who wants to serve the community through elected office. It is a tough job to lead in the community and I admire them for wanting to do so!

Okay, the candidates will say they aren't responsible for what political action committees do. But candidates do have some responsibility for the company they keep. You rarely hear of any one of them denouncing the twisted truths and lies written about the 'opposition' on their behalf.

It surely troubles me that many of these attack ads in our area come from Unions proudly bearing the name of the City's Fire Department or whatever. When you spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on each campaign candidate I suggest you not call me for a contribution to support your favorite charity project. My recommendation to you would be to take the money you spend on this junk mail and use it for a good cause to help the people you say you want to help.

Unions are a great institution when they advocate for the workers. When they push political candidates at the expense of worthy alternative candidates they are doing a disservice to the workers. That is, the Union institution does NOT determine how an individual union member votes in the election. *See FLIERS, next page*



LETTER TO THE EDITOR Temple update appreciated by therapist

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publishing an update on the Wat Khmer Kampuchea Krom Temple, a vision that we Cambodians deeply hope will come to fruition.

As a Mental Health Therapist at Gardner Health Services, I have unfortunately seen far too many Cambodian clients, right here in San Jose; suffer from the unimaginable atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge. These clients are dealing with PTSD (posttraumatic stress disorder) from a war-ravaged country; the infamous "Killing Fields" where more than two million of our people were killed; and the devastating experiences of being refugees in a foreign country, arriving with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Gardner Health Services is a San Jose-based nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive medical and mental healthcare to assist many of these clients.

The Temple will offer the opportunity for our people to come together and heal from the atrocities we have suffered. It will be a safe haven for our community and also provide opportunities for our children to practice their faith, learn about their heritage, and preserve our rich culture.

The Khmer Krom community has gone above and beyond to reach out to the Evergreen neighbors to create a Temple they can be proud of. I sincerely hope we can come together to embrace this Temple community and support our neighbors for years to come.

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More traffic fatalities and severe injuries occur after Daylight Saving Time ends, because there is less sunlight illuminating the road. And did you know that in 2022, we are on track to surpass record fatality numbers?

To fight the spike of traffic crashes as days grow shorter the Department of Transportation is deploying several electronic message boards across San José this fall and winter.

These boards contain messages that remind drivers to be aware of people walking, rolling, or riding bikes. You can find them at the following locations and on the following dates.

Heightened police presence

Please note that these locations and dates are subject to change. You will also find heightened police presence near these locations, enforcing traffic laws.

The Department of Transportation suggests we all slow down, put our cell phone and other distractions away, and look out when it's dark out!

Electronic message board locations and schedule

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But they do spend the Union members money!

The final election results will most likely show that not all members of the slate won in their run for office. That's because the electorate is astute enough to know what they can and cannot believe is fact about the candidates.

Personally, I would love to see these poor excuses for campaigning disappear.

They could be replaced with facts, positions and what the candidates plan to do while in office. That would be difficult for some of them because they have no plan and they really don't know what they will do in office.

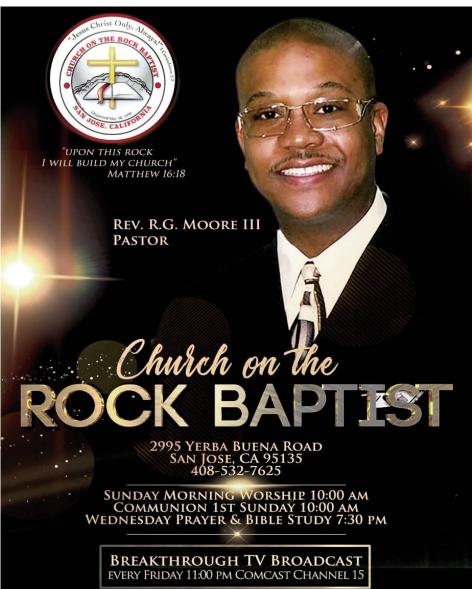
So, congratulations to all the winners. May you all serve the community well.

And I guess those political action committees etc will give us hell again next time around. Just don't spend so much money on this stuff. It's not edifying.

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SEASON OPENER CONCERT Philharmonic Orchestra performs Debussy, Ibert, Saint-Saëns, Dvorák and Smetana

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The orchestra, under the artistic leadership of Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, will open with Debussy's Nocturnes – Fêtes, with its impressionistic and fantastical vision of a festival, followed by Saint-Saëns' lively and cheerful Marche Héroïque, and end with Smetana's patriotic and inspirational The Moldau.

The concert also features two winners from the 2022 Young Artists' Competition, proudly sponsored by the San Jose Symphony Foundation. Outstanding young soloists, **Grace Yan** (below left), flutist, will perform Ibert's Concerto for Flute and Orchestra; and **Justin Kim** (below right), cellist, will perform Dvořák's Cello Concerto in B minor.



Grace Yan is a junior at Evergreen Valley High School. She has been playing the flute since she was 5 years old. This is her fourth season with the San Jose Youth Symphony, having been with the Avant and Avancé Flute Choirs during her first two years before joining the Philharmonic Orchestra last season.

Justin Kim is a junior at Bellarmine College Preparatory. He started playing the piano when he was 5 years old and then started playing cello at age 8. He first joined the San Jose Youth Symphony in 4th grade and is currently in his 2nd season with the Philharmonic Orchestra.

The San Jose Youth Symphony (SJYS) is one of the oldest and finest youth orchestras on the West Coast of the U.S. Founded over seven decades ago as part of the former San Jose Symphony, SJYS has a rich tradition of musical performance and education.

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Career Corner Emergency preparedness for your career

By Angela Copeland

grew up in a town just outside of Oklahoma City. It's called Moore. Very few people have heard of Moore, unless they've seen it on the news. It's on the national news because of one thing: tornadoes.



Moore is the home to some of the worst and most destructive tornadoes that have ever occurred. The people of Moore are warm, caring, and hardworking. But what they also are is prepared. The residents there are prepared to go for days or weeks without water, electricity, or food. They have storm shelters, generators, and food preparations.

What do tornadoes have to do with your career? Well, in the same way that a tornado can blow out of nowhere and take away a home, your career can unexpectedly change with no warning. We've all seen the news. The economy is struggling. Tech companies are having layoffs at levels that we haven't seen in many years. They sometimes appear out of nowhere and with very little warning. Layoffs can devastate those impacted not just for a few days, but for weeks, months, or even years. Job loss is a severe event with a ripple of consequences.

In the same way that the people of Moore prepare for tornadoes when the weather is calm, the time to prepare a backup career *See CAREER CORNER, page 17* Times News

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County narrowly misses water conservation goal

Water savings was 13% in Sept 2022 compared to Sept 2019

fter exceeding its water conservation goal in back-to-back months, Santa Clara County fell just shy of the target in September 2022. Countywide water use dropped to 13% compared to the same time in 2019.

While the number falls 2% short of the 15% call made by Valley Water's Board of Directors in June 2021, it still signifies a dramatic increase in water savings compared to September 2021, when residents and businesses saved just 7%.

'We're here to support every resident and business in their efforts to conserve water," said John L. Varela, Valley Water Chair Pro Tem. "By continuing to work together, we can all make a difference in our communities and ensure that we have enough safe, clean water for generations to come.

No watering landscapes during and 48 hours after rainfall

As we begin to see more rain, Valley Water reminds everyone to turn off irrigation systems. Under the new outdoor watering



restrictions, residents and businesses are prohibited from watering landscapes during and 48 hours after rainfall. Repeated violations could result in fines. Additional watering restrictions include eliminating runoff, midday watering, and watering non-functional turf on commercial, industrial and institutional sites.

Over 1,750 water waste water reports received

Since the residential and commercial outdoor watering restrictions were put into effect, Valley Water has received more than 1,750 water waste reports.

As we head into the fall and winter months when outdoor water use typically goes down, Valley Water is asking businesses and residents to be mindful of indoor water use.

"Valley Water continues to encourage residents, businesses, farms, and others to follow watering restrictions and take actions, both large and small, to increase water savings," Varela said.

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METZGER HOME

Have you seen this beautiful old house located at the central entrance of The Meadowlands? Did you know it's a historical landmark filled with the history of a family who dwelled here over a century ago? Their property held beautiful vineyards, acres of prunes, nut trees, vegetables, alfalfa, cows, horses, pigs, and chickens. Fred Metzger Sr. was one of the founding members of the CA Prune and Apricot Growers, Inc. in 1919 that organized the



orchardists throughout CA serving to maintain stable prices for their products throughout the region. Did you know this house was preserved by Meadowlands volunteers who have poured their dedication and love into this site for nearly 40 years? The restored home is a beautiful piece of history right here in Evergreen Valley. Volunteers continue working on the property and working with the city officials for repairs and upkeep. Hope you can be a part of this someday too. – *Veronica Vitale, Meadowlands*

Career Corner

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plan is when things are going well.

First, do not overlook your personal finances. Finding a new job isn't as easy as it sounds. Before, you may have fallen into a new job. Someone called out of the blue when you weren't looking. It felt quick and easy. But, how long does it take to find a job when you're hunting for one? It can take six months or more. The first step of being prepared is to have an emergency fund. Most financial planners suggest having at least enough money in your savings account to cover six months of living expenses. This can take a while to save, so start now.

Next, you should always keep your resume up to date. You never know when you'll need it. In addition, keep your LinkedIn profile up to date, and connect to those in your network. You never know when you may need to reach out to them.

If there are particular networking groups for your field, join them. Stay engaged. Stay in touch with people you've worked with in the past. If a job opportunity were to come available, you want those in your field to think of you. You want to be perceived as the go to person.

Today's message may sound a little bit intense. But, if you're following the news, you've seen that layoffs can happen anytime, and to anyone. The people of Moore bounce back from tornadoes every year. They are able to do it because they did the preparation necessary to weather a storm in advance. This is the time to prepare for your own storm.

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



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Times Feature

IN MEMORY Paul P. Preising 1934 – 2022

Resident of Evergreen Valley Dedicated to the field of education

aul P. Preising passed away, 88 years' young, surrounded by his family in late September. His entrepreneurial spirit, sense of adventure, generous character and inquisitive approach to life are carried on by his beloved 2nd wife of 43 years Ulla Sallinen Preising, and his 4 children (with first wife Mary Jo), 11 grandchildren, and extended family and friends.

Paul's early life was characterized by his aca-

demic achievements in school, although he was a proud Eagle Scout and outstanding athlete as well. Paul graduated from James Ford Rhodes High School, a magnet school at the time, in Ohio with academic honors and as Senior Class President. He then went on to receive full academic scholarships while earning his BA in Sociology at Oberlin College, his MA in History/Education at Vanderbilt University and finally his doctorate degree (Ed.D.) in School Administration at Stanford University. In between his college experiences, Paul served with distinction in the US Army in Germany.

Education career

Paul's professional career was dedicated to the field of education where he excelled as a

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professor (History/Business) and school administrator at San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College in San Jose. He played key roles in writing the program grants and securing federal funds for equipment and programs that materially enhanced the Arts and Sciences at both San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College.

Paul's focus on his work was often accompanied by his always present note cards with "to do's" set out in order of priority for the day. He

> was also known for his short quips with words, such as "there is always enough time to do it over, but never enough time to get it right up front!" Paul was born in Ohio during the Great Depression to Wallace and Helen Preising. He was predeceased by his older brother "Wally" and his younger brother Glen who starred as an offensive lineman at

Syracuse University where he played with the legendary running back Jim Brown.

One of Paul's most important life decisions was to leave the Midwest "snow and sleet" for the California sunshine and the promise of a better life for his family in the San Francisco Bay Area where he resided since 1962. Paul and his family lived in Palo Alto and Los Altos Hills before he eventually settled in the Evergreen area of San Jose. As he always reminded the family, "we are fortunate to live in the greatest metro area, in the greatest state, in the greatest country on the planet!"

Paul was gregarious, enjoyed traveling and exploring especially by car, and was a kid at heart. The many summer car trips he took with his kids and later with his wife Ulla spanned the North American continent and covered virtually all the major national parks from Denali and Kenai, Alaska, to Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii, to Banff, Glacier, Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Anza-Borrego just to name a few, as well as numerous trips with Ulla to the Midwest and East Coast regions of America. Paul also traveled throughout the European Continent bi-annually with Ulla and with special emphasis on Finland, where Ulla's family lived in the community of Ahvensalmi. Traditional ice-cold swims in Finnish lakes followed by a sauna, tasty food and drink, and great company were typical themes while visiting Finland.

One of Paul's favorite activities was driving the autobahn with Ulla in a Mercedes in search of adventure, historical places of interest, and using his fluent German skills to engage people along the way. Once in a car and with time on his hands, he would love to explore every "backwoods" dirt road he could find; much to the chagrin of his kids. Paul was also passionate about history and in particular military history. He shared this intellectual passion with his kids who enjoyed animated discussions with him about great battles and famous military leaders with emphasis on the 20th century. Paul is survived by his wife Ulla as well as his children and grandchildren who love him dearly. He was exceptionally proud of his children and grandchildren: Kurt (T.O.), children Claire (Jacob) and Andy; Vince (Rocio), children Gabriel, Sebastian, and Isabella; Bo (Robyn), children Weston, Tess and Emily; Cheryl, children Patrick, Kyle and Kaitlin.

He will be dearly missed and forever loved by his family, friends and all who knew him.

A celebration of Paul's life will be held in early December. Orchestra presents 'Celebration' Welcome the New Year

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The Program

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• W. A. Mozart: Larghetto from Clarinet Quintet

• Frederic Chopin: Romanze from Piano Concerto in e minor

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Just keep swimming...in deadly conditions (Part 1)

Times Feature

How Machine Learning can help save Coastal Dead Zones

By Apoorva Panidapu You're a goldfish in a special fishbowl.

It's not a bad life, except that if you swim into certain spots of this bowl, you die. Whoops!

Yup, you get suffocated. Ya dead. It's like those messed up "Would You Rather?" games: would you rather stay in the same place for eternity or die of suffocation? Not going to lie, I'm not a fan of either choice.

Luckily, you're not actually a goldfish in a doomsday bowl! Phew, talk about a near-death experience. But, the real fish in our

world's lakes and oceans aren't so lucky. Introducing: dead zones.

(What an ominous intro.)



What are Dead Zones?

Dead zones are exactly what they sound like: areas in bodies of water with near impossible living conditions. Specifically, dead zones are what we call hypoxic, meaning lowoxygen. Since most organisms need oxygen, marine life can't survive in these dead zones.

Okay, here's a solution: just don't live in dead zones. Easy, right?

Not so fast. While some dead zones occur naturally, most are created by, you guessed it, humans. Since the 1960s, the number of documented dead zones has increased from 10 to 415 worldwide because of human activity and interference

How, what, why, when?

In one word: eutrophication. Eutrophication is when a body of water gets an excess of nutrients, usually phosphorus and nitrogen, which then leads to dangerous algal blooms and hypoxic conditions.



Algal blooms, also called "red tides," basically suffocate the sea life beneath them, thereby creating dead zones. These blooms stop light from penetrating the water, keeping oxygen from reaching the organisms un-



By Apoorva



derneath them. As expected, this leads to the mass death of marine mammals, fish, and even shore birds. The excess nutrients lead to rapid and unsustainable growth of algae and aquatic plants. Thus, they eventually use up all the oxygen and die off. But even in death, the colonies of algae are nefarious. As the dead plants and algae sink to the bottom, their bacterial decomposition uses up whatever oxygen is left in the water. Eutrophication typically occurs

near inhabited coast lines because the excess of nutrients comes from things like fertilizers in lawns and agricultural fields, sewage, nitrogen produced by power plants and cars,

urbanization, and other human activities. The levels of the nutrients vary around the world, and in some regions,

atmospheric nitrogen can also worsen eutrophication via the water cycle.

Eutrophication's most dangerous effect? Dead zones.

So while us goldfish can try to avoid the death spots in our fishbowl, these marine life are having their homes turned into dead zones because of massively inefficient agricultural practices. In fact, over half of the phosphorus and almost two-thirds of the nitrogen we use for crops becomes a pollutant.

I've got another "Would You Rather?" for you: would you rather have more crops or aquatic life?

Before you answer, let's talk about the big picture of dead zones.

What do dead zones mean for the future? Literally, it's a bigger picture.

Because of human activities like heavy commercial fertilizer use and factories and sewage facilities, dead zones have grown to cover 95,000 square miles—the size of the UK.

Even if these dead zones don't manage to kill off all the fish in the area, the hypoxic conditions can cause several reproductive problems for them, like low viable egg production, decreasing the size of their reproductive organs, perceived emasculanization (i.e., less female fish), and decreased spawning.

But dead zones don't stop at hurting our only marine ecosystems, they also worsen climate change.

Since 1955, over 90% of excess heat trapped in the atmosphere has been absorbed by the ocean. As global warming heats our ocean and sea temperatures rise (by 0.13°C every decade), dead zones are expanding,

It's a vicious cycle that researchers call the feedback effect: as oxygen levels decrease in areas of coastal waters and approach 0, bacteria turn to nitrogen for energy. It then produces nitrous oxide, which eventually makes its way to the water's surface and into the atmosphere. But this "laughing gas" is no joke. Though it makes up 6% of emissions, nitrous oxide is a greenhouse gas that is 300 times more potent than carbon dioxide. It doesn't stop at that, these expanding dead zones also limit the ocean's ability to absorb carbon from the atmosphere.

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Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday11:00AM, Igbo Mass -Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM Mt. Hamilton Grange 2840 Aborn Road Sunday 9:30 AM The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium) Sunday 8:15 AM For more information. please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

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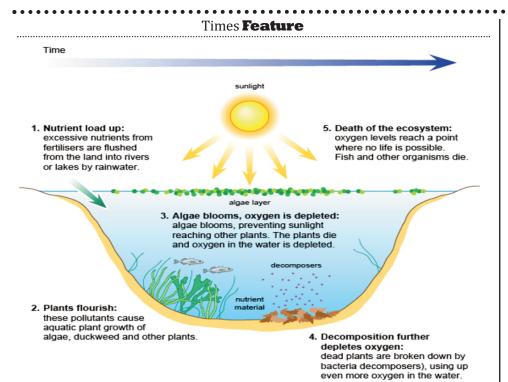
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So, global warming leads to bigger dead zones which then produce more greenhouse gases which worsens global warming. Wow, it's like the opposite of the circle of life.

Okay, this is a little depressing. But don't lose hope! Here comes the good part: we can do something about it. Enter: machine learning.

For your bi-weekly reminder that I am evil, I'm going to leave it at that cliffhanger! Next column, we'll talk more about how the key to saving dead zones is by monitoring fertilizers in crops and water. To do this, we'll leverage machine learning to develop hyperspectral imaging and remote sensing—you won't want to miss it.

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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Days of the CESSWI

An exploration of the job pathway to obtaining a Certified Erosion, Sedimentation, and Stormwater Inspector certification

By Matthew Frazier

Qualified Stormwater Manager Good morning, colleagues and readers.

With light rains having reached San Jose and Santa Clara Valley once more ... I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and the passions of those working diligently and tirelessly in The Water Industry and in The Stormwater Industry.

In earlier entries, I made brief mention of my venture into Stormwater from Irrigation Management and Landscape Water Management after a twenty-month term with Valley Water as a water-waste inspector and water-wise outdoor surveyor.

In December of 2020, I had an exit interview with my supervisor in the Conservation and Planning Unit at Valley Water. During this exit interview, I mentioned my desire to continue on a path towards Water Loss Inspections and Water Loss Management.

An exhaustive and extensive search online inadvertently led me to Stormwater, while searching Water Loss Inspections and Water Loss Management as potential career paths.

Stormwater certifying agency EnviroCert International, Inc. caught my attention. With their comprehensive gallery of professional certifications, I decided on their QSM certificate program. This is Qualified Stormwater Manager, an entry-level certificate-oftraining, on path towards fully vested professional certifications in Stormwater.

Upon completion of this entry-level certification, I immediately turned my attention towards their then not-yetdeveloped program for CPSWI – Certified Professional in Stormwater Inspection. I instead applied for two other professional certifications, CESSWI and CP-SWQ – Certified Erosion, Sedimentation, and Stormwater Inspector and Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality.

These professional certifications are broken down to trainee status and then fully vested professional. CESSWI became the focus of my efforts – The Certified Erosion, Sedimentation, and Stormwater Inspector. From early February 2021 to present, I have studied the CESSWI General Principles Manual and been serving on EnviroCert International, Inc's QSM and CESSWI Certification Committees as a volunteer.

Volunteering for CESSWI ... I have learned a great deal and met many who share a passion for Water Conservation through efforts in Stormwater. With the omnipresent challenge and threat of erosion and sedimentation through water and through wind ... There is much to do in preparation and response to this.

In early September of this year, the chair of the ECI CESSWI Certification Committee and general manager of Stormwater firm SWPP Queen offered me an opportunity to join the team and become a stormwater compliance technician, serving Sacramento and The Bay Area while working towards professional certifications in the field.

In the days between February 2021 and October 10th of this year, many hours were spent studying the CESSWI General Princi-

ples Handbook and take-home study guide in preparation for the CESSWI-IT and CESSWI exams. I affectionately reminisce about those intermediate days and nights as ... The Days of The CESSWI.

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keep a close and thorough watch over the ever-changing topography of our lands throughout California, the United States and beyond. Their commitments and their efforts help protect the integrity and the preservation of our lands. Having been a part of The

ECI CESSWI Certification Committee for nearly two years now ... And having been given a gracious opportunity to work for a Stormwater firm here in California ... I am inspired and motivated to give back to an industry and a program which led the way in the care and conservation of our lands and our water bodies through environmental policy and environmental stewardship.

In my background in retail and wholesale garden centers and nurseries and then The Landscape Industry as an irrigation manager and water manager ... I found a path towards public service in the form of inspections of harmful constituents and contaminants which come from the products sold to the public as well as byproducts of The Automotive Sector.

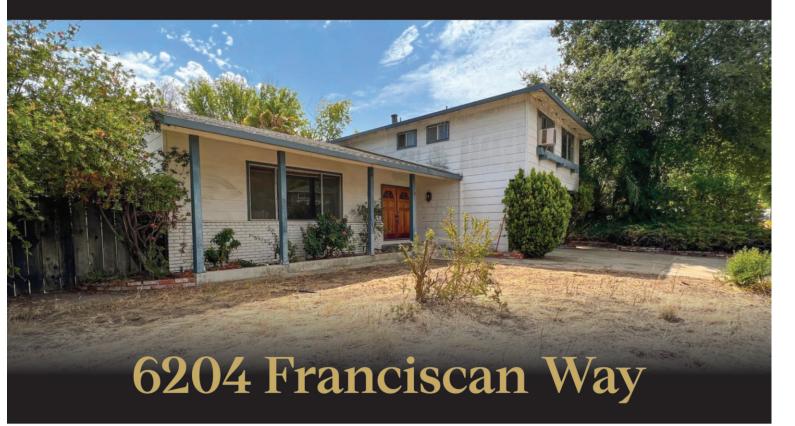
My day job as a key holder and manager-on-duty for Almaden Valley Ace Hardware provides an audience for advocating and promoting the ideas and values of Environmental Stewardship, Water Conservation and service through The Stormwater Industry. Though many don't know of Stormwater as a field or an industry ... the attention to detail by those who serve in this field is far-reaching and impactful.

Long will I remember the days and nights spent studying to become a fullyvested professional which pre-date my hire by SWPP Queen. Long will I recall ... The Days of The CESSWI.

Thank you each and all for taking the time to read this entry. May this reading inspire you to learn more about Stormwater and its relevance to Water Conservation and Water Management. Search "CESSWI" to learn more. Thank you

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