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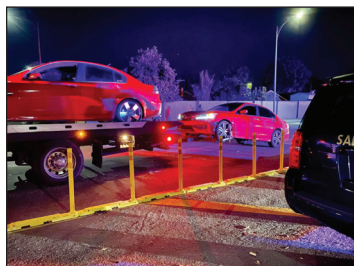


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SJPD cracks down on sidoshows

By Lorraine Gabbert Senior staff writer

Much to the relief of local residents, the San Jose Police Department recently cracked down on an enormous sideshow.

In November, police responded to a sideshow occurring at Monterey Highway and Branham Lane. In a coordinated effort involving 50 to 70 officers, several supervisors and two command officers, police blocked about 500 cars, issued 720 citations and 82 juvenile contact reports and impounded 17 cars. Two stolen vehicles and a handgun were recovered at the scene.

Police Captain Brian Matchett, Southern division commander, said this kind of illegal event has no place in the community.

"This is not the type of activity we tolerate in the City of San Jose," he said. "There's a likelihood that when you come down here and participate in this kind of activity, you're going to be caught and you're going to be issued a citation, specifically for just watching the event, which we have a law against."

Councilmember Sergio Jimenez said the sideshow blockade sent a clear message to residents that the city is trying to solve the problem and told participants to go elsewhere.

"Don't come and do this here See SIDESHOWS, page 8

All extracurricular clubs (except one) on hold at SJUSD schools due to pending lawsuit

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rules Pioneer High violated FCA's right to religious freedom; case could reach the US Supreme Court

Nowhere is the stalemate's impact felt more than at Leland High School

By Claire Chen Contributing writer

An extracurricular club is many things — a community, a mission, a chance to learn — so what happens when they no longer exist?

This is the question that students across the San José Unified School District have been attempting to answer for the last four months of the 2022-23 school year with the district club approval process stalled due to the repercussions of a lawsuit currently underway: Fellowship of Christian Athletes v. San José Unified Board of Education.

A question of discrimination

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is, according to their own website, an organization "working to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the



Senior Citizen Care Club passes out snacks during Club Rush. Photo Credit: Alexander Le

influence of coaches and athletes." Particular clauses in the FCA's Statement of Faith, which all club leaders are required to sign and agree to, state that "God instituted marriage between one man and one woman as... the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one man and one woman."

The FCA has chapters at many of

our local schools, but it was the one at Pioneer High School that raised the question of LGBTQ+ discrimination within the club beginning April 2019. Their Statement of Faith was posted on U.S. History teacher Peter Glasser's whiteboard during class on April 23, underneath which he wrote, "I am deeply saddened that a club on Pioneer's campus asks its members to affirm these statements. How do you

feel?" — a decision which started the controversy.

As a result, at least one student protest was held on campus at Pioneer against the FCA, where students holding signs with messages like "Hate is Not a Religious Belief" assembled outside an FCA meeting on Dec. 4.

Official complaint

An official complaint filed by Reed See CLUBS, page 9

District 10 Leadership Coalition empowers residents

San Jose City Council votes 7 to 4 appointing 2 councilmembers to the vacant seats in Districts 8 and 10 after hundreds of people requesting a special election



Mayor-Elect Matt Mahan expressed his appreciation of residents being involved in their community.

By Lorraine Gabbert Senior Staff Writer

The District 10 Leadership Coalition aims to empower local residents by working together on issues.

Chair David Heindel said the organization

strives to enable people to have a voice in the community, organize neighborhoods and build community. He said it can also help residents be more impactful at City Hall.

"They come and tell See COALITION, page 9

Special election thwarted as City Councilmembers approve appointment process to fill vacancies

By William Bellou Publisher

After five hours of impassioned public comment from 500 people Monday night at San Jose City Hall, councilmembers voted 7-4 to fill two City Council vacancies through an appointment process by the end of January.

Residents spoke in favor of special election

Hundreds of residents expressed their desire to move forward with a special election to replace Almaden District 10 Councilmember Matt

Mahan and Evergreen District 8 Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, both moving on to new roles as San Jose mayor and Santa Clara County supervisor, respectively.

Those in favor of the appointments believe the cost of a special election, estimated to be more than \$7 million, is too high. Mayor Sam Liccardo, Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and Councilmembers Pam Foley and Matt Mahan voted in opposition.

"This is a clear break from precedent," Liccardo said. "I think it brings shame to our city."

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By County Supervisor
Joe Simitian

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Santa Clara County has more than 75 boards and commissions. Some have a long history, like the Planning Commission, established in 1929. Others, like the Race and Health Disparities Community Board, established in 2020, reflect cultural shifts. Several, including our five property assessment boards, have technical prerequisites for membership.

The common thread is that all are "staffed" by community members who volunteer to contribute their expertise and insight, helping our County's professional staff to be even more effective, with a deeper understanding of issues and needs.

As a County Supervisor, it is both my responsibility and pleasure to nominate or vote on applicants to serve on our various boards and commissions. Most appointees come from San Jose, which makes sense given that it's the County's largest city and the seat of government. With more than half of the County's total population, San Jose also has the greatest demand for our safety net services.

But to reflect the County as a whole, it's important to engage constituents from all 15 of our

cities and towns, and our unincorporated areas.

Government works best when the public is fully engaged – when we have talented people who can share their skills and experiences.

Our boards and commissions – organized alphabetically (from Advisory Commission on Consumer Affairs to Youth Task Force) – focus their work in a number of ways: by topic (e.g., emergency operations, elections, equity, land use, public safety, roads, treasury oversight); by demographic (children, seniors, the unhoused, veterans, women); by geography (Cupertino Sanitary District, Los Altos Hills County Fire District).

I'll be honest. It can take a little work to find just the right fit for an individual, in part because the boards and commissions have different, sometimes proscriptive, requirements regarding qualifications or residency.

Also, the County's applications portal is not as user friendly as I'd like, and the process can seem unduly cumbersome. But please, don't let that stop you!

You don't have to be old enough to vote – or even drive – to participate. I recently had the privilege of appointing Mountain View High School freshman Kendall Nord to the Youth Task Force, made up of 15 high-school aged youth who make policy recommendations and work to find solutions that will improve the lives of young people in our County.

I encourage applicants of all ages and backgrounds, from every corner of the County, so that our work responds to the full range of needs. My district – District Five – includes nine of the County's cities. I recently had the privilege of appointing Benaifer Dastoor, Cupertino resident and longtime community volunteer, to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Whether it's at the local, state, or national level, the success of our institutions depends on real participation from folks who roll up their sleeves and wade in with ideas, knowledge, and lived experience. At the County we have many opportunities for constituents to help us foster robust and thriving communities.

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Second Story Duo shares their latest release 'I'm Letting Go'

Duo navigates the process of healing and finding happiness

Second Story Duo, Lynn Case and Doug Bloomquist of Almaden Valley, just released their latest single "I'm Letting Go," focusing on strength and willingness to move on and let go.

This is the first single of 2022 for the duo as they have taken their time to create something that they are "truly proud of" states Case.

Over the last year, Second Story Duo has embraced creative collaboration. Lynn remembers the struggle both she and Doug felt over not being able to get the groove of the song to where they wanted it.

Lynn states, "It just wasn't feeling the way we wanted it to. A friend recommended that we call Jazz composer, Greg Sandkovich and once he started playing the piano, and I started singing the song with him, there was magic." Lynn continues by explaining that she "had never experienced that give and take between singer and musician before and it became greater than the sum of its parts".

The piano begins by telling a story, the delicate instrumentation of the keys gives way for the introduction of Lynn's gentle and emotional timbre as she begins by telling the listener of her heartbreak in ending a friendship.

As "I'm Letting Go" moves to the chorus, Lynn's soaring vocals focus inward to find the strength to move on and accept change. "Growing out of a rela-



Jazz composer Greg Sandkovich



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tionship can be a difficult process. It's amazing what gives us the push to move forward with our own stories."

If this is any indication of where the duo's music is headed, the strength of their songwriting has grown and the musicality through collaboration with others has magnified.

The layers to their instrumentation and dedication to making art through song is what contributes to Second Story Duo's growth.

They plan on releasing their second full-length album in the spring of 2023 in collaboration with other Bay Area musicians.

"I'm Letting Go" is available on all streaming platforms and you can listen wherever you stream your music.

You can follow Second Story Duo by visiting their website: <https://secondstoryduo.rocks>; Instagram: <https://instagram.com/secondstoryduo>; Facebook: <https://facebook.com/secondstoryduo>; and listen to "I'm Letting Go" on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pffHOS9DpE> or send them a message at secondstoryduo@icloud.com; or call (408) 266-4371

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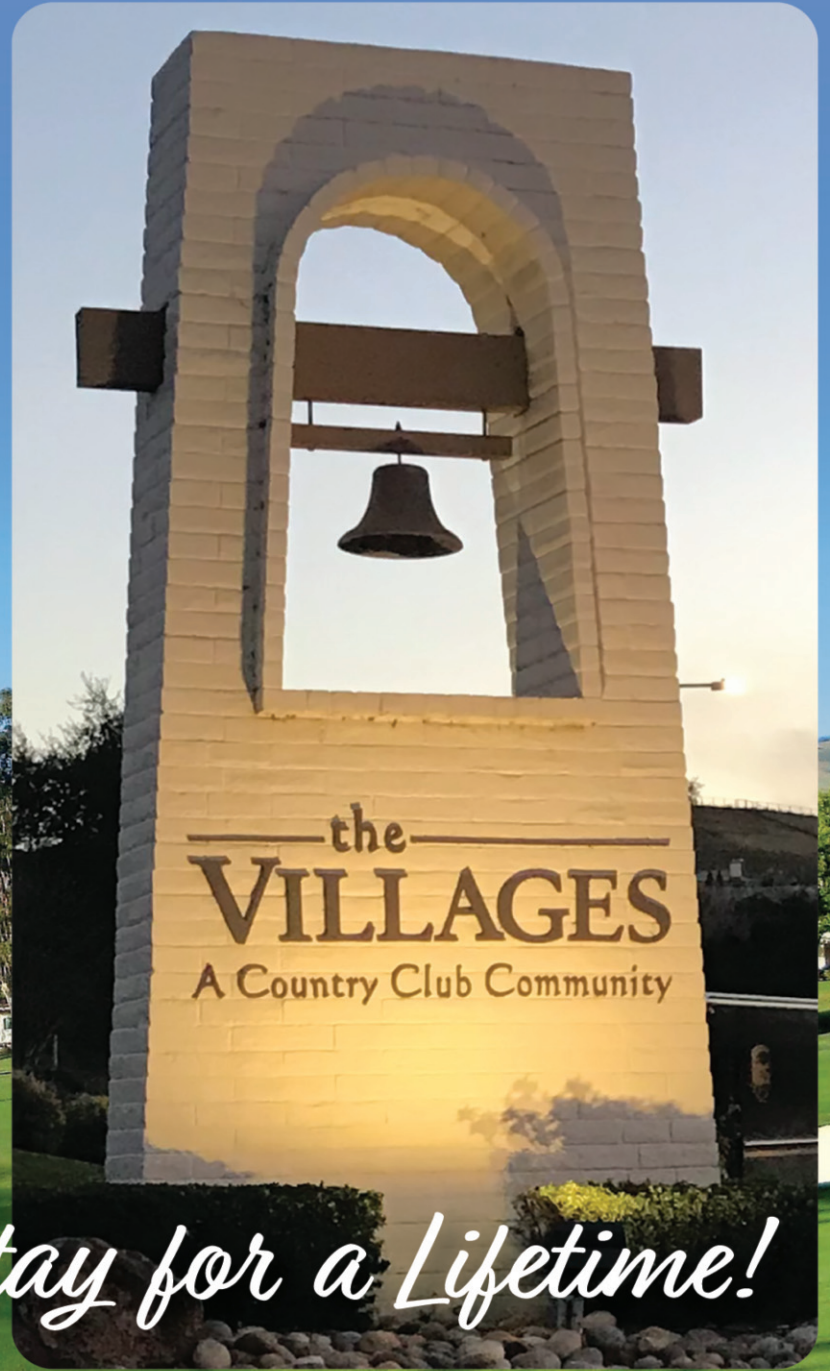
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Op-Ed

District 8, 10 San Jose City Council vacancies must be filled through special elections, not special appointments

By Lisa Faria

After the November General Election, two vacancies were created on the San Jose City Council, leaving the residents of Districts 8 and 10 in limbo.

In January, Sylvia Arenas will vacate her District 8 Council seat to take office as County Supervisor and Matt Mahan of District 10 will vacate his Council seat as he is sworn in as the next Mayor of San Jose.

When the seats on the San Jose City Council become vacant, the residents of those two districts deserve the opportunity to vote for their next representative. However, some on the San Jose City Council are being pressured to fill the two seats through special appointments and not through the democratic process of special elections.

Historically, the City of San Jose has held special elections in the past to fill vacant Council seats. In previous special elections, Nora Campos was elected as San Jose District 5 Councilmember in 2001, Madison Nguyen for District 7 in 2005, and Manh Nguyen for District 4 in 2015, among others. These special elections enabled the citizens to choose their own representation. We should continue this long-standing tradition of democracy in our city and allow the people, not the politicians, to decide their representatives.

For those that argue about the costs

involved with special elections, is there a price tag for democracy? Elections are a bedrock of democracy and residents must have the opportunity to make the choice for themselves about who would best represent their district. There is no price tag for the democratic process and having special elections over making special appointments is the right thing to do. We invest so much time, money, and energy to empower voters and encourage voter turnout, and sidestepping special elections would only diminish the faith voters have in the electoral process.

If the vacancies are filled by the Council, only eleven people will vote to approve the appointment - the Mayor and the ten San Jose Councilmembers. Of those eleven people, only one actually resides in the district. Hand-picking a councilmember of their choice over the choice of the residents does not constitute a democratic process and would be an overreach of power.

District 8 and District 10 residents deserve the opportunity to elect their representative and the entire San Jose City Council must vote to preserve the democratic process by calling for a special election to fill the vacancies.

Lisa Faria is 2022 Board President, Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS®

Financial aid tip of the month

Know your school's satisfactory academic progress standards

By Erin Klarer

Satisfactory academic progress, or SAP, is an important phrase in the language of student aid for Kentucky students to know, according to Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA)

SAP comes into play after you have taken college or technical school classes and are applying for student aid for the next school year.

All colleges that award federal student aid must have SAP standards, which are based on three key areas: GPA, pace and a maximum time frame.

The GPA students may vary by school, major and whether a student is pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

To meet the pace standard, students must pass a certain percentage of the classes they take in a given period of time. This may also vary by college.

Maximum time frame means students have to finish their degree within a given number of attempted credit hours. For example, a school may require a student to pass 120 credit hours to earn a bachelor's degree, but the student must earn those 120 hours



without taking more than 150 hours.

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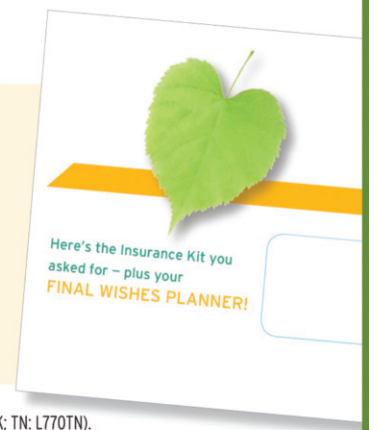
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Sideshow

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because we're not going to allow it," he said. "We're going to cite you and tow vehicles."

Matchett said several hundred people attended the sideshow, coming from all over the Bay Area. He estimates about 20 sideshows happen yearly, varying in the number of vehicles and size of the crowd. He said in addition to blockades, roadway improvements to deter sideshows are needed.

Mayor-elect Matt Mahan agrees. South San Jose was designed with wide, straight roads that lend themselves to racing, he said.

"Through stronger law enforcement and changes to the built environment," he said, "we're going to do everything we can to deter folks from treating it like a speedway."

Mahan said the city is serious about cracking down on sideshows and the City Council passed ordinances making it a crime to promote or spectate them. He said financial support for the police department is crucial for ensuring it has the manpower to respond to these events, which are more than just a nuisance but a serious public safety hazard.

"We've seen guns fired...people thrown out

of cars...crashes into vehicles and homes. It's not just some kids acting out," he said. "There's serious criminal activity with serious consequences. We're very serious about dissuading folks from doing it and enforcing our laws."

District 10 residents formed a Safe Streets Working group and are working with the police department and DOT to find solutions to sideshows and street racing. They are discussing traffic calming interventions for hotspots such as Via Valiente, Camden Avenue and Santa Teresa Boulevard.

Almaden resident Lydia McClure said when she knocked on doors for Mahan's campaign, neighbors said their greatest concern was public safety and sideshows near residential neighborhoods. She said a woman who lives on Via Valiente said people did donuts on school grounds even while students were playing sports.

"We've had racing, we've had sideshows right on Almaden Expressway and O'Grady Drive," she said, "as well as Bailey and Santa Teresa."

McClure said the intense noise level of these events is disruptive and can continue all night. She has been frustrated by a lack of police response in the past.

"I was amazed that the police showed up like



On Nov. 12, the SJPD responded to a sideshow occurring at Monterey Highway and Branham Lane, processing 500 cars, issuing 720 citations and 82 juvenile contact reports and impounding 17 cars. Photo courtesy of San Jose Police Department.

they did," she said of the massive response in November, "...and came to do what probably should have started to be done two years ago, three years ago when this started to become such an issue."

McClure said a further road diet and raised yellow plastic bumps on Via Valiente won't be effective deterrents for street racers and sideshow participants. She'd prefer roundabouts, increased policing and cameras to catch license plates.

"When we have people so brazen and empowered to run a sideshow...we're looking for more and more tragedies," she said. "There have got

to be consequences...If they're not getting ticketed, then we have just given them a ticket to ride."

Almaden resident Steven Pagan said pedestrians and bicyclists are at risk from street racers.

"It's so unfortunate because there have been instances of these street races that have ended in fatalities of innocent people," he said. "No one is safe around this reckless behavior."

He said sideshows are also very dangerous, especially to residents who live nearby.

"The smoke generated from burning rubber lingers in the immediate area for a long time," he said. "These participants just entirely take over the street and keep everyone hostage who is trying to pass through the area."

Pagan would like to see increased traffic enforcement, citations and vehicle impoundment.

"The crack down by San Jose police is very warranted," he said. "It's a very time-consuming process and it must be executed seamlessly and very quickly. I understand the strain it puts on our police department...but their efforts are absolutely appreciated by a majority of the residents in the city."

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Smith of the Center for Law and Religious Freedom in coordination with the FCA called Glasser's whiteboard display a "hostile message" and the student protest "an attempt to harass and intimidate," while The Pony Express, the Pioneer student-run newspaper, stresses that the protest was peaceful and intended to create a more loving and inclusive school environment. This subsequently led the school's principal, Herb Espiritu, to end recognition for Pioneer's FCA chapter as a club, preventing them from fundraising on campus, accessing school bank accounts, or being included in the yearbook. Shortly thereafter, the district followed suit, removing chapters of the FCA from Leland and Willow Glen High Schools.

The FCA takes SJUSD to court

While this may seem like the end of a predictable story, this is only the beginning of a much longer saga. After a brief lull in the affair due to pandemic-related school closures, the controversy rekindled and much stronger this time: on January 28, 2021, the FCA, Elizabeth Sinclair and Charlotte Klarke (two leaders within the Pioneer chapter) took the SJUSD Board of Education, Mr. Espiritu and Mr. Glasser to court. The first court case took place within the United States District Court, Northern District of California, after several complaints of religious discrimination filed by the FCA had been repeatedly dismissed. As Deputy Superintendent Stephen McMahon put it at an SJUSD Board of Education meeting on Nov. 17, 2022, they found the FCA's Pioneer chapter "violated their Non-Discrimination Policy" by discriminating against a minority group, a claim that won this case for SJUSD and kept the FCA's chapters out of SJUSD schools, a decision which the FCA appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The FCA then presented their case: that the district violated both the First Amendment of the Constitution, which establishes freedom of religion, and the Equal Access Act (EAA), which states that public schools must provide "equitable opportunities to participate in all academic and extracurricular activities." Their reasoning behind this? SJUSD choose to remove Pioneer's FCA chapter despite allowing other clubs, like Leland Women or Black Student Union, to retain "discriminatory" practices that violate the EAA by allowing only female-or black-identifying students to join, respectively. Thus, the FCA argues, the district was selectively choosing which clubs they would hold to the EAA, and their refusal to allow FCA in particular as a club was selective enforcement, and therefore discrimination, for the FCA's religious beliefs.

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rules

The FCA's argument of selective enforcement prevailed, and on August 29, 2022, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in a 2-1 decision that Pioneer did violate the FCA's right to religious freedom and would have to reinstate the club.

New policy – and its effects

SJUSD's response to the FCA's claims was to

implement an "all-comers" policy for clubs, requiring them to "allow any currently enrolled student of the school to participate in, become a member of, and seek or hold leadership positions in the organization, regardless of his or her status or beliefs" in an attempt to counteract the FCA's argument on selective enforcement.

In implementing this "all comers" policy, the district is now requiring that all clubs must change their constitutions to comply with the policy, and then re-apply to become reinstated at schools like Leland. This delayed decision has meant that students have gone this entire school year so far without their traditional annual Club Rush and any official school-recognized club, causing some to fear in this fight to win their court case, the district is unfairly impacting others unrelated to the case; and nowhere is the impact of the stalemate felt more than at Leland High School

Alexander Lee '23, Associated Student Body President of Leland High School, and President of the District 10 Youth Leadership Coalition (a student-led advisory group to the Mayor and City Council) released this statement: "This is a tricky situation that I think is a lot bigger and more impactful than what a lot of us originally expected it to be. We're almost fighting two different battles right now: one centered around how we define and protect non-discrimination in our school clubs, and one focusing on getting clubs — which hold such a big part in students' school lives — up and running again as soon as possible. The story behind why clubs haven't started yet isn't very widely known to anybody outside of the SJUSD office, and I can tell this has led to a lot of restlessness in the student population and even in parent organizations at these schools. It feels unfair that the questionable choices of one club could affect so many students at so many schools in the district, but again, there's more to this debate than meets the eye."

Leland ASB met with Mr. McMahon on Nov. 9, 2022 to discuss the impact on ordinary high school students who just want their extracurricular clubs to return. Lee recalls the strong push from Leland students who were willing to comply with the "all-comers" policy if they could return to having school-affiliated clubs. Partially as a result of this meeting, club applications have been reopened for the spring semester, a move which, while welcomed, still faced criticism from some within the student community.

Senior Anuveer Chadha says he felt "absolutely gutted" and "disheartened" about the lack of clubs and the fact that "it has been almost an entire semester" before official communication and action surrounding the club holdup reached the community. Sophomore Dominic Vu shared similar sentiments, saying, "I was planning to have my own club and join a ton of clubs this year and have a lot of fun... none of it happened and I'm honestly very disappointed that there's



Alexander Lee introduces the Creative Writing Club and Student Leadership, at a club fair. Photo Credit: Alexander Lee

been so many issues with the clubs."

What next?

In a bizarre twist, SJUSD, after losing their case, was required by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to officially recognize the FCA as a club

for the 22-23 school year, making it the only officially recognized club in the entire district right now. SJUSD still plans to fight this decision, requesting another hearing with a larger judge panel, making the strict implementation of their "all-comers" policy ever more critical in building the credibility of their argument.

Case could reach the US Supreme Court

Lee believes that if escalated, this case could reach the Supreme Court, a situation which the district is trying to avoid while simultaneously working to

bring clubs back as soon as possible.

For now, awareness of this issue is important, Lee states, because "the more people know, the more we can work through this and come up with a solution."

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us what's going on. They want to know what we think about what is going on, so there's a great relationship," he said. "...If you have a problem, we can help plug you in to the right people."

The Coalition connected with the other nine districts to form the All District Leadership Group, meeting with chairs and vice chairs to share information at monthly meetings.

"That group's starting to get some real traction," Heindel said. "It's very exciting."

The organization is looking for additional residents to participate in its efforts. It had to return \$4,000 of \$5000 of a city grant due to a lack of staff to do outreach to D10 neighborhoods to raise awareness of the funds available for National Night Out, beautification and other neighborhood projects.

One of the Coalition's successes is helping to establish District 10 Working Groups. Dinah Hayse, a member of the Community Cats Working Group, said it received support from District 10.

"It's been extremely helpful and contributed a lot to our ability to get anything done," she said.

District 10 Leadership Coalition Board member Rich Crowley said the Leadership Coalition, neighborhoods and working groups are essential for bringing residents together and amplifying their voices to get results.

Heindel said those active in the Coalition learn about local government and gain assistance solving problems from how to have street lights repaired to transportation related issues.

Mayor-Elect Matt Mahan, who attended the meeting, said he is a "huge believer" in the power of people being engaged, informed and organized.

Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

Mahan spoke about the City Council deciding how to fill the D10 and D8 open council seats, following his winning the bid for mayor and Councilmember Sylvia Arenas taking the District 1 Santa Clara County supervisor seat. He said the City Charter gives the City Council the choice of holding a special election, interim appointments

or appointing new councilmembers for two years.

The city has historically held special elections to fill vacancies, he added, letting the people decide.

Mahan said a special election is the right thing to do, although it could cost from \$3 to \$11 million. Opposing city councilmembers feel the funds would be better spent on police, parks or traffic calming measures and were concerned about not having a voting councilmember in place to weigh in on the city budget and other issues. Mahan wanted an interim candidate appointed who wouldn't run for the City Council in 2024.

"I don't think you can put a price on democracy," Mahan said. "...The decisions we make about the budget, about local laws and ordinances are just too important."

Mahan said as the majority of City Councilmembers will no longer be in office January 1, deciding on this process and pushing through appointments isn't fair. He would like to see an open, competitive race.

"We have a lot of new councilmembers coming in," he said. "...Why should a lame duck council decide on the process when we have a lot of new people coming in? ...We're talking about having a bunch of council members who represent other districts, other communities, deciding who represents ours."

Heindel is also in favor of having a special election and having a say in who represents District 10.

"Everybody talks about money, but this is democracy," he said. "...This is so fundamental, to be able to vote."

Hundreds of people spoke at the City Council meeting held on Dec. 5 to decide this issue, the majority requesting a special election. The City Council voted seven to four in favor of permanently appointing two councilmembers to the vacant seats in Districts 8 and 10. Mayor Sam Liccardo, Vice Mayor Charles "Chappie" Jones, Councilmember Pam Foley and Mahan voted against the decision.

The next meeting of the District 10 Leadership Coalition is Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. Location: Almaden Library & Community Center, Room 3 (upstairs) 6445 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95120.

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Times Arts

San Jose Museum of Art announces new acquisitions by 27 artists

The San José Museum of Art (SJMA) has announced the acquisition of 41 works by a diverse roster of 27 artists for its permanent collection.

Acquired through purchase and gifts from generous donors from July 2021 to June 2022, SJMA continues to build momentum in its collecting strategy focusing on gender parity, cultural diversity, and artistic innovation, while proactively acquiring socially relevant contemporary art.

"We are incredibly thrilled with these new additions to the permanent collection and this year's acquisitions are exceptionally timely and monumental," said S. Sayre Batton, Oshman Executive Director, SJMA. "I thank the Acquisitions Committee and curatorial team for their thoughtful strategy and their dedication to the Museum's mission. I am especially grateful for our supporters and donors who entrust SJMA to care for and present these



At left: Felipe Baeza, *Emerging in difference*, 2022. Ink, graphite, glitter, interference powder, twine, acrylic and cut paper collage on paper, Museum purchase with funds provided by Kimberly and Patrick Lin, Geraldine and Marco Magarelli, and Yvonne and Mike Nevens, 2022.11. © Felipe Baeza. Courtesy Maureen Paley, London. Above: Patricia Piccinini, *Cleaner*, 2019. Fiberglass, auto paint, silicone, and human hair, 11 3/4 x 27 1/2 x 35 3/8 inches. Gift of the Lipman Family Foundation in honor of the 25th anniversary of Hosfelt Gallery, 2022.02. Courtesy of the artist and Hosfelt Gallery. Photo: Miles Petersen.

works to the people of San José and Silicon Valley."

This year's acquisitions include a significant representation of California artists, especially from the Bay Area. Many of these artists' homegrown works address recent national and global events.

Significant large-scale works include Felipe Baeza's *Emerging in difference* (2022), currently on view in *The Milk of Dreams*, the 59th International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia; Huma Bhabha's *Receiver* (2019), a towering 8-foot sculpture; Magdalena Abakanowicz's *Crowd No. 2* (1988);

Sam Durant's *Proposal #2 for Monument at Altamont Raceway, Tracy, CA*, (2003); and Tom Friedman's *F_ _ k It* (2002).

A list of recent acquisitions is available on SJMA's collection database at sjmusart.org/embark.

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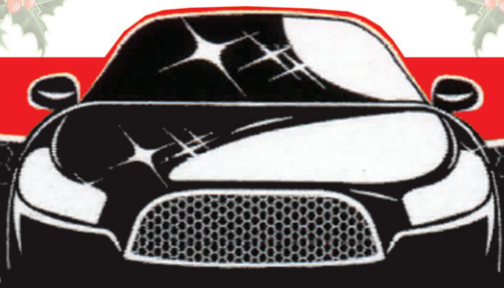
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LOCAL NOTEBOOK

True Holiday Spirit is giving

By Bryan Golden

Among other things, the holidays are a time of giving and receiving gifts.

The question most often asked of people is, "what did you get?" Much less frequently asked is, "what did you give?" Invariably, the inquiries concern material gifts. Purchasing a gift can certainly be thoughtful and a wonderful gesture, especially when it's backed up by your actions.

However, the most valuable presents are those that aren't sold in stores. When you give your love, your time, help someone in need, aid another in solving a problem or overcoming an obstacle, you give something priceless.

The true spirit of the holidays is giving. When you give, you receive. You can get anything in life you want by helping enough others get what they want; but only if you give without expecting anything in return. The impact of giving isn't limited to just the holiday Season, it's something that has value all year.

The power of giving is often underestimated. When you give unconditionally, you don't just impact the recipient; you start a chain reaction. By brightening the life of one person you also affect all those who they then touch.

No gesture of giving or kindness is too small. Holding the door open at a store, helping someone carry groceries to their car, letting another car in front of you, saying please and thank you, and saying hello to a stranger you pass on the sidewalk, are some of the many things you can do daily.

For family and friends, your time is one of the most precious gifts you can offer. Are you there for others when they need you? Do you offer a hand without being asked? Do you help out when asked?

Too often, people get caught up in their own desires, thus losing sight of the needs of others. A person who tries to get through life by looking out for himself or herself first is invariably frustrated. Often this person views life as a competition to determine who can accumulate more.

On the other hand, those who are concerned for the wellbeing of others are happier, more content, and more satisfied. By giving without expecting, they in turn receive the things they need.

Giving is a simple concept that works every time it is applied. There will be people who don't appreciate what you do, but it doesn't matter. You are giving without anticipating anything in return. Besides, there will be many more who are thankful for your efforts.

If you don't treat others well, buying a gift won't compensate for your behavior. The recipient might like what you give them but it won't make up for your actions. You can't bribe someone to forgive the way you treat them with a present.

The best gift you can receive is the joy of making someone else happy. Being unselfish is a wonderful way to live. When you give



with no ulterior motives, your actions are seen as genuine. Should you expect something in return, your behavior is always suspect. We all know people who do nice things only when they want something in return.

Make giving a daily routine. Don't start

and end with the holiday season. Every day is a good day to do something nice. When people feel good due to your actions, you can't help but feel happy yourself. And that is priceless. The most significant action you can take is having a positive impact on the

lives of others.

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Times **Feature**

Tech Jargon of the week
Open Source

By Shub Saxen

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:

Open Source

If you keep a tab on the latest news from the tech industry, you may have heard or read about this word “open source” multiple times. But do

you really know what that means? If not, then you’ve come to the right place! Let’s go over what makes the code behind the curtain “open source.”

Most software that you buy or download only comes in the compiled ready-to-run version. Compiled means that the actual program code that the developer created, known as the source code, has run through a special program called a compiler that translates the source code into a form that the computer can understand. It is extremely difficult to modify the compiled version of most applications and nearly impossible to see exactly how the developer created different parts of the program. Most commercial software manufacturers see this as an advantage that keeps other companies from copying

their code and using it in a competing product. It also gives them control over the quality and features found in a particular product.

Open-source software is at the opposite end of the spectrum. The source code is included with the compiled version and modification, or customization is encouraged. The software developers who support the open-source concept believe that by allowing anyone who’s interested to modify the source code, the application will be more useful and error-free over the long term.

Firefox, Chrome, OpenOffice, Linux, and Android are some popular examples of open-source software, while Microsoft Windows is probably the most popular piece of closed-source software out there.

One of the main advantages of open-source software is the cost; however, the term “free” refers to the freedom from restrictions and not so much its price. If a business (or even you) has the in-house capabilities and technical expertise to maintain the software and resources to implement, train and provide support to staff, then open source may turn out to be the most cost-effective solution.

Open-source code is one of the largest catalysts of broad programming innovation. By collaborating on accessible code, programmers can create communities of innovators who can make programs that we benefit from.

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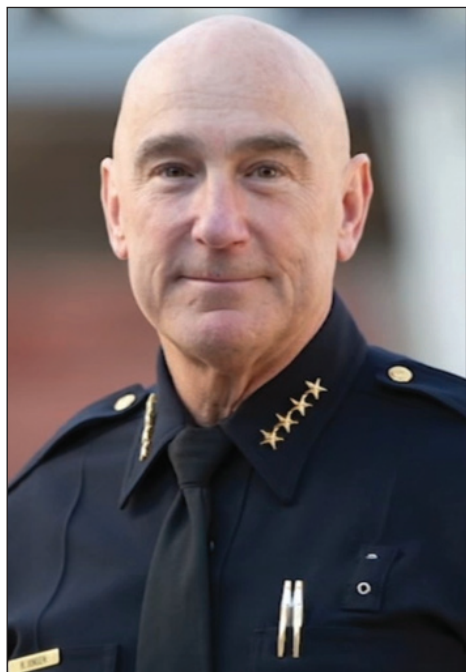


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Times **News**



Rob Jonsen



Kevin Jensen

Jonsen victorious over Jensen in SCC sheriff's race

Ballot tabulations have propelled former Palo Alto Police Chief Robert "Rob" Jonsen to victory in the contest for Santa Clara County Sheriff, over retired sheriff's captain Kevin Jensen.

Registrar of Voters shows Jonsen ahead

by 1.58 percentage points. His more than 7,000-vote margin assured Jonsen of victory.

Sheriff Laurie Smith chose not to seek reelection to a seventh term after votes of no confidence and a scathing grand jury report accusing her of misconduct, and she resigned Nov. 1 as the jury was deliberating an eventual guilty verdict in the non-criminal case.

Jonsen announced his retirement as Palo Alto chief of police in January when he announced he would seek election as sheriff.

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Times News

California Dept. of Water Resources announces 5% initial allocation for State Water Project

With 85% of the state, and all of Santa Clara County classified as being in a severe, extreme or exceptional drought, the California Dept. of Water Resources announced an initial 5% allocation of imported water from the State Water Project Dec. 2.

The Dept. of Water Resources said it will work with water agencies to provide water beyond the 5% to help meet minimum human health and safety needs. Currently, Valley Water's reservoirs and the state's reservoirs are well below their historical averages for this time of year.

"This initial allocation serves as a stark reminder that the drought emergency is not over," Valley Water Chair Pro Tem John L. Varela said. "We're thankful for the early season rainfall and we hope to see more storms this winter. But we must continue to reduce our water use. We owe it to our kids, family and community not to waste water."

Climate change is resulting in hotter and more extreme weather events, with potentially longer and more severe droughts. Experts say that California needs at least one well-above-average water year, and maybe more, to end the drought and replenish reservoirs.

During the past few years, Valley Water augmented Santa Clara County's water supply and groundwater basins by withdrawing water we had previously stored in a groundwater "bank" outside the county, purchasing emergency water from willing sellers and aggressively increasing conservation. If we endure a fourth year of drought, purchasing these emergency water supplies may be harder to obtain.

The Valley Water Board of Directors has taken several steps to help Santa Clara County use less water during the drought emergency.

In June 2021, the Valley Water Board of Directors established a 15% water use reduction goal for Santa Clara County compared to 2019. After months of steady progress, Santa Clara County reached this goal in July and August, saving 16% compared to July 2019.

The Valley Water Board of Directors also implemented rules aimed at reducing outdoor watering during the drought. Some of the rules include watering ornamental lawns no more than two days a week, and a restriction on outdoor watering during and within 48 hours of rainfall.

Residents, businesses and farms can take advantage of Valley Water's robust conservation programs by visiting watersavings.org.

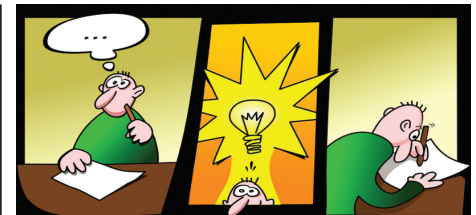
Report: Top 15 states for new entrepreneurs

New updated data has been released showing California now has less entrepreneurs compared to pre-pandemic figures.

According to the 2022 Best & Worst States for Millennials, a study conducted by education research firm and scholarship website engine Scholaroo, Entrepreneurs in California have decreased their number by 4% this year compared to 2018 numbers, positioning the state as the #5 place where are more new entrepreneurs.


Here is the ranking from best to worst of New Entrepreneurs 2022 in each state:

Top 15 states for new entrepreneurs 2022 (States ranked from highest to lowest in rate of new entrepreneurs in 2022)



1. Florida - 0.61%
2. New Mexico - 0.55%
3. Georgia - 0.47%
4. Oklahoma - 0.44%
5. California - 0.43%
6. Alaska - 0.42%
7. Colorado - 0.42%
8. Maine - 0.42%
9. Vermont - 0.42%
10. Wyoming - 0.41%
11. Arizona - 0.39%
12. New York - 0.38%
13. Louisiana - 0.37%
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Times **Feature**

Presentation High School collects record 1,022 turkeys for Sacred Heart Community Service

The 1,022 turkey donation surpassed last year's total of 888

Presentation High School, located in Willow Glen, conducted its annual Holiday Drive, Turkey Day, November 22, and set a new school record with 1,022 turkeys collected for Sacred Heart Community Service.

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Heart Community Service to set a new record; an impressive increase from last year's drive that brought in 888 turkeys.

The Presentation High School community has also donated 18,300 hygiene items, 13,500 cans of food, 9,300 diapers and 120 canisters of baby formula all during the month of November.

Presentation High School not only collected 8-12 lb. frozen turkeys, but also hams and chickens at the main entrance of campus starting early Tuesday morning.

San José Chamber Orchestra presents 'Celebration'; welcome in the New Year with famed pianist Jon Nakamatsu

'Celebration' will also feature clarinetists Jon and Alec Manasse

The San José Chamber Orchestra presents *Celebration* on Saturday, December 31, 2022, 7 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Avenue, San Jose.

The concert will present glorious compositions to welcome the changing of the year with pianist Jon Nakamatsu, clarinetists Jon and (his son) Alec Manasse and conductor Barbara Day Turner.

The Program

- Serge Prokofiev: Overture on Hebrew Themes
- Jessie Montgomery: Strum for string orchestra
- W. A. Mozart: Larghetto from Clarinet Quintet
- Frederic Chopin: Romanze from Piano Concerto in e minor
- Franz Krommer: Allegro from Concerto for two Clarinets, opus 35
- George Gershwin: I Got Rhythm (arr. Michael Touchi)
- Michael Touchi: Fantasia on Klezmer

Single tickets: \$65 to \$75; Seniors 62+ \$55 to \$65; Ages 22 and under \$15/\$2; visit www.sjco.org or call 408 295-4416; sjcorch@gmail.com (Note: ample street parking is



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Chorizo and Oaxaca Tamales

Chorizo and Oaxaca Tamales

Prep time: 60 minutes

Cook time: 60 minutes

Servings: 10-12

- 40 dried corn husks
- water
- 3 packages Cacique Pork, Beef or Soy Chorizo
- 1 medium onion (about 1 cup), minced
- 8 pounds basic tamale dough, at room temperature
- 3 packages (10 ounces each) Cacique Oaxaca Cheese, cut into 1/2-inch strips

tamale steamer

Cacique Crema Mexicana,

for serving

Cacique Homestyle Mild Salsa,
for serving

In large bowl, cover corn husks with boiling water and soak at least 1 hour. Remove excess water and pat each husk dry.

In large skillet, cook chorizo according to package instructions. Add onions; saute over

medium heat until translucent, about 5 minutes. Cool thoroughly.

To make tamales: Prepare one husk at a time by placing husk on open palm, smearing 3 tablespoons tamale dough on husk from side to side and to bottom, leaving 3 inches of top untouched for folding. Place 1 tablespoon chorizo mixture in center and top with one strip of Oaxaca. Fold 1/3 of husk to left and 1/3 to right, overlapping; pinch bottom to seal and gently fold over top to create small rectangle.

Add adequate room temperature water to tamale steamer and set steamer grate. Place formed tamales, vertically and upside down, tightly packed. Once first layer of tightly packed tamales is complete, begin second layer of tamales horizontally.

Cover and steam over medium-high heat 45 minutes-1 hour. Check water level at 45 minutes. If water is low, gently add hot water to side of pot.

Remove one tamale to check doneness. Tamale is cooked when dough separates from husk when unwrapping. Serve hot with crema and salsa.



Oaxaca, Potato and Chorizo Empanadas

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Yield: 24 empanadas

Dough:

- 1 stick, plus 6 tablespoons, cold unsalted butter, cubed
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 egg, at room temperature, whisked

Filling:

- 1 package Cacique Pork Chorizo
- 2 russet potatoes, cubed
- 5 ounces Cacique Oaxaca Cheese, cubed
- 1 egg, well-beaten, for egg wash

Preheat oven to 350 F.

To make dough: Use pastry cutter or fork to cut butter into flour until it forms crumbly consistency. Sprinkle in salt and stir. Pour in warm water and egg; stir until clumpy dough forms. Knead dough about 5 minutes. Cut dough into 24 pieces and, using hands, roll each piece into ball. With rolling pin, roll balls evenly into 5-6-inch circles.

To make filling: In pan over medium heat, cook chorizo, stirring until it crumbles. Add cubed potatoes. Cover and cook until potatoes are soft then uncover and cook 5-10 minutes until liquid evaporates.

Fill empanadas by placing 2-3 tablespoons chorizo and potato mixture with 2-3 Oaxaca cubes in each dough circle. With finger, run egg wash across one side of circles. Fold over and seal edges by pressing down with fork or create folds and pinch to seal filling inside. Brush tops with egg wash.

Prepare parchment-lined baking sheets and place empanadas on sheets. Bake 12-15 minutes until golden-brown.



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G.R.I.T. is for adult women led by OSC founder Landa Keirstead. The small group meets in 2 hour sessions, once per week for six-weeks

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Times **Feature**

Evergreen Valley High School Wind Ensemble performing at West Valley College.

More arts funding coming to California public schools

By Mary Ann Dewan

Only about one in five California public schools have a full-time arts or music program, and these programs are typically the first to be reduced from school budgets during economic downturns.

Prop. 28, the Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act, is poised to change that.

Beginning next year, the state will be required to provide additional funding to increase arts instruction and/or arts programs in public schools.

The arts promote learning and engagement, and have positive effects on student learning by advancing and applying literacy, math and critical thinking skills. Frontiers in Neuroscience conducted research that demonstrates a connection between learning music to improve language and reading abilities. Arts education promotes integrated learning and addressing subject area-specific standards in mathematics, history, language, culture and science.

Prop. 28 enjoyed a high level of support from California voters and will provide more than \$800 million each year to public schools from the state's general fund. These funds will be restricted to arts and music education in pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade public schools, including charter schools, to ensure every student has access to arts and music education. Schools are also required to verify that the funds were spent in addition to any existing funding already used or budgeted for arts education programs.

The additional funding to public schools will be distributed based upon enrollment in preschool and transitional kindergarten through grade 12. Of the total amount, 70% will be allocated to schools based

on their percentage share of the overall statewide enrollment. The remaining 30% will go to schools based on a proportion of low-income students.

Once the funds are allocated to the school districts, they can use up to 1% to cover administrative expenses, while the remainder of the funding must be distributed to all school sites within the district based on student enrollment. School districts and charter schools with more than 500 students

must use at least 80% of the additional funding to hire staff. The remaining funding can be used for training, supplies and materials, and for arts educational partnership programs.

Site principals or the program director of a preschool will need to develop an arts spending plan. The principal or program director will determine how to expand a site's arts instruction and/or programs. School boards will post a report on how funds were spent on their websites. The report will describe the type of arts education programs funded, the number of staff employed, the number of students served and the number of school sites providing arts

education with the funding received.

Arts education programs include a variety of subjects such as media arts, music, theater, visual art, photography, crafts, computer coding, painting animation, costume design, graphic design and film. California's arts and music education requirements vary by grade level. Schools with students in grades first through sixth provide instruction in the subjects of dance, music, theater and visual arts aimed at the development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression. Middle and high schools must offer courses in dance, music, theater and visual arts.

Mary Ann Dewan is the superintendent of schools for Santa Clara County. She has more than 33 years of experience in the field of education

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Quandary of the QSM (Qualified Stormwater Manager)

By Matthew Frazier

Good morning, water colleagues.

With the economy in turmoil and facing storms on the horizon – figuratively and literally, I reflect on the date Dec. 29, 2022 which marks two years since I was awarded my certificate-of-training as a QSM (Qualified Stormwater Manager) through ECI (EnviroCert International, Inc.).

This was the very first substantial step in a new direction, after coming from retail and wholesale garden centers and nurseries (2006-2021).

Learning how chemicals impact environment

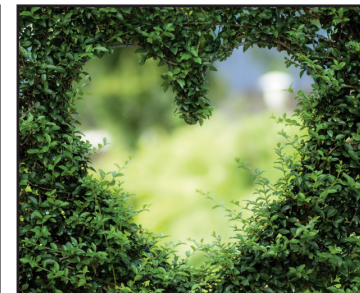
Fifteen years of being surrounded by chemicals which harm the environment has been a challenge I have faced for a very long time now. With the education and the training as a QSM, there was much to be gained with insights into exactly how these chemicals impact our environment; Arachnicides, Avicides, Herbicides, Fungicides, Insecticides, Molluscicides, and Rodenticides; to name a few. These chemicals are carried through flood, irrigation, rain, and storm waters to drain inlets which carry them out to receiving waters. The quandary; what can be done?

California faces a mega drought and many are under the impression we need large volumes of irrigation waters to keep turf lawn alive and well. So too is the perception that immaculate and symmetrical gardens, landscapes, and turf lawns are desirable and necessary to impress neighbors and peers.

In past entries, I have alluded to these challenges and concerns, citing capture and harvest as a method of management and mitigation. As a QSM, I'm tasked with addressing erosion and intercepting chemicals and sediments from reaching our storm drain inlets and waterways.

Careful decisions in caring about gardens

With colleagues and mentors in the storm water industry, there is much to be addressed; as a former garden center nursery consultant and specialist. I call upon the citizenry of San Jose and its valleys to make careful and conscientious decisions in caring for gardens, landscapes, and yards.



Capture and harvest of flood, rain, and storm waters is one environmentally friendly approach.

Minimizing use of potable water for irrigation is another in conjunction with not using chemicals to remedy or treat these nuisance issues. Integrated pest management works well. There is much data and literature available.

How to look up native plants in our area for planting

As a native of San Jose and Santa Clara Valley, I have consulted the website for The California Native Plant Society. Our Santa Clara Valley Chapter can be found at www.cnps-scv.org. The plants which have evolved in this region over centuries and millennia can effectively and efficiently correct and intercept the constituents and contaminants we create and transmit.

The website <https://envirocert.org> is a good starting place for learning more about Stormwater.

The QSM program can be found at: <https://envirocert.org/qsm>. With the mega drought and this approaching recession upon us, I call upon each and all to learn more about storm water as a source of irrigation and its capture and harvest.

I have forged friendships and relationships with many in this field in the last two years. This has helped me to grow personally and professionally and given me the confidence and resolve to advocate for better methods of combatting this drought and helping protect and serve our environment.

Thank you each and all for your attention and time in reading this entry. I wish you the very best going forward. Happy holidays!

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Ask the DMV

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The Thanksgiving season is one of the busiest travel times of the year.

The DMV wants to make sure that you are prepared for busy airports so you can catch your flight with ease. Your travels will be easier when you take advantage of DMV online services to get your REAL ID.

Q1: I am planning to fly home to visit my family this holiday season. Do I need a REAL ID to board domestic flights?

A1: While you will not need a REAL ID to board domestic flights or to enter federal facilities this holiday season, you will next year. The enforcement date is May 3, 2023. We highly encourage all Californians to give themselves the gift of a REAL ID this holiday season! REAL ID appointments are available, and you can also check DMV Office wait times online if you do not have an appointment. Before you go, complete your REAL ID application online and simply finish the transaction in person at a DMV Office.

Q2: I lost my driver's license and need to replace it before flying home for Thanksgiving. Can I request a replacement online?

A2: Yes, if your driver's license (DL) has been lost, stolen, damaged or mutilated, a replacement DL can be requested online by following these steps:

- Create an online account (if you haven't previously).

- If you've submitted a Change of Address (COA) confirm that the change has been processed and wait 14 days before requesting a replacement DL. (Confirmation can be done in the COA system.)

- Be prepared to pay a fee for your replacement driver's license.

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Q3: My car registration is out of date, and I don't have time to visit the DMV before the holidays. Can I renew my registration online?

A3: Yes! Skip the line this holiday season and renew your vehicle registration online. The DMV offers a variety of online services that make completing your DMV business easy and efficient, from renewing vehicle registration to changing your address, or driver's license renewal – and much more! You can find a list of online services at [dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv-online/](https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv-online/).

In addition to online services, the DMV offers other methods for completing select transactions to help reduce your trips to the DMV and save you time this holiday season, including DMV kiosks and Business Partner Automation (BPA) locations.

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For more information or answers to questions not listed here, please visit www.dmv.ca.gov.

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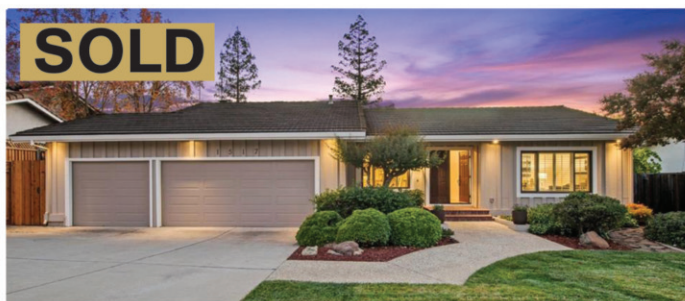
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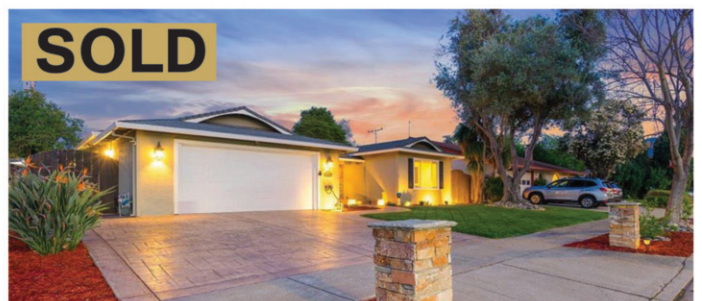
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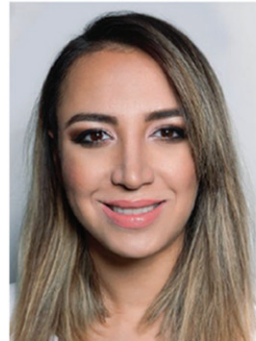


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