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SJPD cracks down on sideshows

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

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True Holiday Spirit: 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 per-

son 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

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Winter Holiday Crafts at Village Square Branch Library

Bring the family to Village Square Branch library to celebrate the Winter Holidays with a special Winter Holiday Crafts event on Friday, December 16 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fun activities include arts & crafts, prizes, books giveaway and more! Snacks will also be served.

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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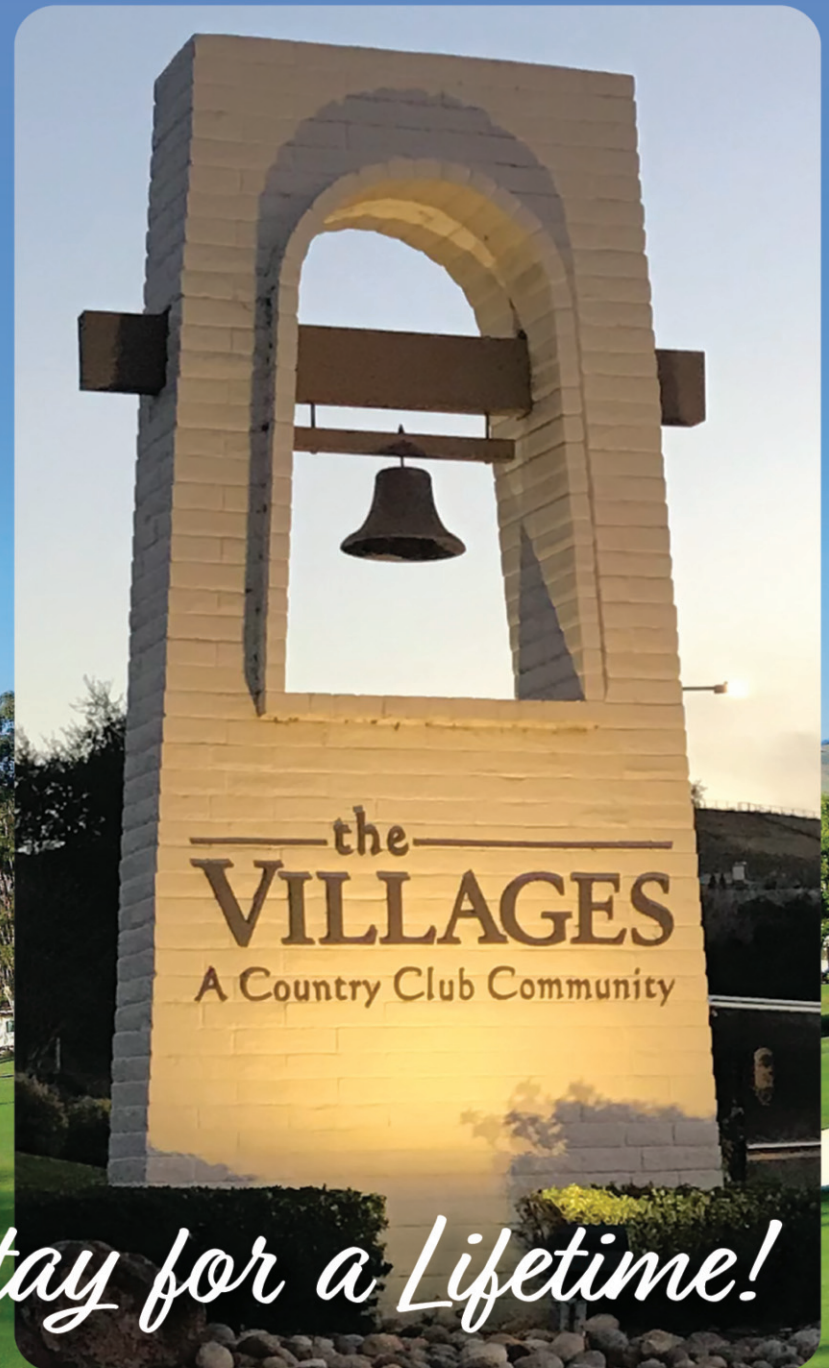
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NOTEBOOK

Help wanted: County Boards and Commissions

By County Supervisor
Joe Simitian

Is there an issue you're passionate about? A problem you can help solve? A community you'd like to help succeed? We may have the perfect niche for you.



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.

More information on our boards and commissions, including how to apply, is available at <https://board-clerk.sccgov.org/boards-and-commissions>

Valley Currents

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Op-ed The greatest Christmas tree

When we all decide to do the things that are right for humanity...

By Frank Shortt

Recently, a friend of mine of many years said, "We don't see the nativity scenes we used to see in front of houses! Aren't there Christians anymore?" The greatest 'Nativity Scene' men and women could ever see would be a newborn human being, who once lay on the sidewalk with flies blowing around his cracked and bleeding lips, his clothing in rags, barely keeping the cold from his body! Then, to see that person leading a useful life for society, whole, and in their right mind, that is the greatest Nativity Scene that could ever be imagined!

The greatest 'Lights' mankind could ever see would be the coming together of all people who call America home at this time. To see mankind working together instead of pulling two different directions would be greater than any string of lights on any city street. To hear men building each other up instead of pulling each other apart would outshine any display that Park Avenue or Central Park could produce.

Mankind is, in essence, a fir tree. When I see children of different ethnic groups singing or playing together, this is the beginning of the ornaments on the Christmas tree. Then, when I see their parents of different backgrounds talking and laughing on the playground, this adds many ornaments to the tree. When children begin displaying a talent that they have been honing and do it exactly how he or she was taught, this is another addition to the branches.

When we all decide to do the things that are right for humanity, we can begin to see the Christmas tree gleaming! Are we all so caught up in ego that we forget the importance of community? Are we destined to become a society where we fear our nearest neighbor just because that neighbor does not have the same color skin that we were born with?

Now that we have added all the ornaments to the Christmas tree, it begins to have a greater glow. We have added the warmth of children playing together, singing together, and doing crafts together. We have added the spark of watching parents of different ethnic groups enjoying the play of their children. We have added hope



of one day seeing people getting along instead of stringing apart. We have added a dream of men building each other up instead of ripping into each other and pulling each other down! We have decided that we are all of the same blood no matter where we were born! But somehow, there needs to be something added to the tree!

A great man once said, "There are three things of great importance to the human kind. There is faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love!" Faith is the foundation of all our dreams and aspirations. Without faith, we would not even arise in the morning. We would never accomplish anything we attempted to do. Faith cannot be seen with the natural eye. It is just that something that assures us that whatever we do will be the right thing if we have the right attitude to begin with. Hope is that essence of standing outside the department store window wishing we had all the beautiful things the store had to offer. Hope, is believing that our motives are right in order for faith to kick in. Now we come to the most important ingredient of all: Love!

Love does not belittle its neighbor! Love does not steal from its neighbor. Love does not kill its neighbor! Love does not steal its neighbor's wife or husband! Love covers a multitude of mistakes that others make. Love will overcome many more obstacles than hate! Hate cuts down, Love builds up!

The most important ornament, that can illuminate the whole tree, is Love! There is nothing mankind can produce that will ever outshine love. If we all want peace this Christmas, then by all means, let's begin to show love for everyone!

Giving

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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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Op-ed

Open space at risk in San Jose: Please act now

By Juan Estrada

The San Jose City Council will be considering a proposal that would facilitate development on Private Recreation and Open Space zoned areas.

The Planning Commission already rejected this proposal on November 16, thanks to the hundreds of community members who responded to our action alert and submitted emails opposing it.

In 2018, the City Council passed a policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by focusing the city's growth in the city center. Now, Planning Department staff is recommending an update to the policy to facilitate housing in areas already zoned for residential development. Green Foothills doesn't object



Pleasant Hills Golf Course
Photo credit: Juan Estrada, Green Foothills

to that policy change.

However, an "Alternative Recommendation" has been proposed by the City's Transportation and Environment Committee to also facilitate housing in areas zoned for Private Recreation and Open Space.

After Green Foothills alerted the community, hundreds of community members emailed the San Jose Planning Commission, which then voted overwhelmingly to explicitly reject the Alternative Recommendation. However, the project's decision ultimately rests with the City Council as to whether to adopt the staff recommendation, or to follow the Transportation and Environment Committee's alternative recommendations.

The Alternative Recommendation is inconsistent with the city's General Plan and would facilitate development of huge parcels of open space without a community visioning process, such as is currently being provided for multiple other large parcels in San Jose.

The most immediate and obvious beneficiary of this harmful policy would be the owners of the former Pleasant Hills

Golf Course site. This site, which is close to Reid-Hillview Airport, comprises 114 acres of currently undeveloped open space land. It presents an unparalleled opportunity to gain publicly accessible open space for local communities as part of a community-centered visioning process for future development of the site.

Planning Department staff also opposed the Alternative Recommendation, noting in the staff report: "One developer's interest in one potential redevelopment project should not drive the direction of Citywide policy." We agree that if the Council would like to consider allowing the Pleasant Hills Golf Course to redevelop, the city should lead a transparent community engagement process to determine how the development of the site could meet the needs of its future residents, the larger community, and the city.

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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



Water Wise
Matthew Frazier,
Certified Water
Manager

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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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 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."

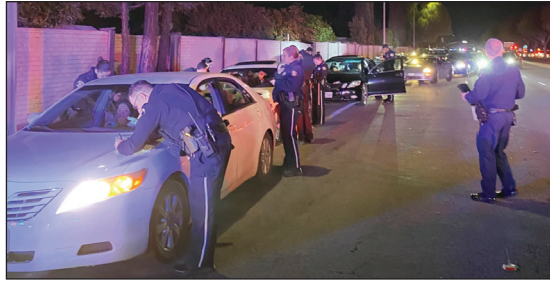
Mahan said the city is serious about cracking down on sideshows and the City Council passed ordinances making it a crime to promote or spectate them. He said financial support for the police department is crucial for ensuring it has the manpower to respond to these events, which are more than just a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



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.

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 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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Policy change paves way for San Jose golf course redevelopment

By Joseph Geha

San Jose officials are considering changing an obscure policy that could kick open the door for development of a massive plot of land on the city's east side.

The 114-acre former Pleasant Hills Golf Course has been closed for nearly two decades, and can't be permitted for development without a special exception under current city rules.

But a tweak to the city's transportation analysis policy could lay the foundation to accelerate conversion of the privately-owned vacant property into housing, retail or commercial space. The San Jose City Council planned to consider the policy.

Some open space preservation advocates oppose the proposed change, which is being pushed by Councilmembers Raul Perez and Dev Davis.

"It would facilitate the development of huge parcels of open space without a preceding community visioning process," Juan Estrada, an advocate with preservation group Green Foothills, told San José Spotlight.

City planning staff don't support the proposed change from Davis and Perez, which could create a roadmap for the council to allow more housing and businesses in outlying portions of the city, such as the golf course.



A portion of the former Pleasant Hills Golf Course in East San Jose. Some residents are concerned about potential development of the 114-acre site. Photo by Joseph Geha.

Developing homes farther afield conflicts with the city's "focused growth" strategy, and goes against the general plan climate goals because of the heavy traffic impacts they would create. The San Jose Planning Commission also rejected the proposed change by a 7-2 vote on Nov. 16, with one commissioner absent.

While Davis acknowledges the golf course is the most immediate and obvious property that could be developed as a result of the proposed change, she said the larger issue goes beyond those 114 acres.

She supports the change in large part because of the housing crisis, and the need for San Jose policymakers to be able to meet state housing goals in the coming decade. She wants new councilmembers to have a policy to guide them if they need to make a tough call on development.

"We want all future councils to be able to weigh what is most necessary at that moment for the community, which is frankly

what our job is," Davis told San José Spotlight.

Davis said private developers are more responsive to the market than the government, and could spot potential beneficial development sites that might get passed over with the current traffic analysis policy.

City reports focus on the golf course, however, and show if the council wants to pursue a development there, it has the authority to do so without making changes to current policies—though an environmental review and general plan amendment would be needed.

"One developer's interest in one potential redevelopment project should not drive the direction of citywide policy," a staff report reads.

The golf course, which closed in 2004, is located at the corner of Tully and White roads. Though it's in District 8 near the border of District 5, the land is part of the county.

City staff also said any development on the former golf course site should start with a "transparent community engagement process, similar to an Urban Village process, to determine how the development of the site could meet the needs of its future residents, the larger community, and the city."

The city report said the engagement process could help determine what kind of development could go there, and what community amenities and improvements to transportation infrastructure may be needed.

Estrada said Green Foothills' main objective is to see community engagement happen before any development proposal is considered.

"Green Foothills would certainly appreciate it if a significant portion of the site, given it is 114 acres, was set aside as open space or became urban green space," Estrada said.

LOCAL NOTEBOOK

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.

Senator Cortese introduces bill to tackle youth fentanyl crisis

On the first day of Legislative Session, State Senator Dave Cortese (D-San Jose) introduced legislation to prevent opioid and fentanyl overdoses and death among Califor-

nia's youth.

Senator Bill (SB) 10 will expand statewide prevention and education efforts to combat the skyrocketing overdoses and fentanyl-related deaths that have plagued youth statewide.

Senator Dave Cortese says, "We have a crisis of fentanyl poisoning and death among our youth that we must meet with urgency and the sweeping action it requires. I am committed to working with our educational partners and community to reverse the alarming rise in fentanyl overdoses and deaths. Through universal preventative measures, we can save lives."

Under the leadership of Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez, the Santa Clara County Fentanyl Working Group works to distrib-

ute widespread information on the impact of fentanyl in partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services, and the Santa Clara County Opioid Overdose Prevention Project. Since its development last spring, this working group has already saved the lives of two students in San Jose in one month.

This model inspired SB 10, says Senator Cortese, who believes that any solution to this crisis must include universal preventative measures that will result in lifesaving outcomes for our youth.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez says, "There is such a sense of urgency to the

fentanyl crisis that I commend Senator Cortese for using Santa Clara County's Fentanyl Working Group as the prototype for a statewide response to fentanyl poisoning deaths. When I established the Fentanyl Working Group in early 2022 with Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen, we hit the ground running. Within a few months we have been able to get Narcan into most high schools, held meetings with parents and students and developed a communications campaign to connect with teens and young adults who are buying pills online not knowing they are laced with fentanyl."

Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary Ann Dewan says, "The Santa Clara

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Times News

Fentanyl

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County Office of Education is proud to sponsor this important legislation which will help spread awareness of the dangers of fentanyl and establish better access to life saving medication. Narcan kits and training provided to school staff in Santa Clara County over the last few months have already been successfully used to save students' lives."

SB 10 seeks to provide necessary intervention, increase accessibility to resources and provide valuable education and training services to protect our youth from fentanyl poisoning and overdoses.

The bill will include:

- Requiring local education agencies (school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools) to embed opioid overdose prevention and treatment in their School Safety Plans, including synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl; and

- Distributing Opioid Antagonist Training & School Resource Guides to all local education agencies regarding the emergency use of opioid antagonists, such as naloxone, on school campuses; and

- Distributing safety advice to families regarding opioid overdose prevention including through student orientation materials and through posting online information; and

- Establishing a State Working Group on Fentanyl Overdose/Abuse Prevention focused on public education, awareness, prevention and minimizing overdoses; and

- Setting up a framework to incentivize use of County Working Groups on Fentanyl Overdose/Abuse Prevention like the successful

model in Santa Clara County through a new state grant program.

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. In one year alone (2019-2020), fentanyl overdoses among youth nearly doubled and we have seen that trend continue to increase.

Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids were responsible for more than 105,000 deaths in America from October

2020 to October 2021, with 69,000 deaths being caused by fentanyl. Fentanyl, in particular, is responsible for more deaths among youth than all other drugs combined.

For more information, contact Tara Sreekrishnan, Office of Senator Dave Cortese at 408 480 7833 or tara.sreekrishnan@sen.ca.gov.

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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 there 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%
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Times **Feature**

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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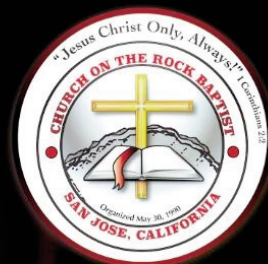
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Tech Jargon of the week

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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Elf trouble

A Christmas story

By Kevin Larsen

The elves made fun of me and were mischievous...they sometimes play around and cause trouble!

It all happened this past week...you see, only boys and girls can get into the "The North Pole," also called Santa Land. But, for some reason I got in.

An old wise elf told me I got in because a long time ago my ancestors actually worked for Santa and although in my 60's, I had the mind of a boy.

My story begins when I took a special top-secret flight and parachuted out over a snow-covered mountain that had bright lights at the top.

I later learned it was dust from the aurora borealis which they sprinkle heavily at the pole. Being just a bit curious, I went to check on my presents and at the same time present some new ideas to Santa!

I was earnestly welcomed and ate at North Pole Cafeteria. While eating, I asked some Elves if they were good builders. When they found out I was from the Silicon Valley, they asked me if I knew Elon Musk and asked for workplace ideas.

I told them, "Don't make toys with batteries," because kids these days are too dependent on techy things. Why drive a little electric plastic car when kids should pedal things.

The elves liked my idea of instituting a new Work Reward Program where each elf wore an ID Chip attached to a lanyard, but I didn't tell them the chip was actually a Where-A-Bouts tracking tool.

I immediately monitored productivity and was shocked to find some of the elves sleeping; so I woke a few up. While this action didn't make me any friends, the idea was hatched to increase the production of toys for boys and girls in the world.

After just a week, the elves protested the use of the chip and pulled the lanyards off their necks.

This was a social experiment of mine because I told them, and "now you know what Americans go through in the workplace."

I explained workers are monitored in the car and offices and they like their children seem to be tied to the flat phone. We need to go back to normalcy and to do this we must no longer have any batteries in any toys. Are

you with me?" When they scowled at me I could not help but tell them, "You are someday going to be replaced by robots!"

When they heard that they began to throw huge snowballs at me! I waved for them to stop and said loudly, "We love your toys, but they are being replaced by computer screens."

I told the elves, "There is something special about the dolls you make but remember decades back Silicon Valley asked you to put in the pull string that made them talk, well that was no good and it started a thinking machine mind-set that coxed the children in to getting virtual toys. It is best for children to cuddle a doll with Raggedy Ann hair that doesn't talk back, using their own imagination! "Go back to making toys without batteries, I know the truth hurts but you'll thank me in time. I'm trying to do good here!"

Out of nowhere, a big burly man walked over to me in a red jacket and I instantly knew who it was... "Hi Santee," I said with a big smile. He scowled back and said to me, "My name's not Santee... I'm Santa Claus!"

Then he inquired, "Hey, how in the dickens do you get the elves to make presents tagged only for YOU!"

I told him, "My mom always told me, it's good to reward one's self. Take time for yourself were her words. This helped me with my weight loss program, maybe it can help you too Santee I mean, Santa."

"YOUR MOM SAID WHAT? Well that's not true," said Santa. "Everyone knows it is better to give, than to receive! So, I'll be selecting the presents you receive this year... and please, do me a favor, leave the elves alone, they've got work to do and we're running behind our production schedule. And, NO MORE workplace suggestions, please! The only reason I'm putting up with you is you came from Silicon Valley and I knew your family many years ago."

Then, I said under my breath, "Ya, and I bet you don't treat others the way you treat me, huh"... which I later regretted saying. And one other thing, Santa, did you know Mrs. Claus best friend's daughter should be on the "naughty list?" ... because she lied!

Santa's face got red in the cheeks while the reindeer put their paws over their eyes!

"SHE LIED?" exclaimed Santa.

"Yes, I said, almost every time a girlfriend of hers gets a new hairstyle, she says the same thing, 'Oh, my word, you look absolutely gorgeous,' and

all the while she says under her breath, 'Wow, I hope she didn't pay too much to the beautician, because her hair looks like a helmet.' Lies Santa; all lies. Sorry I have to come to you to be the bearer of truth."

Santa while looking a bit puzzled declared, "THAT'S NOT LYING, THAT'S BEING KIND!"

I frowned and tried to explain to Santa that she was not a good girl but he wouldn't listen, then I said, "But Santa, a lie is a lie and



there is no bending of the rules or definitions so she belongs on the NaUgHtY LiSt; that's a must, plain and simple."

Hearing those words, the elves gasped and Santa slowly shook his head to silently say that he would not have any part of it. He then said something in a serious tone, "Thank you for your stay at the North Pole, time for you to go!"

The elves directed me to a secret passage which turned out to be the "Elf's Den," where they make and build all the presents. It was at this time that Santa came out with three nicely wrapped presents for me. I was so excited! Happy too! I went to hug him, but he was too big for me to get my arms around.

"Ho, Ho, Ho," he laughed and then said, "Why these three are specially made for you, I had the elves craft them under my direct supervision." Then the same laugh, "Ho Ho Ho." Why's he always laughing and why is it he is the only one who says Ho Ho Ho when everyone else laughs with a Ha Ha Ha.

I thanked him and he continued to laugh so I asked if I could hitch a ride to California on one of his practice sleigh runs, to which while not looking directly at me, he just shook his head in the negative.

You see, even though I have been mostly good sometimes I do a few things, maybe by accident, that are not good. I thought no one would notice, but I had a feeling those pesky elves said some misleading and untrue things about me to Claus.

Upon leaving the North Pole, the next days would prove challenging. I did the impossible, snow-shoeing over the states from icy areas to Oregon and it's a good thing Mrs. Claus made snacks for me, because I got lost. I pulled a giant toboggan I had the elves make me and used it to go down large hills and to sleep on at night. Then, just as easy as it sounds, I heard a whistle blow and caught a train from Faraway Station to home. The conductor said I could ride for free when I showed him actual presents made and addressed to me from Santa.

When I got back home I took a nap and placed the beautifully wrapped presents under the tree so they would look just right. The tags had my name on them and said, "Official Package from North Pole."

Then, Christmas morning came. I saved the presents that Santa gave me for last. All I could

think of was the true loving comradery I had with Santa and the elves.

I ripped the bow off of the first package and clawed at the wrapping paper like a panther. "What's this," I asked in confusion with my family looking on with scowls. A family member stated, "I think it's a shirt but it fits too tight around your belly and Oh My, why does it have one short sleeve and one long sleeve?"

In the second box, I got pairs of socks with different designs, different colors and different sizes too. One sock was size large and the other attached to it was the size of an infant. I was getting a bit upset but hoped for the best as I began to open the third package.

Chocolates, I exclaimed, and individually wrapped inside a gold tin box. They tasted delicious so I shared them with others in the room, but if you can believe it, little pieces of walnut shells crunched down upon my unknowing teeth. I muttered under my breath, "It's the elves who did this, those pesky mischievous elves."

There was a little tiny card in the chocolate box too. The elves must have written it because Santa uses cursive writing and elves just print with capital letters.

It read...

"IF YOU EVER COME BACK YOU GOT TO CLEAN THE REINDEER CORRALS AND BUILD A MULCH AND COMPOST AREA. SANTA SAYS WE'RE GOIN GREEN AT THE POLE. BY THE WAY THAT GIRL YOU TRIED TO TELL ON, WELL, SHE IS RELATED TO MRS. CLAUS AND SHE'S A GOOD GIRL AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN. YOU'RE A GOOD BOY, BUT YOU NEED HELP!"

Reading the note many times just made me more and more angry. I asked myself under my breath, "What do they mean I need help, it's them that need the help!"

So, I sent them back this special delivery letter and drew some candy canes on the envelope so they would be sure to open it. I even used glue and glitter to make it loving looking.

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"You Elves are mischievous and just so you

know, a lot of the things you make break easily. Why the pointed hats?"

After I wrote the letter above, I felt a little better and I got a bit mischievous myself and decided to write Santa.

Dear Santa,

Did you see that someone hung some mistletoe on the ceiling just above your kitchen table?

Didn't want to send you this note but everybody knows.

You see, while I was at the Pole, I tiptoed into your house to borrow some cookies.

To my surprise, I saw Mrs. Claus kissing an elf standing on a chair.

Maybe it was all because of the mistletoe.

I guess all love is good love. Made me wonder though, if Mrs. Claus ever visited France?

Not sure which elf it was, but Mrs. Claus would know!

Love ya,

By the way, thanks for the presents.

P.S. I wonder who put that mistletoe up on the kitchen ceiling; I guess we'll never know for sure.





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Times **Features****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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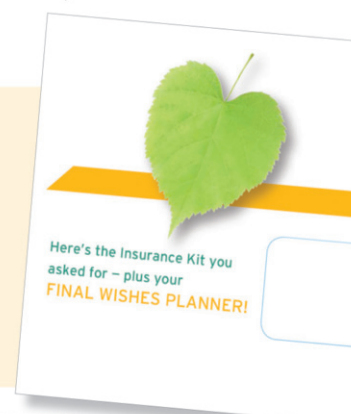
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Times **Feature****Ask the DMV****Expedite your holiday travels with DMV's online services and more**

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.

You should receive your new DL card in the mail within two to four weeks. If you have not received your DL card after 60 days, call 1-800-777-0133 to check the status.

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/.

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.

DMV kiosks are freestanding



self-service touchscreen devices that guide you through various DMV transactions, from registration renewal and payment to submitting proof of insurance. You can find a list of DMV kiosk locations at <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/locations/kiosks/>.

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

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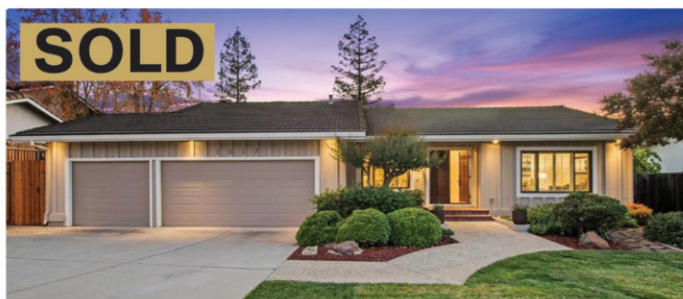
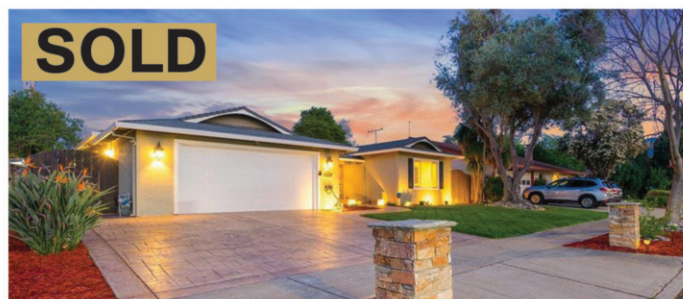
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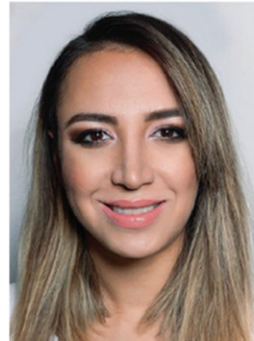
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Driving tips for those heading to the snow this holiday season

Here are more tips for winter driving from the National Safety Council and AAA:

- Have your car checked to make sure it's ready for winter driving.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze.
- Keep your car's emergency preparedness kit fully stocked.
- Keep external camera lenses and side view mirrors clean and free of snow.
- To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, never leave a vehicle running in your garage — even with the garage door up.

■ If the forecast looks iffy, wait out the storm if possible; if you must travel, share your travel plans and route with someone before you leave.

■ Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions.

■ Steer in the direction of a skid, so when your wheels regain traction, you don't have to overcorrect to stay in your lane.

■ Accelerate and decelerate slowly.

■ If possible, don't stop when going uphill.

■ If visibility is severely limited due to a whiteout, pull off the road to a safe place and do not drive until conditions improve.

■ Avoid pulling off onto the shoulder unless it is an absolute emergency. Limited visibility means other vehicles can't see yours on the shoulder.

■ Keep an eye out for water jets shooting up through manhole covers.



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