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Panidapu of Evergreen named as one of America's top 300 teen scientists

Selected for achievements in stem innovation and leadership in nation's oldest and most prestigious high school competition

Cociety for Science has announced that Apoorva Pan-**J**idapu (above) of Evergreen Valley has been named a top 300 scholar in the 82nd Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS). Regeneron Science is the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and mathematics competition for high school seniors.

The Regeneron Science Talent Search scholars were selected See SCHOLAR, page 7

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Five schools in EESD named 2023 California Distinguished Schools

tate Superintendent of Public Instruction STony Thurmond an-nounced the ele-mentary schools that had been selected for the prestigious 2023 California Distinguished Schools Program on January 6.

The award program is celebrating its return this year after the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily suspended state and local student data reporting. Since its inception in 1985, the California Distinguished Schools Award remains one of the important ways to celebrate exceptional schools, districts, teachers, and classified employees for their innovation, talent, and success in supporting students.

The following exceptional schools in Evergreen Elementary School District recognized this year are illustrative of the hard work, dedication, and resilience that is shown by the entire EESD community, especially its staff, students, and parents.

Eligible schools were identified based on their performance as specified on the California School Dashboard. Specifically, the following schools were selected by the data reported through the 2022 Dashboard, including assessment results, chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, and socio economic data.

- Carolyn Clark Elementary School
- Evergreen Elementary School
- James Franklin Smith Elementary School Tom Matsumoto Elementary School
- Silver Oak Elementary School

Superintendent Dr. Antoine Haw-kins stated, "I am honored that our schools were recognized and selected for the prestigious 2023 California Distinguished Schools Program. Our



eagerness to provide outstanding public education and various learning opportunities to our students is a testament to our district's innovation and the hard work of our staff, who helped to ensure our students make educational progress and flourish during this time. The affirmation of our excellent teaching, learning, and collaboration reminds me of the necessity to maintain strategies to address the needs of our entire school community while simultaneously working to significantly increase the number of our schools that are recognized in the upcoming years."

The California Distinguished Schools program recognizes schools for their excellent work in one of two categories: closing the achievement gap and achieving exceptional student performance. Elementary schools are recognized in alternate years; therefore, awardees hold the title for two years.

St. Francis of Assisi of Evergreen Blood Drive: Feb. 12

he next Evergreen Blood Drive, sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi of Evergreen and

the Stanford Blood Center is scheduled Saturday, February 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Francis Gather Space Community located at 5111 San Felipe Rd in Evergreen.

We encourage you to sign-up in advance so we can plan to have enough staff so no one has to wait. Of course, there will be no sign-ups at the Church, so please use the link below. If you



have questions, please call Tom Mitchell at 408-476-6104. Thank you for your support, and don't forget to wear a mask Event: St Francis of Assisi Blood Drive

Place: St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Space -

Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign-up Link: https://sbcdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/11512

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Caregena is a nonprofit organization supporting foster care centers by raising money to donate to numerous foster cares from local supporters.

Local nonprofit Caregena supports foster care centers

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

By Vaishali Jha Special to the Times aregena is a nonprofit organization that strives to support foster care centers by raising money to donate to numerous foster cares in the local Bay Area, with generous donations from supporters within the community.

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The opinions and viewpoints expressed by guest authors and columnists in this publication do not necessarily reflect the opinions and viewpoints of the staff and management of the Evergreen Times and Times Media, Inc. In April of 2022, Vaishali Jha, a junior at Evergreen Valley High School, founded Caregena because she believes in the power of the foster care system and the generosity of the foster families. Through her leadership, Caregena has opened chapters in different states and has hosted numerous donation drives and fundraisers in the Evergreen community.

"I believe that all children and teenagers deserve a chance to learn and develop confidence in themselves as they develop a healthy emotional wellbeing," said Jha.

In 2022, Caregena hosted two events to support foster care organizations by collecting supplies and donations. The team collected donations from the Evergreen Village Square area, ending with a total of about \$5,500 of items collected. The organization recently held a second drive which totaled about \$3,000. To date, Caregena has donated to foster care organizations, such as Rebekah's Foster Care, Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, and Help One Child. In regards to the collected items, here are some of the responses they received:

"Thank you so much for your generous support of Child Advocates of Silicon Valley! We received your donations of toys, paper, books, folders, and much more!" - Frederick J. Ferner, CEO (Child Advocates of Silicon Valley).

"Thank you so much for the donations!" - Marisol Arellano, Community Relations Specialist (Rebekah's Children's Services).

"Thank you for the donations you collected! I was able to pass out some blankets to families in need; we appreciate that. Good luck with your organization in the future!" - Judy Holmes, Director of Family Services (Help One Child).

Aside from donation drives, Caregena also hosted an event in the See CAREGENA, page 7



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State Senator **Dave Cortese** presented a commendation on behalf of the California State Senate to **Apoorva Panidapu**, founder of Apoorva Panidapu's Art Gallery.

Apoorva Panidapu receives commendation from State Senate presented by Senator Dave Cortese

By William Bellou Publisher

State Senator Dave Cortese presented a commendation on behalf of the California State Senate to Apoorva Panidapu, Founder of Apoorva Panidapu's Art Gallery in recognition of her outstanding community service.

"Through her volunteer fundraising 'ART-FOR-CHARITY' efforts as well as her extraordinary talents as an artist, teacher, mathematician, writer, public speaker and social entrepreneur," Cortese said. "Apoorva has uplifted children and young people not only in our community but throughout the world." "It was a tremendous honor to receive a commendation from Senator Dave Cortese," Apoorva said. "Growing up in Evergreen and San Jose has shaped my love for service, learning, and research, and I can't wait to continue my lifelong journey of helping people in my community and beyond. A huge thank you to Senator Cortese for inspiring and encouraging public service in youth."

Last week, Apoorva was named a top 300 scholar in the 82nd Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS). She was also recently featured on PBS NOVA series.

Apoorva is a columnist for Times Media, Inc., publishers of *Evergreen* and *Almaden Times* newspapers.

Apoorva Panidapu, referred to as 'the human calculator' for her math skills is featured recently on PBS's NOVA series

PBS NOVA recently conducted an interview with Apoorva Panidapu of Evergreen Valley about her love for math and abacus.

Apoorva, who is a columnist for the *Evergreen* and *Almaden Times*, executes complex problems with mental math using the abacus, a method of calculation that relies on an ancient tool.

Apoorva has earned the moniker "the human calculator" for her math skills. She said she had a fantastic time doing the interview and also revisiting her Genius Junior days.

Apoorva was featured as a contestant on

the popular Sunday NBC Genius Junior Show when she was 12 years, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris. Last week, Apoorva was named a top 300 scholar in the 82nd Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS). She was recently presented with a commendation from the California State Senate.

To view the video, visit: https://www.pbs.org/video/teen-calculates-mind-boggling-math-her-head-ueanyo







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ServiceMaster Restore offers some tips in dealing with floods

looding is the most common natural disaster in the United States and Californian's are unfortunately experiencing this head on.

ServiceMaster Restore, a global leader in natural disaster response and restoration services for both residential and commercial clients, offers key mistakes homeowners make when dealing with floods.

Not recognizing the dangers of the flood damage

At first glance the water damage may seem mild, however the consequences could be extreme. Water damage is dangerous to a home and often only professionals detect the level of damage.

Waiting to clean up

Water damage doesn't just go away, in fact it actually builds up over time and can eventually lead to a home collapsing. A hidden killer also includes things like mold and bacteria growth throughout your home.

The wrong vs the right equipment

A mop and towels simply won't do this kind of damage control. Here are some tools to invest in if you're not planning on calling professionals.

• A heavy-duty fan is a good start. You need an especially powerful, purpose-built fan that was created for drying out large rooms

• A dehumidifier will pull moisture from the environment more thoroughly than a fan. You can purchase a dehumidifier at most home improvement shops

• An air scrubber is essential for working to improve the air quality of the affected building

• An extraction tool, also known as a flood pumper, is similar to a giant, turbocharged wet vac

• A moisture probe uses a coiled cable to help you deter-



mine where moisture is located, in places where you might not see it

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Ignoring the dangers of a flooded home

· Contamination by bacteria or sewage. There are different categories of contaminated water. Category 3 water is contaminated by bacteria, sewage, or other hazards. It can cause rashes, infections, and illnesses. And even if the floodwater is clean, the flood may have busted pipes in or around your own home, so it may not stay clean for long

• Unsteady footing. Water damaged floors might not be as stable as you're expecting them to be

• Broken glass and other debris. If flood water has entered

your house, there's a decent chance that it broke something to get in there. Look out for metal fragments or broken glass that can cut your feet or legs

• Loose wires. Always be mindful that floodwaters can carry a risk of electrical shock. From fallen power lines to damage to your own electrical system, you never know when you might be too close to a live wire

 Gas leaks and explosions. Turn off any gas or propane sources to minimize the risk of gas leaks and explosions

• Displaced wildlife. Snakes, rats, and other animals may wind up seeking shelter in unusual places after a flood

If you do tackle flood damage on your own, please follow these steps to keep you and your home safe. If you want professional help or need more information on flood damage check out ServiceMaster Restore.

BBB: Here's how to spot a parking ticket scam

he Better Business Bureau says to watch out for this new twist on an old scam. Scammers are now using new technology to create fake parking tickets that look surprisingly official. It could be a scam if you receive a parking ticket and are confident that you parked legally.

How this scam works

You park in a legal parking zone or pay to park on the street or in a garage. While you are away from your car, scammers use high-tech, hand-held printers to make a fake ticket and leave it on your car's windshield.

This phony citation usually asks you to pay online or via PayPal. One recent case used a QR code to direct victims to a fake payment website. If you follow the instructions, you'll end up paying a fine you don't owe. Also, your personal information will now be in the hands of scammers.



One parker reported the following experience to BBB: "I paid \$15 to park in a garage

played on my dashboard. However, I then received a violation notice for \$56 for the and received a receipt for it, which I dis- parking receipt not being visible on the

dashboard."

How to avoid fake parking tickets

• Know before you park. Before visiting a new place, research available parking and local parking requirements. Tourists with out-of-state plates are often the preferred target for parking scams because they need to familiarize themselves with local parking laws.

• Examine the citation carefully. Scammers can imitate logos and city office names, but an imitation website is usually where the scam comes to light. Do an internet search for the city's official parking ticket websites and compare what you find to what's on the ticket. Keep in mind that government sites should end in a .gov or .ca (in Canada) designation, and if there is a pavment page, it should always have a secure connection.

 Double-check the name checks should be made out to. If the ticket allows for payment by check, take a closer look at the address the check should be sent and how it should be addressed. Checks should generally be made to a specific government organization, not a string of initials or personal names.

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Foster Cares provide a supportive and stable family for children who cannot live with their birth parents until family problems are resolved.

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Evergreen Village Square Library in collaboration with NEXTGENKIDS4U on September 18, 2022. Targeted towards children, this event was centered around the creation of care cards and crafts for children at foster care centers.

Positive, engaging activities Involving the children in positive, engaging

activities was a concept that Caregena wanted to use to spread awareness to local communities. Alongside the event, they also held a fundraiser selling snacks and sweets, with all of the proceeds also being donated to Foster Cares.

Foster Cares provide a supportive and stable family for children who cannot live with their birth parents until family problems are resolved with the help of these foster families. Through the event, the organization raised approximately \$200 and made 40 holiday cards, which were donated to Rebekah's foster care for holiday gifts. Caregena recently finished a podcast with Serena Misley, director of Rebekah's Children's Services, where they focused on the impacts of Foster Cares and how the public can help support the foster care system by joining the Caregena community.

Caregena also recently partnered with the Safari Kid Evergreen Center and Mathnasium at Berryessa to host more events. The original Evergreen branch of Caregena is based in San Jose. To spread awareness nationwide, Care-

Scholar

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from 1,949 applications from 627 high schools across 48 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and four other countries.

The 300 scholars hail from 194 American and international high schools in 35 states and China.

Scholars were chosen based on their outstanding research, leadership skills, community involvement, commitment to academics, creativity in asking scientific questions and exceptional promise as STEM leaders demonstrated through the submission of their original, independent research projects, essays and recommendations. gena has already opened multiple chapters in two states: New York and Idaho. With their mission in mind, the organization wants to expand further and create international chapters throughout the world.

Editor's note: You can join Caregena today and make a difference in your community. Contact Caregena at Instagram care.gena, officialCaregena .com, or officialCaregena @gmail.com to learn what they can offer.



Apoorva will receive \$2,000 and her school will also receive \$2,000 to use towards STEM-related activities.

Forty of the 300 scholars will be named Regeneron Science Talent Search finalists on January 24.. The finalists will then compete for more than \$1.8 million in awards during a week-long competition in Washington, D.C., taking place March 9-15. Each of the 40 finalists will receive \$25,000. The top prize for the most promising emerging STEM leader in the United States is \$250,000.

Apoorva was recently presented with a commendation from the California State Senate and was featured on the PBS NOVA series. Apoorva is a columnist for the *Almaden*

and Evergreen Times.



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A new leaf

New Leaf Market has another new name. Local Evergreen resident photographer Mark Milioto just happened to witness the changing of the signs at New Leaf which is now Silver Creek Community Market. The food store, located in the Canyon Creek Shopping Plaza, was established in 2012 as New Seasons Market. Its owners are stewards of the community, donating a portion of the store's earnings to several local non-profit service groups. *Photo by Mark Milioto*

University of Wisconsin-Madison names Arul Aravinthan, Aryav Bharali, Edward Han, and Arnav Jhingran to Fall Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Madison announces that four Evergreen Valley residents have been named to the 2022-20023 Fall Dean's List.

Named to the exclusive Dean's List are Arul Aravinthan, Aryav Bharali, Edward Han, and Arnav Jhingran.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction. Most call the honor "dean's list", but some grant the "Dean's Honor List" and "Dean's High Honor List."

The University of Wisconsin–Madison is a public land-grant research university in Madison, Wisconsin. Founded when Wisconsin achieved statehood in 1848, UW– Madison is the official state university of Wisconsin and the flagship campus of the University of Wisconsin System.

SNHU names Lisa Av, Karl Kho and Katelyn Vu to President's List

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has named three Evergreen Valley residents to the Fall 2022 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Making the President's List are Lisa Av, Karl Kho and Katelyn Vu.

The three full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum gradepoint average of 3.70 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.



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Silver Creek Academy hosts first district-wide speech contest sponsored by the Evergreen School District

Silver Creek Academy hosted its first district-wide speech contest sponsored by the Evergreen School District on January 14.

More than 125 students participated in the event from the Evergreen School District Public Speaking and Debate Program.

Students from fourth through sixth grade presented speeches on which storybook character they identify with the most and why, highlighting specific characteristics and qualities of those characters that students resonated with.

Seventh and eighth grade participants presented speeches on the top three qualities that an effective leader should possess.

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staff and teachers, Board Members, and special guests attended this prestigious event. Attendees included Superintendent Dr. Antoine Hawkins, Board Member Dr. Stan Rose, and President Board Member Patti Andrade as a guest judge.

First, second, and third place winners were declared across each grade level division. Silver Creek Academy provided awards, free books, commemorative T-shirts, and goodie bags to all who participated. Students also enjoyed an arts and craft table, food booth, and photo op table.

"We loved seeing all the hard work and effort that students put into their extraordinary speeches, and we look forward to continuing our public speaking and debate program in partnership with the Evergreen School District," said Shelley Swircek, owner and founder of Silver Creek Academy.

Here are the speech contest finalists: **Grade 4 Finalists:**

1st Place – Zuneya R., JFS; 2nd Place – Venba K., Carolyn Clark; 3rd Place – Emma N., Evergreen; Tanishka K., JFS; Ishaan P., Matsumoto; Nina H., Silver Oak; Mariya B., JFS **Grade 5 Finalists:**

1st Place – Jaylyn N., Carolyn Clark; 2nd Place – Alexandra V., Millbrook; 3rd Place – Simran G., Matsumoto; Caitlyn L., Silver Oak; Samarth K., Evergreen; Aditi A., Matsumoto; Siddharth K., Matsumoto; Adhira K., Norwood; Chloe C., Cadwallader

Grade 6 Finalists:

1st Place – Advay R., Evergreen; 2nd Place – Avni N., Matsumoto; 3rd Place – Kalin G., Silver Oak; Logan L., Carolyn Clark; Saanvi M., Milbrook; Kavya K., Milbrook; Saumit P., JFS Haniya K., Matsumoto

Grades 7 & 8 Finalists

1st Place – Dhyana D., Chaboya; 2nd Place – Aarush S., Chaboya; 3rd Place – Vedika K., Quimby; Utkersh K., Chaboya; Sneha D., Quimby; Shambhavi S., Chaboya

For more information about Silver Creek Academy, call (408) 839-5905 or visit SCAASanJose.com.



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State Senator Dave Cortese calls for increased safety on theatrical productions to prevent accidental shootings

Senator Dave Cortese (D-San Jose), chair of the California Senate's Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee, has announced today his intention to again introduce legislation that would establish safety standards to protect workers in the entertainment industry.

In the wake of the tragic shooting on the set of the film "Rust," Senator Cortese introduced SB 831 in 2022 which would have established a first-in-the-nation regulatory process to keep entertainment workers safe on set. There are currently no state regulations around the use of firearms and live ammunition on theatrical sets.

Rust film crew protested conditions before fatal movie set shooting

"Over the past several months, I've been working with stakeholders and leaders in the industry, including many entertainment workers, to push these real reforms forward and to avoid yet another tragedy on set," Cortese said. "What we've learned is this is an issue that needs to be addressed across the industry, rather than incident-by-incident, to bolster safety as a whole and ensure we keep productions safe for everyone."

In his own district, Senator Cortese enacted Santa Clara County's "safe-storage ordinance" to prevent accidental shootings and suicides in homes.

Tech Jargon of the week Programming Language

By Shubhi Asthana Ave you ever stumbled into a conversation where everyone is speaking around this "techie" word – and



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:

Programming Language

This week we are going deeper down into the fundamentals of computing. If you are a novice in computers who only uses it for checking emails, news, and social media, you may have been confused with the words Java, Python, C, C++, etc. People identify them as programming languages. However, did you ever wonder why does one need so many languages to do the same action on a computer? Why can't people universally use one language for coding?

Let's start with what is a programming language. A programming language is a set of instructions through which humans interact with computers. They are tools, and we choose different tools for different jobs. A tractor trailer and a bicycle and a Tesla are all vehicles – they have wheels and steering and will get you from point A to point B – but obviously we use them for different things.

Programming languages are similar. Ruby and JavaScript are great for building web sites; Java and C++ are often used for financial trading; Python and R are the tools of choice for analyzing statistics.

Languages often make trade-offs in terms of convenience, safety, and speed – much like vehicles. The trade-off is dictated by the job at hand. Also, beyond mere utility, developers choose

tools based on personal tastes. A programming

language is a tool for humans to express ideas to computers. While we developers have many things in common, there is natural variety in the way our minds work.

Because we have many choices of good programming languages, we can select one that "works the way I think". Some developers like Ruby's flexibility, while others prefer Java's strictness. Where some languages feel like math, others look like prose.

Although many languages share similarities, each has its own syntax. Once a programmer learns the languages rules, syntax, and structure, they write the source code in a text editor or IDE. Then, the programmer often compiles the code into machine language that can be understood by the computer. Scripting languages, which do not require a compiler, use an interpreter to execute the script.

So, here's a fun thing for you to do --

As computers have evolved, many different computer programming languages have been created for various types of development. To get an idea of the different programming languages, you can visit "The Hello World Collection", which gives a demo of how to write "Hello World" in over 591 different programming languages.

Do you enjoy reading this column? Send in your comments or feedback to the author at shub.saxen@gmail.com. Shubhi Asthana works as a Research Senior Software Engineer at the IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose.

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Lunar New Year at Children's Discovery Museum Saturday, Feb. 4

Kick off the Year of the Rabbit at our annual Lunar New Year celebration bringing together Chinese and Vietnamese traditions at the Children's Discovery Museum from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Create your own branch of beautiful flowers to symbolize health, prosperity, and good fortune in the coming year, signifying the end of winter and the beginning of spring.

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Thomas & Friends[®]: Explore the Rails Traveling Exhibit Jan. 28 - May 14 at Children's Discovery Museum

Exhibit fosters STEM literacy in young learners

he world's most beloved blue engine rolls into the Children's Discovery Museum on Jan. 28th.

Test mathematical thinking, make comparisons, problem-solve and experiment with Thomas & Friends, the STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Math)-focused exhibit for young children and families.

Climb into Thomas' cab, flip levers and investigate moveable parts, fix Percy's wobbly wheel, explore the island of Sodor, work with friends to load luggage, livestock and other freight into two train cars, and collaborate with others to load coal and fill Percy's tank with water. Suit up as a conductor to exchange money and sell train tickets.

Thomas & Friends®: Explore the Rails, an interactive exhibit was created by Minnesota Children's Museum and inspired by the popular children's series on PBS KIDS® in the US, and Family Jr. and Télé-Québec in Canada in partnership with HIT Entertainment, a subsidiary of Mattel, Inc. Fisher-Price, the #1 Infant/Preschool Toys manufacturer.

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egardless of your motivation, opting for meatless meals regularly provides plenty of benefits that extend from the

benefits that extend from the health of you and your loved ones to your wallet and the environment.
 Whether you're a vegetarian, vegan, considering making some lifestyle changes or just want to give an on-trend meal prep strategy a try, going meatless can help reduce your intake of red and processed meats, decrease greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change and save money on substitute ingredients like grains, vegetables, fruits and legumes that are often cheaper than meat.
 For example, starting with a versatile pantry staple like Success Brown Rice can make mealtimes quick and easy. Ready in just 10 minutes without measuring

make meattimes quick and easy. Ready in just 10 minutes without measuring or the mess, the fluffy, nutty, non-GMO rice is free of MSG and preservatives, lending itself perfectly to satisfying and hearty meals like these Baked Vegetarian Taquitos. Or for a twist on a classic dish, Tric Coler Quipoa can be lowered with Tri-Color Quinoa can be layered with traditional flavors in this Mushroom Spinach "Lasagna." Packed with protein and all nine essential amino acids, the quinoa is a good source of fiber. To find more meatless meal inspiration, wigit Suggers Place com

visit SuccessRice.com.

Baked Vegetarian Taquitos

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes Servings: 4

- 1/4
- bag Success Brown Rice cup shredded collard greens, packed cup frozen corn cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2/3 1 1/2
- cup canned black beans, drained and ri cup canned pumpkin puree tablespoons taco seasoning flour tortillas (6 inches each) cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded tablespoons olive oil sour cream, for dipping salsa, for dipping salsa, for dipping guacamole, for dipping fresh cilantro, for garnish

Fresh cilantro, for garnish Prepare rice according to package directions; add collard greens and corn to water during last 5 minutes. Preheat oven to 450 F. Drain rice and vegetables; transfer to saucepan. Stir in black beans, pumpkin puree and taco seasoning. Spoon 1/3 cup rice mixture into center of one tortilla; sprinkle with 2 tablespoons Monterey Jack cheese. Roll up tightly. Place seam side down on parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Repeat with remaining tortillas, filling and cheese. Brush taquitos with olive oil; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake 10-15 minutes, or until tortillas are crisp and cheese is melted. Serve taquitos with sour cream, salsa and guacamole for dipping. Garnish with fresh cilantro.

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Mushroom Spinach "Lasagna" Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 30 minutes Servings: 6

- bags Success Tri-Color Quinoa tablespoon olive oil garlic cloves, chopped cup onion, chopped
- 1/2
- 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
- cups baby spinach leaves cups tomato sauce cups ricotta cheese
- 1/2
- egg, lightly beaten cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided tablespoon Italian seasoning cups shredded mozzarella 1 1/2 cheese, divided

Prepare quinoa according to package directions. Preheat oven to 375 F. In large skillet, heat oil over medium heat.

Add garlic and onions; saute 1 minute. Add mushrooms and cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add spinach and stir until wilted, about 2 minutes. Stir in tomato sauce and keep warm.

In medium bowl, combine ricotta, egg, 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese and Italian seasoning.

Place 1 cup sauce in bottom of 2-quart baking dish. Spread half of quinoa evenly over sauce. Top with half of ricotta mixture. Top with 1 cup sauce. Sprinkle with 1 cup mozzarella. Repeat layers, finishing with remaining mozzarella and Parmesan cheese

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Report: 2022's Best 'foodie' cities in America

Whith restaurant prices rising 8.3% between August 2021 and August 2022, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2022's Best Foodie Cities in America.

To determine the best and cheapest local foodie scenes, WalletHub compared more than 180 of the largest U.S. cities across 29 key

metrics. The data set ranges from affordabil-	
ity and accessibility of high-quality restau-	
rants to food festivals per capita to craft brew-	
eries and wineries per capita.	
Top 20 Foodie Cities in America	
1. Portland, OR	11. Denver, CO
2. Orlando, FL	12. Chicago, IL
3. Miami, FL	13. Washington, DC
4. San Francisco, CA	14. Atlanta, GA
5. Austin, TX	15. Los Angeles, CA
6. Sacramento, CA	16. Pittsburgh, PA
7. Seattle, WA	17. Portland, ME
8. Tampa, FL	18. New York, NY
9. Las Vegas, NV	19. Charleston, SC
10. San Diego, CA	20. Oakland, CA



Best vs. Worst

• Orlando, Florida, has the most gourmet specialty-food stores (per square root of population), 0.4497, which is 19.1 times more than in Pearl City, Hawaii, the city with the fewest at 0.0235.

• Orlando, Florida, has the most restaurants

(per square root of population), 7.2815, which is 18 times more than in Pearl City, Hawaii, the city with the fewest at 0.4047.

• Cape Coral, Florida, has the highest ratio of full-service restaurants to fast-food establishments, 1.62, which is 2.9 times higher than in Jackson, Mississippi, the city with the lowest at 0.55.

• Orlando, Florida, has the most ice cream and frozen yogurt shops (per square root of population), 0.3504, which is 48.7 times more than in South Burlington, Vermont, the city with the fewest at 0.0072.

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Times News



Italianità in the Americas A Mission Chamber Orchestra concert

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he current season of concerts by Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose (MCOSJ) is all about reconnecting with live musical performance and explor-**Program:** ing connections in the world Romeo Cascarino of music.

On Sunday, January 29 at the Italian Heritage Foundation in San Jose, the orchestra will present a concert of classical music by composers from North and South America who have Italian ancestry start-

ing at 3 p.m.

The music features a wide range of influence and inspiration, from the dances of Argentina, through Romantic poetry to the landscapes and seascapes of the North American West, exploring lasting connections despite separation in time and distance.

Joseph Curiale's Wind River was commissioned by the University of Wyoming to celebrate the new millennium. It is a musical response to the grand landscapes of the West - the Wind River mountain range contains two of highest peaks in Wyoming, and some of the largest glaciers in the contiguous US. The concert includes connections to Monterey - Nostalgia is by Louse P. Canepa, whose music is influenced by her life in an Italian American family in Monterey, while Jeremy Cavaterra's Marine Safari and Whale-Watch is from his Monterey Suite, inspired by the dramatic nature of the Central California coast. MCOSJ hornist Brian Holmes is soloist in the first movement from Henry Mollicone's Horn Concerto - the work, premiered by MCOSJ in 2021, was commissioned from the well-loved Bay Area composer by the performer, a composer in his own right.

The varied program also includes Elegy by John Corigliano, dedicated to Samuel Barber, and the concert premiere of Prospice (1948) by Italian-American composer Romeo Cascarino. Debuted in a version for two pianos, it was the score for a ballet based on Robert Browning's poem of the same name, written soon after the death of his wife Elizabeth, exploring the darkness of death and the possibility of reunion with loved ones beyond it. Luis Gianneo and Astor Piazolla represent the Argentinian arm of the Italian diaspora – Gianneo's works were inspired by elements of Argentinian folk music as he tried to create a national music with contemporary significance, while Piazolla is famous worldwide for creating nueva tango, blending elements of jazz and classical music with the dance originally associated only with

Prospice Concert premiere Louise Canepa Nostalgia Joseph Curiale Wind River Henry Mollicone Astor Piazzolla John Corigliano Elegy Luis Gianneo Jeremy Cavaterra

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Brian Holmes received a B.A. from Pomona College and a Ph.D. (in experimental low temperature physics) from Boston University. While in Boston, he studied horn with Harry Shapiro. He has performed professionally with the San Jose Symphony and Opera San José. In addition to the Mission Chamber Orchestra, he plays with the Peninsula Symphony, the Menlo Brass Quintet, and the Altos Brass. He is active as a composer, with many performances and dozens of commissions, publications, and awards to his credit. He is retired from the San Jose State Department of Physics and Astronomy, where he taught a course on the physics of music.

About Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Iose

Founded by conductor and musical director Emily Ray in 1996, Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose (MCOSJ) is a volunteer orchestra performing professional quality concerts in the South Bay. The 35- to 50-piece orchestra is known for its innovative programming that surprises and delights its listeners. In May 2011, the San Francisco Classical Voice praised MCOSJ's performance of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, calling it "thrilling to hear."

MCOSJ features world class artists as well as emerging professional soloists. MCOSJ has given the world premieres of more than twenty works and the West Coast or South Bay premieres of many others. Brilliant Classics recently released a disc of A.J. Fernandes' Violin Concerto featuring violinist Carlos Damas accompanied by the orchestra.

MCOSJ caters to a broad audience, featuring classical repertoire and modern works by composers from around the world. Select high school musicians are invited to join the orchestra in many of its concerts. http://www.missionchamber.org

Report: Best states to win the Mega **Millions jackpot**

California does not charge state tax on jackpots

By Mike Winters fter weeks without a winner, the Mega Millions jackpot is now \$1.35 billion the second largest in the lottery's 27-year history and the fourth-largest ever in the U.S.

But depending on where you bought your ticket, those winnings can vary by as much as \$147 million due to state taxes.

Federal taxes are the same for everyone: 24% upfront on all winnings, although the total tax bill will almost certainly be 37% when you actually file. That's because winning more than \$578,125 as a single filer or \$693,750 married filing jointly would trigger the top tax rate for 2023.

State taxes are charged, too, but unlike federal taxes, they vary widely by state. They typically range from 3% to 6%, but go up to 10.9% in New York — the most charged by any state participating in the lottery.

However, eight states don't charge taxes at all:

- California
- Florida
- New Hampshire
- South Dakota
- Tennessee

Symphony San **Jose presents** Nakamatsu Plays **Grieg March 18-19 at the California Theater**

an Jose's own Cliburn gold medal win-S ner Jon Nakamatsu (pictured right) reprises the first work he ever played with Symphony San Jose: Grieg's Piano Concerto on Saturday, March 18 at 8 p.m. and Sunday March 19, at 2:30 p.m.

The program ends with Florence Price's pioneering Symphony No. 1, skillfully incorporating spirituals, folksong and syncopated African American dance rhythms into a classical structure.

Program:

David Amram: Jhaptal Edvard Grieg: Piano Concerto Florence Price: Symphony No. 1 Conductor: Aram Demirjian Soloist: Jon Nakamatsu, piano

Tickets are available by phone: (408) 286.2600 ext. 1; or email: jmeyers@symphonysanjose.org; Website: www.symphonysanjose.org Walk-Up Box Office: 325 South First Street, San Jose, 95113. Located between San Carlos and San Salvador Street next to the California Theatre. Tick-



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If you live in any of these states, you will take home the maximum payout. That means either \$446,014,045 as a cash lump sum or a 30-year annuity totaling \$851,611,350, according to usamega.com.

The cash payout is much less than the annuity, but it's often chosen since it can be reinvested right away.

The cash payout is \$77.1 million more in tax-free states than in New York, the mosttaxed state. For the annuity, the difference is just over \$147 million.

Where you buy the ticket matters, too: If you buy a winning ticket outside your state or district, you will be subjected to state taxes for the state in which the ticket is purchased. Generally speaking, your home state will require you to report out-of-state winnings, but they will offer a credit or deduction for taxes already paid to a non-resident state.

That means a ticket purchased in Oregon which has state tax of 8% on jackpot winnings — would be worth about \$70 million less than a ticket bought in California, which doesn't charge state taxes on jackpots.



et Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 10am to 5pm.

Editor's Note: California Theatre is located at 345 South First Street, downtown San Jose. Convenient, inexpensive parking is located at a city-owned garage one-anda-half blocks from the theater at San Carlos Street with entrances on Second and Third streets.

Horn Concerto, first movement (Brian Holmes, hornist) Libertango Pericòn: danza Argentina Marine Safari and Whale-Watch from Monterey Suite

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The franchise location for San Jose's Beach Hut Deli on San Felipe Rd. in Evergreen has closed its doors. The chain began in 2002 after Beach Hut founder, Troy Feist, opened the first deli location near Folsom Lake in Granite Bay, CA. His signature sandwich, the Surfin' Bird, was created the day he decided to add cream cheese to his classic turkey bacon and avocado sandwich. *Photos by Mark Milioto*



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What do you know? Snow!

To the delight of local residents and business owners at Evergreen Village Square, an anonymous individual dropped a ton of snow in the courtyard area last week. The low morning temperatures in the 30'S kept the snow from melting for several days. *Photos by Kevin Larsen*



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Times **Autos**

2023 CX-50 added to Mazda's SUV portfolio

azda has introduced its 2023 CX-50 as a "bookend" to its popular CX-5. Mazda, which decided it needed two similar vehicles, now has a two punch combo of high quality and also quantity in the most competitive automotive segment: SUV's.

The CX-50 offers a more rugged alternative to the CX-5. The new SUV's exterior features a slimmer grille and more notable fenders. It's more catered to off-road treks than its sibling. It also has an increased towing capacity, 2,000 pounds with its base engine and 3,500 pounds in turbocharged trims.

The new Mazda also has a larger overall girth, 185.8 inches long, 72.9 inches wide and 63.9 inches tall. The Mazda CX-5 is 180.1 inches long, 72.6 inches wide and 65.4 inches tall.

Mazda is offering an incredible number of CX-50 choices: S, Select, Preferred, Preferred Plus, Premium, Premium Plus, Turbo, Turbo Meridian, Turbo Premium and Turbo Premium Plus.

The base engine is a 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine with 187 horsepower and guided by a sixspeed automatic transmission. The CX-50 turbocharged models feature 256 horsepower, and all offerings have an all-wheel drive.

An eight-speaker stereo is standard but Premium and Premium Plus models come with a 12-speaker Bose stereo with SiriusXM satellite radio. Apple CarPlay with wireless connectivity and Android Auto are included on all trims. Multiple USB-A ports, a wireless charging pad and a panoramic sunroof.

Safety features and driver aids include blind-spot monitoring and adaptive cruise control. All models offer a tilt-and-telescoping steering wheel, push-button start and a partially-digital gauge display. An eight-speaker stereo is standard but Premium and the reviewed Premium Plus models come with a 12-speaker Bose stereo with SiriusXM satellite radio.

Gas mileage economy is best achieved with the base level fourcylinder. It's rated at 24 miles per gallon in city driving, 30 mpg on the highway. Turbocharged trims are rated at 23 and 29 mpg. Acceleration from 0 to 60 miles per hour is accomplished in 6.6 seconds.

The 2023 Mazda CX-50, at its top turbocharged trims status, is priced at \$44,000.



The standard engine offering is a 2.5-liter I-4 that produces 187 hp and 186 lb-ft of torque. In MotorTrend testing, a CX-50 2.5 S with this engine accelerated to 60 mph in 8.5 seconds. Fuel economy as rated by the EPA is 24/30 mpg city/highway. Mazda offers a 2.5-liter turbocharged I-4 as the upgrade engine.

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