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## 15th Annual 'Winter Walk and Senior Resource Fair' slated for February 24

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The City of San Jose District 10 is hosting its 15th Annual Winter Walk and Senior Resource Fair on Friday, February 24 at Westfield Oakridge mall beginning at 8 a.m. The event is free to the public.

This year, Councilmembers Pam Foley (District 9) and Sergio Jimenez (District 2) are again co-hosting this event along with new District 10 Councilmember Arjun Batra.

The Annual Winter Walk attracts hundreds of 50+-year-old community members to emphasize the importance of staying active and living a healthy lifestyle. The event helps educate the community on the healthy options available to them, including information on the various city, county, non-profit and for-profit services, and activities available to them and also provide a fun event and get together with many of their peers.

### Scheduled festivities

The event festivities begin at 8 a.m. with registration taking place in the Macy's Court inside the Westfield Oakridge Mall. Guests may enjoy a complimentary healthy breakfast, a Country Dance presentation, warm-up exercises and maybe learn a dance or two followed by a lively walk around the mall's center. Numerous exciting prize drawings of items donated by the many resource vendors will take place following the walk.

## Arjun Batra appointed to represent District 10 Almaden Valley on San Jose City Council

By Jana Kadah  
San José Spotlight

Arjun Batra, a retired tech worker is San Jose's newest councilmember in District 10 – filling the final vacancy on the dais.

The San Jose City Council on Thursday voted to appoint Arjun Batra to the open seat after he earned six votes in a multi-round voting process.

Batra has worked in leadership roles at IBM and Intel Corporation. He's served on various city committees, including those that oversee tax measure spending and smart city initiatives.

"I am very excited," Batra told San José Spotlight moments after winning the appointment. "The first priority is to get the office going so that the constituents can depend on a reliable service."

Batra is the first Indian American councilmember to serve after Ash Kalra won a seat in the California Assembly in 2016. Batra said his family is friends with Kalra's parents and intends to build on Kalra's legacy on the council.

The new councilmember said he hopes to prevent crime before it happens by staffing up the police department. He emphasized a need to prioritize green energy by making solar panels or electric vehicles more affordable for residents. He also wants to increase staffing at City Hall by analyzing disparities between city departments.

San Jose's biggest issue in Batra's eyes is homelessness and a lack of affordable housing.

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Newly-appointed District 10 San Jose Councilmember **Arjun Batra** shakes hands with Mayor **Matt Mahan** on Jan. 26, 2023. Photo by Jana Kadah.

an unfortunate reality that many of our citizens lack affordable housing, and are forced to live in unhygienic, unsafe and unsheltered conditions," he wrote in his application for the seat.

Batra beat out five other finalists vying to represent the district that spans Almaden and Blossom valleys after former Councilmember Matt Mahan won his race for San Jose mayor in November. The other candidates included George Casey, Ron Del Pozzo, Dennis Hawkins, J. David Heindel and Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo.

Mahaney-Gurahoo, who serves as the vice president of the San Jose Unified School District board, was

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## New District 10 Councilmember Arjun Batra to appear at D10-LC meeting Saturday Feb. 4

New District 10 Councilmember Arjun Batra is scheduled to appear at D10-LC meeting Saturday, Feb. 4 starting at 9 a.m. at the Almaden Community Center (2nd floor, room 3)

Batra will present a brief summary of his background and will answer audience questions.

The meeting will also focus on District 10 Leadership Group organization, Executive Committee membership, general membership and 2023 Work Plan.

For RSVP breakfast, email a subject line (Breakfast yes to 2/04 - # attending) to: D10LeadershipCoalition@gmail.com - Please respond by 9 AM Friday, Feb. 3.

## Alamitos Vineyards wins Double Gold award in 2023 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Alamitos Vineyards wins a total of 10 awards

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Alamitos Vineyards, located in Almaden Valley, has been awarded Double Gold, the highest possible score for its estate 2019 Hawk Eye Syrah and Gold for its estate 2021 White Egret Sauvignon Blanc at the 23rd San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.

Hailed as the largest Competition of American Wines in the World, the 2023 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition is methodically judged by over five dozen judges of expert media, trade, winemaking, education, restaurant, and hospitality industry professionals.

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Celebrating its 23rd year, the competition took place on January 17-20, 2023.



Alamitos Vineyards 2021 "White Egret" Sauvignon Blanc is the Gold winner in 2023 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.



Alamitos Vineyards 2019 "Hawk Eye" Syrah is the Double Gold winner in 2023 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.

Alamitos Vineyards takes home a total of 10 awards from the 2023 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition:

- Double Gold 2019 Hawk Eye Syrah
- Gold 2021 White Egret Sauvignon Blanc
- Silver 2020 White Egret Sauvignon Blanc
- Silver 2020 Night Owl Cabernet Sauvignon Blend
- Silver 2020 Hawk Eye Packaging: Modern Illustrations
- Silver 2020 Eagle Packaging: Modern Illustrations
- Silver 2021 White Egret Packaging: Modern Illustrations
- Bronze 2020 Hawk Eye Syrah
- Bronze 2020 Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon
- Bronze 2020 Night Owl Packaging: Modern Illustrations

Find the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition online. Website: <https://winejudging.com>; List of 2023 Winners: [https://winejudging.com/medal\\_winners\\_2023/awards\\_by\\_winery.php](https://winejudging.com/medal_winners_2023/awards_by_winery.php)

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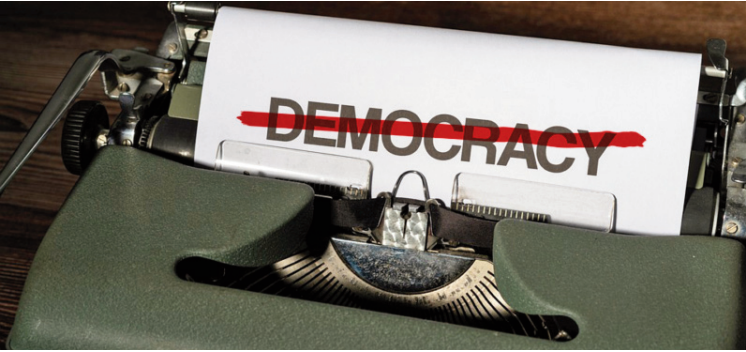
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# The day democracy died in San Jose

*The farce of the City Council selecting new District 8 and 10 councilpersons for 2-year positions*

I witnessed a profound failure of government occurring on Tuesday, January 24. What happened was unprecedented in San Jose history. Instead of allowing the voters to elect two city council members, the San Jose City Council decided to save millions by selecting two city council seats. This was a first! The process was made up as the meeting went along. It was flawed. I spoke and was appalled at, in my opinion, the possible collusion of votes for certain candidates by San Jose City Council members which could be political in nature. I think, and this is my opinion as a resident of District 8, that there could have been private conversations by the San Jose City Council members on who to vote for. If this is true, this could be a violation of the Brown Act; and I'm too tired to help prop up this law. Our city officials let us all down as residents in my view. I believe the new mayor did not take enough precautions in announcing that there are no private discussions or phone calls for City Council members to collaborate and or collude as to who to pick. In my opinion, selecting candi-

dates instead of an election resulted in the best candidates not considered as finalists, including former councilmember Rose Herrera. This is why we have long established voting practices instead of an elite selection process by our City Council. Our law makers have broken our moral code in not honoring Democracy. Laws need to be enacted in the San Jose charter so this never occurs again. Like many of District 8 residents, I waited five hours to speak less than a minute in favor of a candidate and I was cut off in my speaking unable to finish my final sentence with the rude yelling out of a city employee saying "TIME." That candidate I was trying to promote was a great candidate, but received very few votes from City Council. This selection process is un-American, flawed and in my opinion, possibly corrupt. During the nine hours of the City Council meeting that day, a one-hour break was done for the City Council members to review if there were possible violations of law during the interview process (something about the possibility of one or more of the candidates use of phones and laptops during the wait period to be interviewed and other concerning allegations.) Oh brother! Why didn't our new mayor stop the proceedings? As far as I am concerned, San Jose Democracy is dying, or dead.

When people feel like I feel, they're just not going to reach out to volunteer or help the city in any way in my opinion. What say you? By the way, after the fiasco of interview procedures for District 8 (Evergreen and surrounding area), the City Council revamped the entire interview process and did things differently for the District 10 (Almaden) candidate process. Why is it that the East Side of San Jose is treated differently by the San Jose leaders? As a parent and resident of District 8, I'm reluctant to help volunteer or help the City of San Jose anymore.

**Kevin Larsen**  
*Evergreen Valley*

# Valley Currents

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## Supervisor Simitian recognizes *Silicon Valley Reads* for 20 years of service

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian recently recognized *Silicon Valley Reads* for 20 years of building community through the shared experience of reading. *Silicon Valley Reads* is a community engagement program that annually features books tied to a theme and brings people together by providing more than 150 free, public events each year in February and March. "For 20 years now, *Silicon Valley Reads* has been bringing the entire County together to take part in the shared experience of reading," said Simitian, who serves on the County Library Board and is an ardent supporter of the *Silicon Valley Reads* and *Celebrity Storytime* programs. "*Silicon Valley Reads* has built a reputation for excellence by bringing the community together to have interesting and thought-provoking conversations and first-hand experiences tied into the themes of the selected books." Over the past 20 years, *Silicon Valley Reads* has partnered with 37 libraries, 31 school districts, countless community organizations, and donors to bring together more than 10,000 annual participants (with 30% new participants each year) and put on more than 100 free events annually. The program was awarded a 2022 Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association. "The long-term success of *Silicon Valley Reads* is the result of schools, libraries, community partners, and

so many more coming together to engage every resident," said Reid Myers, *Silicon Valley Reads* Director. "Through engagement comes awareness, and through awareness comes stronger communities." *Silicon Valley Reads* launched in 2003 under the guidance of Colleen Wilcox, then-Superintendent of the Santa Clara County Office of Education, as an American Leadership Forum project that was inspired by a city-wide reading program Wilcox sought to scale-up to include the entire County. The program provided an opportunity to collaborate with superintendents, librarians, bookstores, and community members throughout the County. "What started as a one-book, one-community program in 2003, has grown over the past two decades to a program that brings every community together throughout the Silicon Valley around a single theme," said Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian for the Santa Clara County Library District. "We are very proud to be a part of this important reading engagement program." Comprised of both organizations and individuals, *Silicon Valley Reads* strives to promote open dialogue about ideas and interests that are relevant to Silicon Valley residents; to promote reading and literacy among all members of the community; and to support education and lifelong learning, critical for Silicon Valley to maintain its leadership in creativity and innovation.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Animal shelters needing rescue from layoff fallout

Dear Editor,

An unintended consequence of the massive Silicon Valley layoff is overwhelming overcrowding city and county animal shelters. The CEO's of tech companies laying off employees to improve the bottom line failed to consider that many of those former employees have pets, mostly dogs and cats, that they are now unable to care for on their diminished income. Many of those laid off will have

to move in with parents, bunk with friends or be unable to pay for food, vet bills, etc. The result: local animal shelters are overflowing with surrendered dogs and cats needing shelter, food, health care, fostering and adoption into new homes. This is a call upon top executives of tech companies to accept their share of responsibility for the plight of our animal shelters and make significant financial contributions to the shelters and nonprofits that provide aid and comfort to homeless pets. Shelters need funds for beds, blankets, toys, treats and all important veterinary assessments, shots and surgeries, all of which serve to

enrich and enhance the lives of these abandoned pets, easing their stress and making them more adoptable into forever homes for the care and love they deserve. Nonprofits, such as the Silicon Valley Pet Project, provide assistance with adoptions, foster homes for shelter animals, and "dog day out" programs to enhance a shelter dogs potential for adoption. Numerous individuals contribute money and time to assist these agencies. It is time for the large wealthy companies who have caused much of the misery to these abandoned pets to step up and be part of the solution.

**Kristen Clause**  
*Willow Glen*

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## Mayor, City Council vote on Firearm Regulation Audit

San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan and the City Council voted to accept the report on the Firearm Regulation Audit.

The report found that firearm-related crimes have risen by 25 percent over the past five years, from 990 incidents to 1,240.

In response to the City Auditor's findings and recommendations, SJPd commits to amplifying outreach to inform residents about gun violence restraining orders and how to

request one.

The department also commits to improving gun retailer inspection processes to ensure accurate reporting, documentation, and compliance with local laws.

## Alexandria Jimenez of Almaden named to University of Iowa dean's list

Alexandria Jimenez of Almaden Valley has been named to the University of Iowa dean's list for the 2022 fall semester.

Jimenez is a fourth year student in Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and is majoring in Biochemistry.

Dean's list status was earned by only 2,427 first year undergraduates during the 2022 fall semester at Iowa, only 1,768 second year students, only 1,503 third year students, and only 1,845 fourth year students.

As a top global university, Iowa University has 200 areas of study to choose from. Students are encouraged to mix and match majors, minors, and certificates to earn a degree that reflects their unique interests. With more than 500 student organizations, clubs, and communities on campus, and countless in-town events scheduled throughout the year, Iowa makes it easy to build a network of friendships and connections.

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Times **Community News**

# Domingo Candelas is the newest San Jose councilmember for District 8

By Jana Kadah  
San José Spotlight

From five down to one: After a nine-hour marathon council meeting last week, San Jose has a new councilmember in District 8: Domingo Candelas.

"I am feeling very emotional," Candelas told San José Spotlight moments after winning the appointment. "Meeting with the community, setting up an office and making sure that we're diverse, that we're engaging, we're responsive, that's my top priority."

Candelas beat out four other hopefuls—Salvador Alvarez, Patricia Andrade, Sukhdev Bainiwal and Tam Truong—to snag the appointment to the vacant seat that covers East San Jose and Evergreen. After a multi-round voting process, he ultimately won seven votes from councilmembers. The runner up, Alvarez, netted two votes.

Candelas is the director of local government affairs at Stanford University and previously worked for former Sen. Jim Beall and Valley Water. He will serve in the seat until the next regular election in 2024.

But his appointment was not without controversy.

## Controversy

Dozens of San Jose residents spoke out against the process, with many saying they would've preferred to elect their next representative. Councilmembers also appointed a new representative in District 10, another open seat, last Thursday.

Candelas faced accusations from the other candidates that he cheated his way to the win. City Hall sources told San José Spotlight that Candelas might have been given insider information—including early access to questions the candidates were asked. Some candidates confirmed to San José Spotlight that they raised concerns after he seemed "too prepared."

Alvarez and Truong said they reported to City Clerk Toni Taber that Candelas appeared to be violating the rules by using a cellphone and laptop while waiting to be interviewed.

Candelas spoke publicly during the meeting about the allegations and said he is "heartbroken and at a loss for words."

"I got to know what issues are important to the city and I did my own homework and for the allegations to be raised against me is heart-breaking... I should not be blamed for doing my homework and my due diligence," he said shakily.

After the vote, Candelas referred to the accusations as "politically charged."

"It hurts but ultimately, I think my performance and my ability to relay the issues of what matters for District 8, the council saw that," Candelas said. "We need to get to work. We need to start representing our community."

The high-stakes meeting came to a halt Tuesday after officials shuffled into a closed-door meeting to discuss a "litigation risk" with the appointment process—what ended up being the accusations against Candelas. Mayor Matt Mahan interrupted public comment to say concerns were raised with the appointment process. City Attorney Nora Frimann said there was risk of litigation related to the process "in terms of interviews and the process set up by the clerk, and the way it's supposed to be followed."

Looking visibly surprised, councilmembers went into an emergency closed session for about an hour. By 8:50 p.m., they emerged from



Domingo Candelas is the new Evergreen Valley District 8 San Jose councilmember.

Photo by Jana Kadah.

the private meeting and reported that the process can continue, despite concerns.

The District 8 seat became vacant after former Councilmember Sylvia Arenas was elected county supervisor in November.

Candelas said he will jump into the role by setting up his office and meeting with the community.

"Community engagement is going to be a top priority for me," he said. "I want to make sure the residents of District 8 have direct access to their councilmember."

He would not say whether he will seek reelection to the seat in 2024, but his application indicates that he plans on running.

When asked Tuesday how he makes tough decisions, he said his moral compass helps guide him and pointed to his faith as a Catholic. He said he was born and raised in District 8.

In his application for the seat, Candelas said that he's worked on bills to provide funding for transportation projects and road repairs, as well as legislation to allocate funding for affordable housing. "I intend to bring my experience of bringing many voices to the table and bridging the collaboration gap to ensure cohesion and get things done with accountability and performance standards," he wrote.

Councilmembers lamented the difficult decision with the other four applicants boasting impressive experience and skills.

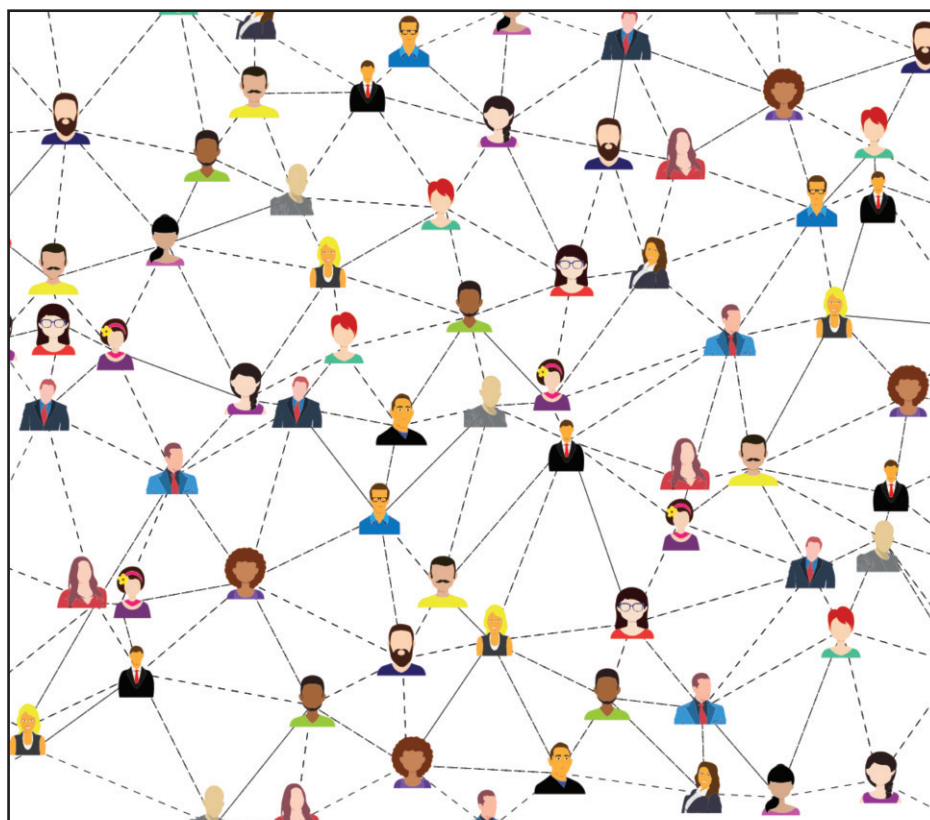
Alvarez is an executive analyst in the city's Office of Economic Development who jumped into the District 8 competition to bring more services to the Evergreen area where he was born and raised. His father was a civil rights leader with United Farm Workers and his mother is a former Evergreen School District trustee.

Andrade previously told San José Spotlight she's the best pick to replace Arenas because she knows the inner workings of government. She is the Evergreen School District board president and worked as a community relations staffer for Arenas.

As a Sikh community leader and a former San Jose airport commissioner, Bainiwal said he came to the U.S. when he was 11 years old and earned engineering degrees.

Truong is a sergeant in the San Jose Police Department and has won early support from prominent Vietnamese leaders hoping to expand representation on the council. He went to public schools in the district and is raising his two kids there.

Truong, Bainiwal and Andrade faced individual allegations of wage theft, domestic abuse and carport bagging, respectively.



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## Times News



Mayor Mahan's team visited the emergency evacuation center at the Seven Trees Community Center.

## San Jose weathered recent storms as well as possible

By Mayor Matt Mahan

I'm sure we're all grateful to be on the other side of the recent atmospheric rivers that hit our state.

Thankfully, San José weathered these storms as well as we could hope, experiencing only limited flooding and damage.

Thank you to our Emergency Operations Center, SJ Police, SJ Fire, our various city departments, especially Housing and Parks & Rec, and our partners, including the American Red Cross and Destination:Home.

Together, we informed and empowered residents in areas with a high flood risk and successfully managed an evacuation order along our waterways that applied to hundreds of our homeless neighbors, many of whom found safe and supportive shelter at one of our evacuation centers.

In the spirit of making the most of an unexpected emergency, our team at the City pivoted quickly to establish additional shelter capacity at a few of our existing interim housing sites.

The last thing we wanted to do was simply send evacuated individuals right back

into our creeks and streets. Instead, we're helping them transition from our temporary emergency evacuation centers to Evacuee Transition Facilities (ETFs) at San José's existing quick-build housing communities, including Rue Ferrari, Monterey/Bernal, and Mabury. Combined, the ETFs will accommodate up to 132 tents on pallets, with bathroom facilities and handwashing stations onsite. That means over 100 individuals who were recently living along a creek will now live in a managed environment with on-site staffing and basic services.

City staff and our partners will be working hard to create an individualized plan for each person and help them identify stable housing, job training, and other services as quickly as possible. This is a small, but meaningful progress toward my goal of ending street homelessness in San Jose (which currently stands at over 5,000 individuals city-wide).

We need to continue to lower the barrier to getting people off the streets and into safe and stable environments if we are going to end homelessness in our community.



**From the Mayor**  
Matt Mahan  
Mayor, San Jose



The African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) hosted its 43rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon to celebrate Dr. King's life and legacy, including the work we're doing here in San Jose to ensure every member of our community has opportunities to thrive. "I'm committed to joining great organizations like AACSA to make positive change in our community," said Mayor Matt Mahan.

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One original or certified document\*

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Times **Feature**

## Working together for the West Valley and North County

By County Supervisor Joe Simitian

The beginning of a new year is an apt time to reflect on our bounty, as well as give thought to those who are in need – to the good works and kindnesses we can offer, and to what we can do to make the coming year an even better one, for all.

This is also a time when many of us stop to reflect on the year past and what we've been able to accomplish, setting the stage to pursue important goals in the year ahead.

At the County, 2022 kicked off with redistricting, moving Almaden Valley from our County's District One to District Five (the District I represent). I'm delighted to have the opportunity to reengage with this community, which I represented for a brief time when I was in the California State Assembly. In addition to the North County area, I now represent four of the five West Valley cities (with Saratoga and Cupertino already in District Five), and portions of San Jose.

This year we've made lasting progress on issues related to health and safety, affordable housing, food security, land use, education, and recreation — for folks in my district, as well as Countywide. I'm grateful once again for the many civic and community partners who made it possible to tackle these, and other issues too big for one person, one group, or one city alone.

Challenges with mental health and addiction affect us all, and pandemic related stress continued to impact many individuals and families this past year. I'm proud that my office advanced improved access to mental health care on several fronts.

In September, our efforts to provide the County's first in-patient emergency psychiatric care for children and teens in crisis moved forward in a big way with demolition of a past-its-prime parking structure on the Valley Medical Center Campus. In its place the County will build a new state-of-the-art Youth Mental Health Care facility – a dual-purpose site that will also offer a major upgrade in services for adults.

In October the Board of Supervisors unanimously supported my proposal for a pilot program to ensure the "missing middle" has access to mental health treatment. These are residents who earn a bit too much to qualify for government-funded health care like Medi-Cal but can't afford to pay for care out of pocket or the high-quality insurance that would fully cover mental health care. The County's new effort, starting in 2023, adds these services to the County's existing Primary Care Access Program, and expands eligibility to include residents making up to 650% of the federal poverty level – e.g., \$180,375 annually for a family of four.

Mental health, however, was just one issue on our multi-faceted priority list in 2022. Highlights of our work this past year of interest to Almaden residents also included:



Open Space was a highlight of 2022.

- **Transportation Safety.** The Board approved traffic and pedestrian safety improvements on Almaden Expressway at Camden, and the County has been working to replace the bridge over Alamitos Creek in New Almaden. Though delayed due to weather-related reasons, when the new bridge is unveiled it will be named in honor of longtime New Almaden resident Kitty Monahan.

- **MedAssist.** To help combat high prescription drug costs, I led the County's effort to create and launch MedAssist, a new program that covers the cost of life-saving medications for qualifying residents who have been diagnosed with diabetes, asthma, and severe allergies. In Sep-

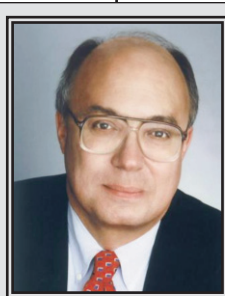
tember, I successfully proposed expanding the program to include all medications for diabetes care. When trying to make ends meet, we shouldn't have to choose between essential medicines and other life necessities.

- **Open Space/Recreation.** In June, the Board approved the purchase of a 47-acre property that will connect two popular County parks located near Almaden neighborhoods. When trails are completed, it will be possible to hike between Santa Teresa and Calero County Parks through this new corridor.

As I think about 2022, I'm mindful that so many of our efforts at the County come to fruition over time. Yes, on so many fronts, we still need to do more, and we need to do it faster.

There's much to look forward to in 2023! Many thanks.

*Joe Simitian was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 2012 and re-elected in 2016 and 2020. He represents the Fifth District, which now includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, Stanford, and portions of San Jose, including Almaden Valley. Joe's public service over the years includes stints as a member of the California State Senate, the California State Assembly, Mayor of Palo Alto, President of the Palo Alto School Board, as well as an earlier term on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. He served as an election observer/supervisor in El Salvador and Bosnia and participated in refugee relief and resettlement efforts in Albania and Kosovo.*



### County Report

By Joe Simitian  
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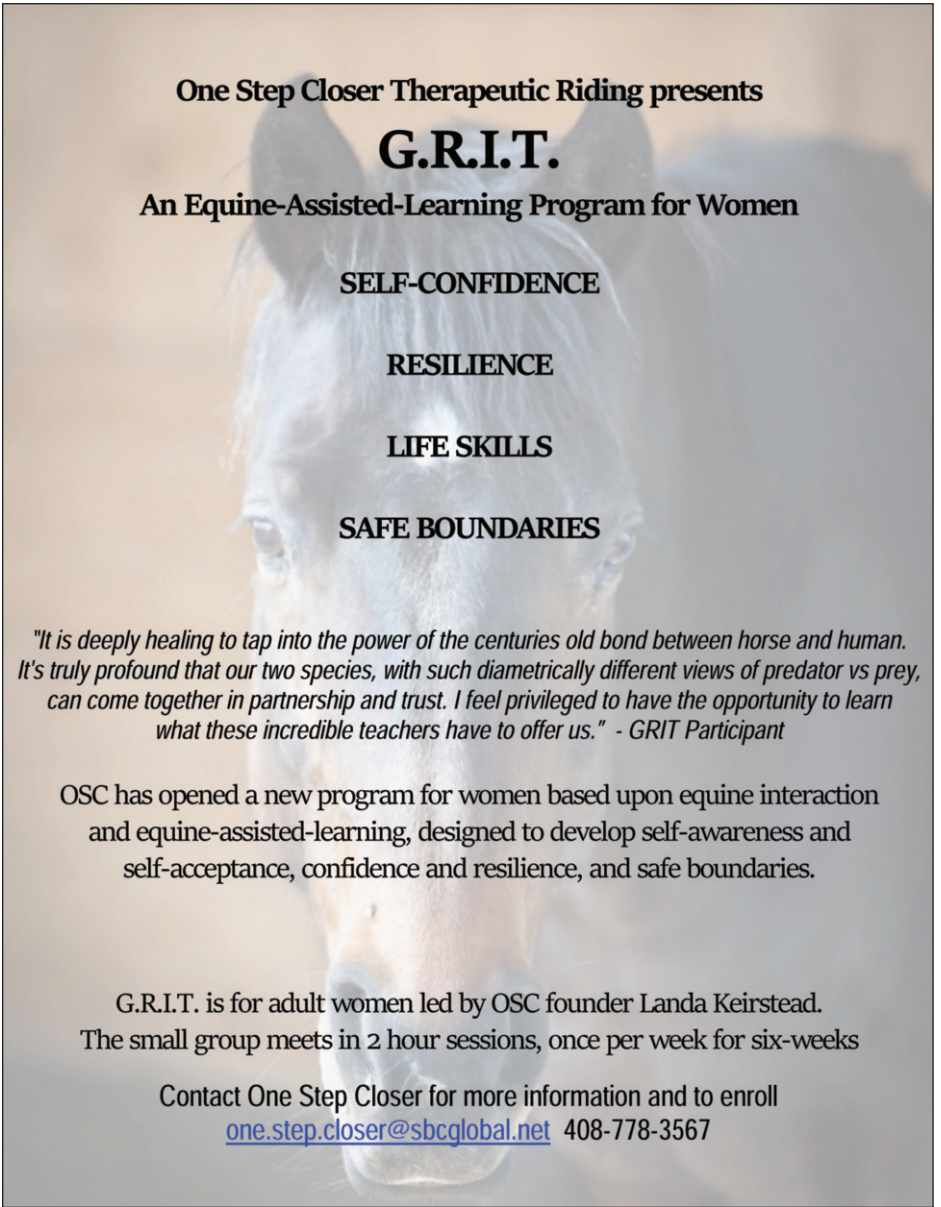
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## Times Feature

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


*How Machine Learning can help save coastal dead zones*

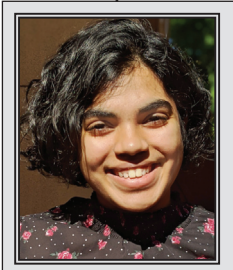
**Y**ou're a goldfish in a special fishbowl. It's not a bad life, except that if you swim into certain spots of this bowl, you die. Whoops.

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

Luckily, you're not actually a goldfish in a doomsday bowl! Phew, talk about a near-death experience. But, the real fish in our world's lakes and oceans aren't so lucky.


Introducing: dead zones.  
(What an ominous intro.)





## Gems in STEM

By Apoorva Panidapu



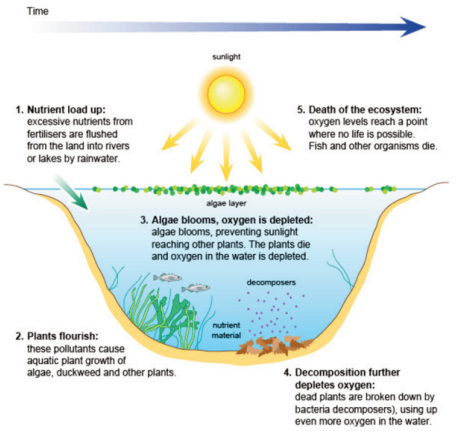
and die off. But even in death, the colonies of algae are nefarious. As the dead plants and algae sink to the bottom, their bacterial decomposition uses up whatever oxygen is left in the water.

Eutrophication typically occurs near inhabited coast lines because the excess of nutrients comes from things like fertilizers in lawns and agricultural fields, sewage, nitrogen produced by power plants and cars, urbanization, and other human activities. The levels of the nutrients vary around the world, and in some regions, atmospheric nitrogen can also worsen eutrophication via the water cycle.

Eutrophication's most dangerous effect? Dead zones.

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

I've got another "Would You



The diagram illustrates the process of dead zone formation in five steps: 1. Nutrient load up: excessive nutrients from fertilizers are flushed from the land into rivers or lakes by rainwater. 2. Plants flourish: these pollutants cause aquatic plant growth of algae, duckweed and other plants. 3. Algae blooms, oxygen is depleted: algae blooms, preventing sunlight reaching other plants. The plants die and oxygen in the water is depleted. 4. Decomposition further depletes oxygen: dead plants are broken down by bacteria (decomposers), using up even more oxygen in the water. 5. Death of the ecosystem: oxygen levels reach a point where no life is possible. Fish and other organisms die.

### What are Dead Zones?


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

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

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

### How, what, why, when?

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



Rather?" for you: would you rather have more crops or aquatic life?

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

### What do dead zones mean for the future?

Literally, it's a bigger picture.

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

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

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

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

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

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N O T E B O O K



The set of "Rust."

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

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:

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](mailto: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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## Panidapu named as one of America's top 300 teen scientists in Regeneron Science Talent Search

*Selected for achievements in  
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tigious high school competition*

Society for Science has announced that Apoorva Panidapu of San Jose 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 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 aca-

demics, creativity in asking scientific questions and exceptional promise as STEM leaders demonstrated through the submission of their original, independent research projects, essays and recommendations.

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 newspapers.

# GEMS

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

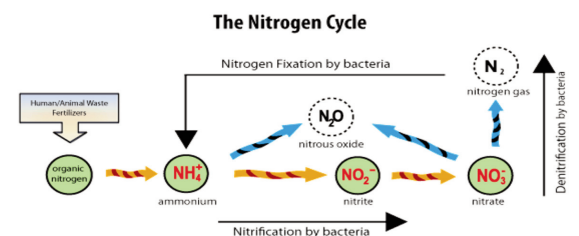
Okay, this is a little depressing. But don't lose hope! Here comes the good part: we can do something about it. Enter: machine learning.

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

I to miss it.

Until next time! If you have any questions or comments, please email me at [apoorvap-writes@gmail.com](mailto:apoorvap-writes@gmail.com).

As a recap: this column, *Gems in STEM*, is a place to learn about various STEM topics that I find exciting, and that I hope will excite you too. It will always be written to be fairly accessible, so you don't have to worry about not having background knowledge. However, it does occasionally get more advanced towards the end.





# 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.

Be thrilled by the magnificent and ever-popular Lion Dance by Yun Yee Tong USA, as we welcome in the new year together.



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

*Exhibit fosters STEM literacy in young learners*

The 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.

# Report: Best states to win the Mega Millions jackpot

*California does not charge state tax on jackpots*

By Mike Winters

After 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



- Texas
- Washington
- Wyoming

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 most-taxed 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.

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

San Jose's own Cliburn gold medal winner **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*

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## Times Feature



San José Chamber Orchestra (SJCO) presents “SJCO Chamber Music” with the SJCO string quartet and the Dallas-based Julius Quartet (pictured above).

## San José Chamber Orchestra presents 'SJCO Chamber Music'

San José Chamber Orchestra (SJCO) presents “SJCO Chamber Music” with the SJCO string quartet and the Dallas-based Julius Quartet, featuring the famed Octet by Felix Mendelssohn on Sunday, February 12, at 7 p.m. at St Francis Episcopal, 1205 Pine Avenue, San José.

Commended for leaving audiences “mesmerized by its resonant sounds.” (The Collegiate Times) The Julius Quartet has cultivated a distinguished voice since its formation in 2012. As passionate chamber musicians, the quartet strives to spread the values of chamber music to diverse communities in addition to presenting their unique expression within the music.

### The Program

- Fanny Mendelssohn: String Quartet in Eb Major
- Viktor Ullman: String Quartet String Quartet No. 3
- Felix Mendelssohn: String Octet in Eb Major

Conductor: Barbara Day Turner  
Barbara Day Turner, conductor

Maestra Barbara Day Turner is the founder and music director of the San José Chamber Orchestra. An ardent advocate for new music, she has premiered more than 200 new works with San José Chamber Orchestra alone, as well as leading the

first performances of 5 American operas. Named a 2012 Silicon Valley Arts Council “On Stage” Artist Laureate, Maestra Day Turner completed 15 seasons as Music Administrator and Conductor of the Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theatre.

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## ServiceMaster Restore offers some tips in dealing with floods

Flooding 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

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## Times Feature



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

Caregena 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.

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 fami-

lies 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 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, Caregena 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 [caregena](https://www.instagram.com/caregena), officialCaregena.com, or officialCaregena@gmail.com to learn what they can offer.*

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## Times Feature

### Batra

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the runner up with three votes.

Batra is the second new San Jose councilmember appointed in just one week. The 11-member San Jose City Council now has six new faces following last year's elections and this week's two appointments.

Batra begins his term on Jan. 30 and will serve until the next regular election in 2024. He did not specify whether he would seek reelection.

On Tuesday, the council appointed Domingo Candelas to the District 8 seat after former Councilmember Sylvia Arenas won her bid for Santa Clara County supervisor. Candelas' appointment was marred with controversy after three of his opponents accused him of accessing the interview questions ahead of time by using a phone and laptop against the rules. Councilmembers went into closed session in the middle of the appointment to deliberate if there were any risks of litigation regarding the allegations.

In an attempt to ensure parity and limit the possibility for cheating, Councilmember David Cohen asked the candidates to sit in the chambers and hear the questions at the same time—the District 8 appointment had candidates come into the chambers individually for their interviews.

Candidates answered questions from councilmembers about their top priorities, how they would make difficult decisions, plans to address homelessness and their vision to reduce carbon emissions.

"There are going to be policy issues which I will be working on but there are day to day issues which constituents needed solved yes-

terday (like traffic, plumbing or PG&E issues)," Batra said. "They don't look as important sometimes when we talk about policies, but this is what they experience."

Batra beat out a pool of finalists that included a former judge and longtime San Jose City Clerk.

Del Pozzo is a retired Santa Clara County Superior Court judge who's been involved in Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, as well as the Boys & Girls Club, Italian American Heritage Foundation and the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley.

Hawkins previously served as San Jose's longtime city clerk and as a member of the Oak Grove School District board of trustees. He said public safety and providing essential services would've been his top priorities.

One of Mahan's top picks was Casey, an attorney who works as the director of corporate counsel at Unlock Technologies, Inc. and serves on the San Jose Planning Commission. Casey has lived in the district since 1979.

Another finalist, Heindel, is the owner of Hotworx, a 24-hour infrared fitness studio and gym. For the past decade he's served on the District 10 Leadership Coalition.

Mahaney-Gurahoo previously worked for FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, and wanted to prioritize improving the area's quality of life, alleviating homelessness and bolstering public safety.

Batra said Thursday that winning the seat will be like "coming home" because he's spent many hours at San Jose City Hall, engaging on various boards and with policymakers.

"Now I'll be sitting on the other side of the table," Batra told San José Spotlight. "I am a 24/7, hands on person. (Residents) will have access to me when they need it."



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Times **Feature**



### Floods

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- 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
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- 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

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