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Scouts honor American heroes

Flags placed on headstones at Oak Hill Cemetery

By William Bellou
Publisher

In a heartfelt display of patriotism and respect, a group of dedicated Scouts embarked on a mission to honor American heroes by placing American flags on the headstones at Oak Hill Cemetery in San Jose.

The solemn act, carried out on Saturday, May 27, serves as a poignant tribute to those who have served and sacrificed for the ideals of our great nation. Oak Hill Cemetery is a revered location that holds the memories of countless servicemen and women, has become a focal point for

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Great show of charity at Cadwallader Elementary School

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Cadwallader School in the Evergreen School District hosted The Outreach Program, led by Regional Manager Christopher Romero of the West Coast offices on May 15.

The organizing was accomplished by Lucy Hsu, third grade teacher at Cadwallader School, under the auspices of Principal Maureen McClintock.

Their goal, along with parent volunteers, was to package at least 10,000 lunches to be distributed to local food organizations. First through Third grade students participated under the direction of Mr. Romero, Cadwallader staff, and

parent volunteers.

Children at the school showed much enthusiasm as they produced hope for others out in the community who are less fortunate than themselves.

Lucy stated; "My students and I talk a lot about making a difference around the world and locally. Last year I took my students on a field trip to pack meals to send to Ukraine. This year, we decided to focus our efforts on feeding local families who may be struggling in the Bay Area. I did some research and found out about the outreach program, which has experience bringing food packing events to work sites and school sites around the country. We set the goal of rais-



Teacher **Lucy Hsu** with enthusiastic students prepare for packaging efforts.

ing \$4000 to pack 10,000 meals. This was a big challenge considering it's a very busy time of the

school year. Our first, second, and third grade students, along with the support of our school PTA, reached our goal! We divided our six classes into three groups. Each group signed up for an hour of food-packing. We set up five stations, and invited a few parent volunteers to help with each station. After three hours of packing, we surpassed our goal slightly by packing 10,044 meals. The meals fit into 46 large boxes that will be picked up by the Second Harvest Food Bank tomorrow. It was a huge success! The kids enjoyed the activity and are already looking forward to it again next year!"

The last effort by Cadwallader students produced several thousand lunches destined for Ukraine. This was a very successful venture. If all schools throughout California would mimic the enthusiasm shown at Cadwallader, hunger could be wiped out in all communities.

The parents of Cadwallader showed up not knowing what their role would be in the venture, but were willing to do what it took to
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Santa Clara County Fairgrounds plans plod ahead

By Joseph Geha
San José Spotlight

Plans to revamp the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds into a sports and recreation facility have been progressing for more than a year, but it's unclear when shovels will hit the ground.

After more than a year of exclusive negotiations with the San Jose Earthquakes, Major League Cricket and San Jose State University—all of which are eyeing big developments on portions of the 150-acre fairgrounds—more time is needed to hammer out the details.

Abraham Andrade, executive director of the Fairgrounds Management Corporation, the nonprofit contractor that runs the county property, said agreements to extend the talks with all three organizations are in the works.

Progress is being made toward establishing a 15,000-capacity professional cricket stadium and a



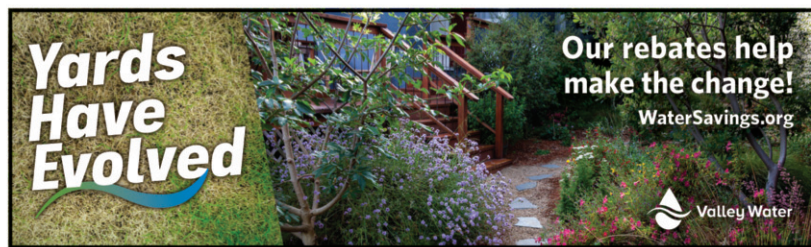
Abraham Andrade, executive director of the Fairgrounds Management Corporation, points to some new signage on a building at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds on May 11, 2023. Photo by Joseph Geha.

parking garage on a 14-acre parking lot that fronts Tully Road in San Jose. A vast soccer complex for the Earthquakes' practice use and youth academies that could land on a 15-acre patch of land along Umbarger Road is also still under discussion. That development could also include an additional 18 acres for

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Fairgrounds

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six public soccer fields that would be managed by the county.

"We're deep in the negotiations with both, they're moving along," Andrade told San José Spotlight.

San Jose State, meanwhile, is hoping to create a commemorative track and field facility on nine acres in the middle of the fairgrounds, honoring the legacy of Speed City and the Olympic Project for Human Rights. The project would also include an indoor sports complex.

The proposals all fit into an effort more than three years in the making to rebrand the underutilized fairgrounds as a sports, entertainment and family destination.

Major League Cricket is responsible for the funding and development of the stadium, the county is handling the parking garage only.

Assemblymember Ash Kalra secured roughly \$9 million in state funding to help pay for the Speed City project, which will be held until agreements are made and construction begins.

Though the general shape of some of these agreements are in place, Andrade said it's too soon to pinpoint specific cost details and timeframes.

"It's a very high level of confidence that all three will materialize on the fairgrounds property," Andrade said.

Andrade believes as these projects move closer to reality, it will spur more momentum for other projects, including a potential 25-acre equestrian, livestock and agricultural education center. As these activities go live, the revenue generated could help the fairground tackle much needed renovations to current buildings like expo halls.

No housing at the fairgrounds

With visions for sports and entertainment facilities, the fairgrounds leadership and county are not allocating any space for transitional or permanent housing for homeless people, which housing advocates want. There are roughly 10,000 people without permanent housing in the county, and 77% of them are unsheltered.

Andrade said the county has done a lot of work to address the homeless crisis, and is actively pursuing other sites for housing solutions. A portion of the fairgrounds land was previously used for a community health clinic and affordable housing development.

District 2 County Supervisor Cindy Chavez,



The Santa Clara County Fairgrounds entrance archway has stood at the site since 1956. Photo by Joseph Geha.

who represents the area where the fairgrounds are located, has been at the forefront of the effort to reimagine the site's potential.

"Our residents and their children deserve an area they can use for active recreational events, sports competitions and park activities," Chavez told San José Spotlight. "The urban area around the fairgrounds is densely developed."

San Jose homeless advocate Richard Scott said he thinks the county could make space for sports, entertainment and housing homeless people on such a large site.

"It's beyond my understanding that cricket fields and running tracks are more important than taking care of people that are living on the streets," Scott told San José Spotlight. "When they could easily be side by side."

The fairgrounds property currently hosts events such as concerts and religious celebrations, and rents out some of its property to paintball operators and utility contractors that need space to park vehicles and equipment. The fairgrounds also hosts off-track betting, as well as bingo nights. It was a county location for large-scale COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, temporary overflow shelter for homeless people and monkeypox vaccinations.

This summer will mark the return of the Santa Clara County Fair that hasn't been held since 2019 due to the pandemic. It will run for 10 days, longer than usual, to make up for lost time.

"It's the longest fair in 20-plus years," Andrade said.

The site will also host its third year of Fairgrounds Live, a free weekly summer concert series with food trucks, a beer garden, night market and games, and free admission, beginning July 12, running for 12 weeks.

Flags

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this remarkable initiative.

Led by the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, Boy Scouts of America, a team of enthusiastic Scouts, along with their committed leaders, meticulously adorned the final resting places of veterans and fallen soldiers with the iconic Stars and Stripes.

With unwavering determination and a deep sense of gratitude, the Scouts demonstrated their commitment to honoring the brave men and women who selflessly defended the United States. As they metic-

ulously placed each flag with care and reverence, they acknowledged the sacrifice made by these courageous individuals and the immeasurable debt of gratitude owed to them.

The impact of the Scouts' efforts extends beyond the physical act itself. By engaging in this solemn tradition, they encourage the community to join them in paying tribute to the fallen, reminding us all of the enduring legacy left by those who dedicated their lives to protect the values we hold dear.

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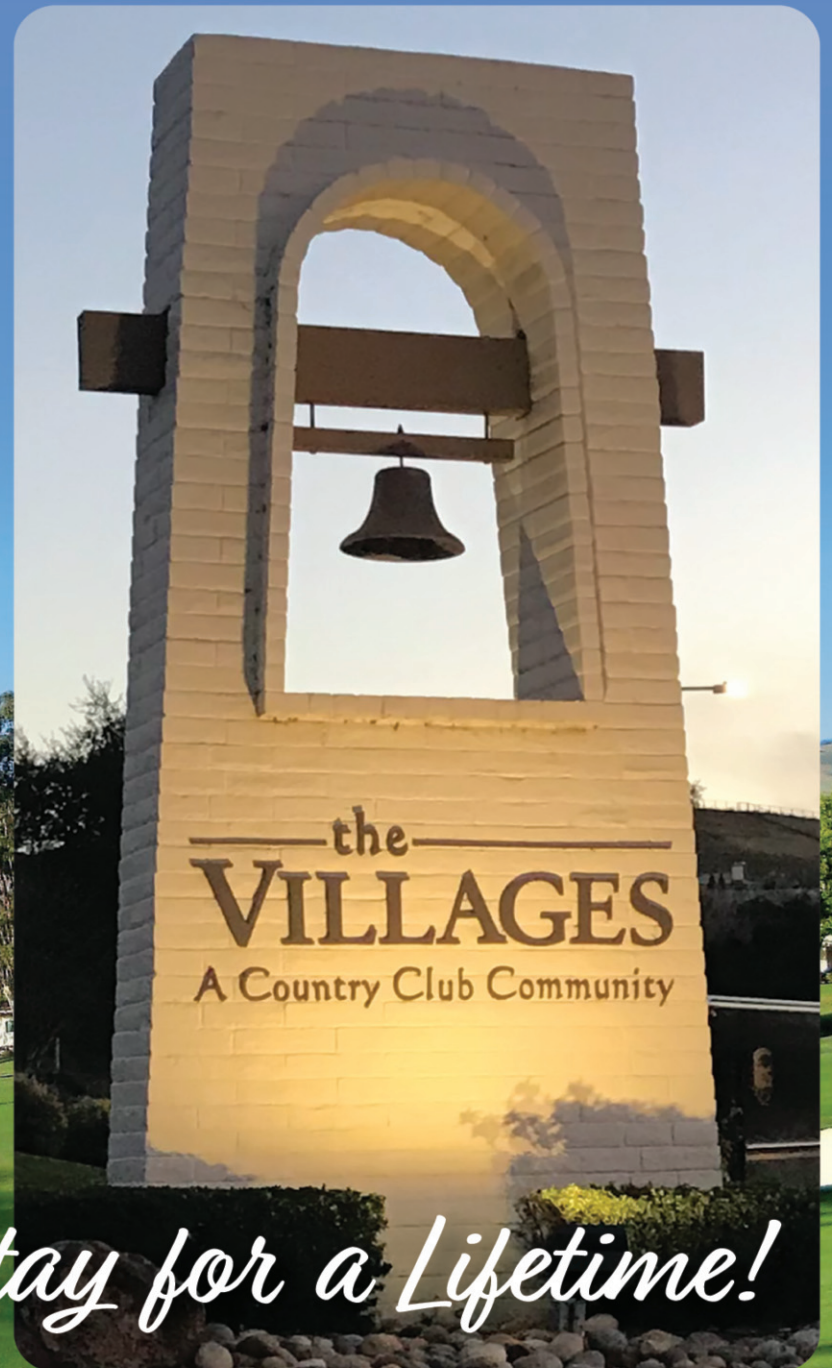
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Big city mayors call for sustained state funding to address homelessness

'San Jose has 5,000 people sleeping on our streets each night,' states Mayor Mahan

By William Bellou
Publisher

Led by San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, mayors from California's 13 largest cities on Wednesday, May 17, held a press conference at the State Capitol to call for continued state investment to address the state's homelessness crisis.

The big city mayors advocated for



permanent, on-going funding to address homelessness across the State.

Since 2018, the state of California has provided direct grants to local governments for homelessness including large cities, counties and continuums of care, such as San Diego's Regional Task Force on Homelessness.

The Big City Mayors shared details on the positive outcomes they have achieved with this funding and outlined what is needed to continue making progress in addressing encampments and ending unsheltered homelessness across the state.

'Housing-now' solutions needed

"San Jose has 5,000 people sleeping on our streets each night," said San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan. "We need to embrace urgent, scalable solutions like interim housing and safe parking sites that move our most vulnerable into safe, dignified shelter now – not 5 years from now. And with the Governor and legislature's help, we can implement these housing-now solutions faster to end the human suffering we see in our communities every single day."

Collectively, the big city mayors represent more than a quarter of California's 40 million residents.

California mayors participating in the news conference included:

San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, chair of Big City Mayors; Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, San Francisco Mayor London Breed, Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson, Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao, Bakersfield Mayor Karen Goh, Anaheim Mayor Ashleigh Aitken, Riverside Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, Irvine Mayor Farrah Khan.

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Olympic Gold Medalist Kristi Yamaguchi's Family Literacy Festival to be held June 10

Event offers celebrity and author story readings as well as family-friendly entertainment

By William Bellou
Publisher

Celebrities, Olympic athletes and Grammy award-winning musicians will come together Saturday, June 10 for the inaugural Family Literacy Festival hosted by the San José Public Library Foundation, Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream, and Children's Discovery Museum.

The event will feature readings by Olympic Gold Medalist Kristi Yamaguchi, U.S. Silver Figure Skating Champion Polina Edmunds, Olympic Bronze Medalists Maia and Alex Shibutani (ShibSibs) and children's book authors New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Fosberry, Tim McCanna, and Maggie Tokuda Hall, as well as performances from Grammy-winners Alphabet Rockers and children's musician AndyZ.

The event is the brainchild of Olympic Gold Medalist, mother, and children's book author Kristi Yamaguchi who established Always Dream to increase early childhood literacy rates among underserved communities. "By collaborating with Children's Discovery Museum and the San Jose Public Library Foundation, we can align our resources and create a day-long celebration highlighting the importance of literacy in a fun, interactive environment, it's all about the power of one," she said.

The festival will take place at Children's Discovery Museum located at 180 Woz Way, San Jose, CA 95110 on Saturday, June 10 from 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. for the morning session or 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. for the afternoon session. Tickets can be purchased in advance online or at the door on June 10.

"We know from decades of research that reading to children opens the door to a brighter future by improving academic performance and supporting brain development. The San Jose Public Library Foundation is thrilled to co-host the Family Literacy Festival and hopes it will inspire more families to discover the joys and immense benefits of reading together. It's going to be a terrific event," said Dawn Coppin, chief executive officer of the San Jose Public Library Foundation.

Families will be able to enjoy all the Museum has to offer along with celebrity and author story readings, hands-on activities, art projects, and family-friendly entertainment. In addition, there will be an interactive Mobile Learning Adventure in the museum's West Wing Gallery showing parents the importance of early childhood education, while they and their children engage in fun activities that explore future occupations, including costumes, passports, and a photo booth.

"Literacy is so essential for children to succeed in school and life," said Marilee Jennings, executive director of Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose. "The Always Dream and San Jose Public Library Foundation have both transformed the lives of many young



The inaugural Family Literacy Festival hosted by the San José Public Library Foundation, **Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream**, and Children's Discovery Museum features readings by Olympic Gold Medalist **Kristi Yamaguchi**.

readers, especially those from disadvantaged families, a community that the museum cares deeply about. Kristi and the San Jose Public Library Foundation have been friends of the museum for many years - we're proud to partner with them to open more doors for more children."

Capacity is limited so interested families should reserve their spot now.

Always Dream

Kristi Yamaguchi's *Always Dream* ensures children and families from underserved communities have access to high-quality books in the home environment and extensive family engagement support.

San Jose Public Library Foundation

The San José Public Library Foundation provides advocacy, financial support, and leadership to San Jose public libraries and educational programs throughout the city to create an educated, equitable, and engaged community.

Children's Discovery Museum

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I want to invite more District 8 resident input and help ensure our neighborhoods have a seat at the table for budget decisions.

San José District 8 Councilmember

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State Senator Dave Cortese

State Senate passes bill giving guaranteed income to homeless high school seniors

By William Bellou
Publisher

The State Senate advanced legislation by Senator Dave Cortese on Monday establishing a statewide guaranteed income program for homeless students.

SB 333 would give unhoused students finishing high school \$1,000 a month for five months to help them enroll in college or enter the workforce.

'Most vulnerable students'

"I applaud my Senate colleagues for protecting California's most vulnerable students during a crucial time," Cortese said.

"High schools offer homeless students a support network that can include free counseling, school supplies, transportation and meals."

Cortese explained that when students exit high school, nearly all school support goes away and that it's a very bad time to rip away a young person's support system.

"Why graduate up to 15,000 kids into life on the streets? Let's break

the cycle of poverty with guaranteed income for those few crucial months when young people have the energy, optimism and passion to get into a good college or career," said Cortese.

SB 333 now advances to policy committees in the State Assembly.

Approximately 270,000 students within California's K-12 school system are experiencing homelessness, according to a 2020 report by UCLA's Center for the Transformation of Schools. That number has grown by nearly half over the past decade. About 15,000 of these unhoused students are in the 12th grade.

'Summer melt'

School districts support unhoused students with funding from the federal McKinney-Vento Act. However, the law only applies to currently enrolled students. Moreover, while federal and state law pro-

vide extensive financial aid to homeless youth attending higher education, the aid does not become available until the student enters college in the fall. As a result, many young people experience a phenomenon known as summer melt, where the student gets into college, but then their chance of actually making it into the classroom melts away.

A recent survey found that more than 90 percent of unhoused youth respondents described a career goal that required education beyond high school, but only 16 percent believed they would be able to

attend or graduate college within the succeeding five years.

SB 333 would establish a guaranteed income pilot program known as the Success, Opportunity, & Academic Resilience (SOAR). The funding would be eligible to all unhoused students who have finished high school and lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Direct cash payments from SB 333

would be awarded from April to August 2025.

Senator Cortese is dedicated to giving vulnerable populations the tools to improve their lives through guaranteed income. In 2020, Senator Cortese, then a Santa Clara County Supervisor, helped create a universal basic income program to serve transition-age foster youth in Santa Clara County. In 2021, that pilot program was scaled statewide under Senator Cortese's SB 739.

In 2022, SJSU Professor Scott Myers-Lipton released the Silicon Valley Pain Index, which inspired legislation (SB 1341) that was a former iteration of SB 333, proposing direct cash payments to unhoused students finishing high school. Also last year, Senator Cortese pushed for a local version of the program in Santa Clara County. That local program is expected to launch in 2024.

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Mayor's budget proposal takes on status quo

By Mayor Matt Mahan
 Thank you!

Thank you for pushing for an end to San Jose's era of encampments. Thank you for making your voice heard. Thank you for challenging the status quo.

So many of you came out this week to say enough is enough at our City Council meeting. Your dedication to making San Jose the best it can be is inspiring. I hope you will continue to share your voice in the days ahead.

I ran to be your Mayor because I knew, like all of you, that it was time to shake up the status quo. And we put forward a budget proposal that does just that. It tackles our core problems in new ways with an emphasis on urgency.

It doubles our rate of police hiring, it puts money towards basic housing for the homeless that can be built at 1/4 the cost and 1/6 the time, and it invests in our 311 system and a permanent blight response team to get the trash on our streets under control.

Sadly, there are some who appear not to

share our urgency. Some who think these solutions are nice to have, not need to have. Some who have good intentions, but do not recognize that we must make tradeoffs to create the safe and clean city we all want to live in.

Tuesday was our first step in telling the naysayers that we are tired of incremental action. But our work is far from over. Your voice matters, and your involvement is crucial. Together, we can tell the council once again what you all said in the November election – the status quo isn't working.

That's why I am creating the Budget Brigade. A team of common sense champions to help us engage neighbors and get the word out about the importance of our Back to Basics Budget.

Over the next several weeks, I will be hosting in-person and virtual meetings of the Budget Brigade to share opportunities

to support and engage the people of San Jose to push for a focus on the basics: safety, crime and homelessness. I'd love to see you there.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. I am grateful to work with you to shape the future of our city.

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Senate passes senator Cortese's bill to create high-quality jobs in green industry

The State Senate on Monday passed a bipartisan bill by Senator Dave Cortese to protect California communities from hazardous industrial pollution while securing high-quality, good-paying jobs in emerging sustainable industries.

SB 740 extends the skilled and trained workforce requirements applied to petroleum refineries to emerging green industries including hydrogen manufacturing,

biofuels manufacturing, and carbon dioxide capture. The bill now advances to policy committees in the State Assembly.

"SB 740 is focused on protecting communities from industrial disasters while increasing good paying jobs in sustainable industries," said Cortese. "We want to safeguard the environment, protect communities and workers, and build the economy by ensuring that skilled and trained California workers perform the jobs of the future."

A skilled and trained workforce ensures that workers are performing work in apprentice-able occupations. The Building Trades have 75,000 apprentices in California with a total membership of nearly 500,000.

Times **Community News**

San Jose shrinks in population and desirability

By **Annalise Freimarck**
San José Spotlight

San Jose has dropped down to the 12th most populated city nationwide following an exodus of residents during the peak of the pandemic—but it continues to rank as one of the top 15 best places to live in the country. Residents said there's a disconnect.

The city's population has dropped from 1,014,545 residents in April 2020 to 971,233 residents as of July 2022, more than 4%, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau data. A number of issues have caused this flight out of the city, such as the lack of affordable housing, the ability to work remote post-pandemic and the overall high cost of living in the region.

Austin, Texas has overlapped San Jose as the county's 10th largest city and Jacksonville, Florida moved into the 11th spot, pushing the city out of its longstanding position.

Still, a recent U.S. News & World Report analysis ranks San Jose as the 13th best place to live in its annual 2023-24 U.S. cities



Former Navy SEAL and San Jose resident **Mychael Boudreaux** has lived in the city since 1972. He questioned a report that puts San Jose as one of the best places to live in the U.S. *Photo by Annalise Freimarck.*

report. This is a drop from last year's analysis which ranked it fifth out of the 150 most populated cities. The ranking is determined by factors such as affordability, desirability, quality of life and job market. Austin placed 40th and Jacksonville placed 16th.

Some locals don't think San Jose should rank so high, and are considering finding a new place to call home.

San Jose resident Mychael Boudreaux, a 55-year-old retired Navy SEAL, has lived in the city since 1972 and said he heard about the drop in population. Over the years he's watched the city become more crowded and expensive, he said. He doesn't consider it one of the best places to live and would move to Arizona if he could afford it.

"I would say it was better maybe 10 years ago," he told San José Spotlight. "Now, (there's) a lot more people, a lot of traffic, a lot more crime. It's just a lot more every-

thing compared to how it used to be."

Due to the increase in cost of living, Boudreaux said he's never been able to afford to buy a house, even with his G.I. assistance, and lives in a subsidized condo. Last July, San Jose residents experienced the highest rates of inflation in 41 years, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

Sunnyvale resident John Kumison, a 40-year-old optical engineer, said he isn't surprised by San Jose's drop in population. He's lived in Sunnyvale for three years and said he knows a lot of people leaving San Jose and the Bay Area.

He said because of the cost of living and lack of things to do, he's considering moving to Sacramento to be closer to family.

"It's maybe a good place if you're trying to have a family and are also a millionaire, but otherwise, I don't know why anybody would (live here)," he said.

San Jose resident Janelle Johnson, 52, is unemployed. Johnson said she first came to the city from New Zealand because she fell in love with an American man. Now, all of her family has moved away to retire and because of inflation, but she would be sad to leave.

Since she's not in the tech industry where a majority of the region's wealth sits, living here is hard, she said. Joint Venture Silicon Valley, a group that analyzes regional issues affecting the economy and quality of life, found that the top quarter of Silicon Valley's earners harbor 92% of the wealth.

"If you're not in that, then it's pretty tough," Johnson told San José Spotlight.

One of her favorite things about San Jose



Sunnyvale resident **John Kumison** said he isn't surprised San Jose residents are leaving. *Photo by Annalise Freimarck.*

is the different people who call it home.

"I really do love how culturally diverse it is," she said. "Like it would be really weird to move somewhere where it's just all like one flavor of people."

San Jose resident Carlos Chavez, 22, who works for a global home security company, has lived here his entire life. He said he gets paid enough to live on now, but before his current job, he had to sell shoes on top of his day job to make enough money.

Chavez has considered living somewhere outside of California due to rent increases and because he's a car enthusiast and the state is moving away from gas-powered machines.

"The rent's are rising. Inflation is crazy right now," he told San José Spotlight. "Everything's super expensive and unfortunately, one job isn't enough to be able to live with here in the Bay Area, especially San Jose."

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More information regarding the parcel tax exemption, including a form to request exemption, can be found on our District website at www.eesd.org.

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Times **Community News**

Update: Bills advance out of the Senate

By **Dave Cortese**

District 15 State Senator

In the beginning of the year, I introduced a 2023 package of bills that lift up Californians from all walks of life — from working families, to educators, to young people facing unique challenges. My bills will keep people safe, protect civil rights, and open opportunity for young people to find professional success.

At the end of May, my colleagues passed my legislation off the Senate floor. The bills now advance to policy committees in the State Assembly. The Assembly will then pass bills to the Governor for his signature. Here are some of my bills that passed off the Senate floor last month:

Establishing opioid prevention and education programs in California schools: SB 10 gives school staff, students, and their families information about the growing fentanyl crisis. It would also give educators and other school staff the knowledge and tools to save a child who overdoses on campus by requiring that school safety plans include strategies for addressing drug overdoses. School safety plans are comprehensive documents that cover a range of emergencies and dangerous activity that can occur at school, including active shooters, hate crimes, bullying and discrimination, and natural disasters. Yet the plans are not required to address overdoses. Meanwhile, fentanyl is killing 18 Californians a day and is responsible for one in every five deaths of young people. In Santa Clara County, the number of youth who died of fentanyl has increased by 365 percent in recent years, killing 135 young people in 2021, the latest year that data is available. We must take action now and protect students from this lethal drug that is laced into many types of recreational drugs.

Establishing a statewide guaranteed income program for homeless students: SB 333 would give unhoused students finishing high school \$1,000 a month for five months to help them enroll in college or enter the workforce. High schools offer homeless students a support network that can include free counseling, school supplies, transportation, and meals. But when these students exit high school, all that school support goes away. It's the worst time to rip away a young person's support system. Why are we graduating approximately 15,000 kids each year into life on the streets? Let's break the cycle of poverty with guaranteed income for those few crucial months when young people have the energy, optimism and passion to get into a good college or career.

Creating high-quality jobs in Green Industry: SB 740 would require workers in emerging green industries to belong to a 'skilled and trained' workforce, meaning they work in apprenticeable occupations. This would extend the same labor requirements to industries like hydrogen and biofuels manufacturing that are currently applied to petroleum refineries. SB 740 is focused on protecting communities from industrial disasters, because a skilled and trained workforce operates with a greater knowledge base and can better prevent factory mishaps. We want to safeguard the environment, protect communities and workers, and build the economy by ensuring that the jobs of the future also provide for workers and their families.



Senate Report

By **Dave Cortese**
State Senator

Removing child sex abuse material from social media: SB 646 would give social media companies two days to remove child sex abuse material — commonly known as child pornography — after it is reported by the victim or their legal guardian. Failure to remove the material after

two days would make the social media platform liable for up to \$200,000 in civil damages. Every second that photos and videos depicting child sex abuse are available on social media, the people exploited and victimized by that content can be further traumatized. Child sex abuse material is not protected speech — it is digitized rape, and it's time to require social media companies to take it down.

I applaud my Senate colleagues for supporting this legislation, and my constituents who inspire me each day. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments or concerns. I can be reached at senator.cortese@sen.ca.gov

Editor's note: Senator Dave Cortese represents State Senate District 15, which encompasses much of Santa Clara County in the heart of Silicon Valley. He chairs the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee. Visit Senator Cortese's website: <https://sd15.senate.ca.gov>

Two San Jose students named 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars

By **Sean Eastwood**

Times staff writer

U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona announced the 59th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars, recognizing 161 high school seniors for their accomplishments in academics, the arts, and career and technical education fields.

Among the California scholars residing in San Jose are: Annmaria K. Antony, Harker School; and Miranda A. Lu, Leland High School (*U.S. Presidential Scholar in Arts).

"U.S. Presidential Scholars have always represented the future of our country and the bright promise it holds. I want each of these remarkable students to know: your passion and intellect, pursuit of excellence, and spirit of service are exactly what our country needs," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. "On behalf of President Biden, I am delighted to join your family, friends, and communities in celebrating your accomplishments. Aim high, share your talents, and continue embracing opportunities to lead as your exciting future unfolds."

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic and technical excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as a demonstrated commitment to community service and leadership.

Of the 3.7 million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 5,000 candidates qualified for the 2023 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT or ACT exams or through nominations made by chief state school offi-



Miranda A. Lu, Leland High School (L) and **Annmaria K. Antony**, Harker School (R).

cers, other partner recognition organizations and YoungArts, the National Foundation for the Advancement of Artists.

As directed by Presidential Executive Order, the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20 scholars in the arts and 20 scholars in career and technical education.

Created in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored over 8,000 of the nation's top-performing students. The program was expanded in 1979 to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent,

in the visual, literary and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

The Presidential Scholars Class of 2023 will be recognized for their outstanding achievement this summer with an online recognition program.

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Times **Local News**



Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley expands Future Grads program to Morgan Hill

Offering student support for hardship or for first-generation college attendance thru graduation

By William Bellou
Publisher

With many students dreaming of going to college, but not knowing where to begin, the Future Grads program is designed to help students in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley (BGSCV) realize their dreams by building a college-going mindset and defining their college journey.

Future Grads, now available for the first time in Morgan Hill, equips students and families with socio-emotional skills, college knowledge, financial literacy and academic support from 10th grade through college graduation. The program will serve students in Morgan Hill and is intended to double the volume of students in the next academic year.

"While capability and potential are equally distributed in Silicon Valley, opportunity and access are decidedly not. This innovative program changes lives and we could not be more excited to empower talented and determined young people in pursuit of their dreams," said BGSCV President & CEO Steve Wymer. "First-generation college students will change the face of our region in the years to come and the Future Grads program is a proven and exciting pathway for the youth we serve. We could not be more grateful to the donors and partners who have come alongside BGSCV to help make this opportunity a reality for kids who need it most."

The Future Grads program is modeled after the Bright Prospects college access program. Students receive counseling for applications, financial aid forms, and col-

lege selection, as well as assistance with developing social emotional skills, gaining access to resources, and building support networks.

Currently serving over 650 students in the Peninsula, the program will now also serve nearly 100 students in Morgan Hill.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley

Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley has been at the forefront of youth development in Santa Clara County for over 75 years, providing innovative and effective afterschool and summer enrichment programs primarily for low income, at-risk Santa Clara County youth ages 5-18 years. Our mission is to inspire and empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring adults.

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First 100 days in office prove to be fruitful

By Domingo Candelas
Councilmember, District 8

I just rounded out my first 100 days as your City Councilmember.

In this short time, I've held four community coffees and five community events, including a budget breakfast and a town hall with Congressman Jimmy Panetta.

I value and appreciate communication with my neighbors especially your input. These events provide opportunities for residents to voice their concerns and ideas directly to me and my staff.

In addition to these events, I organized over 4 neighborhood dumpster days and 14 community cleanups. I am proud to say that we have removed more than 140 tons of garbage and collected more than 500 bags of trash from our neighborhoods.

I am committed to improving the blight concerns that many

community members have shared with me and promoting environmental stewardship.

At City Hall, I have advocated for policies that benefit the community. This includes advocating for a stronger wage theft policy and improvements at Lake Cunningham -- a jewel of East San Jose.

I have also prioritized a robust community engagement process for the Pleasant Hills Golf Course development as part of my commitment to the long-term success of our community.

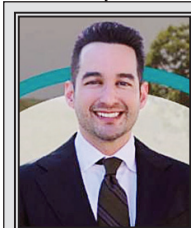
My first 100 days in office have been marked by a strong commitment to community engagement and tangible progress on important issues. This is only the

beginning, and we have a lot more work to do, together!

As always, I have a few upcoming events, check them out on my newsletter online, alongside our recent events, budget update, and announcements!

Thank you for your continued support and please get in touch with my office for any questions or city service needs.

If you have a comment, please email me directly at district8@sanjoseca.gov, or give us a call at 408-535-4908.



Council Report

Domingo Candelas,
District 8 Councilmember



Southern New Hampshire University

Abdul Hannaan Khan of Evergreen Valley named to Dean's List

Abdul Hannaan Khan of Evergreen Valley has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2023 Dean's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Khan earned a very high grade-point average for the reporting term which earned him being named to the Dean's List.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, non-profit 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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GEMS IN STEM

Computing Time Complexity: A Big-O or Big No? (Part 1)

By Apoorva Panidapu

Okay, let's start from ground zero, what is a Big O?

Well, let's brainstorm. A big O can be a look of shock: O!

Exhibit A:



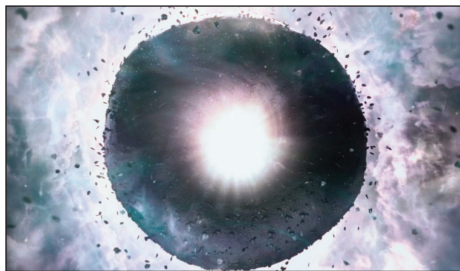
It can be the hug in XOXO.

Exhibit B:



Or a bagel. Or a googly eye. (Or everything. Everywhere. ALL. AT. ONCE.)

Exhibit C:



Now, since everything must be perfectly balanced, let's be the devil on Big O's shoulder: what are some Big Nos?

Hmm, fingernails on chalkboards, gaslighting, saying you are five minutes away when you haven't even left your house yet. Oh, also arson! Definitely a big no.

Oops, I've lost the plot (another big no). Back to our first question: what is a Big O?

Well, none of these answers are technically wrong. But I'm talking about a more mathematical Big O...

Big-O notation, or if you want to be fancy schmancy, Landau's symbol (after the German mathematician Edmund Landau), is used to tell us how fast a function is growing (or declining).

It's commonly used in mathematics for things like approximations and error terms and in computer science, like in algorithm analysis. In this column, we'll be talking about Big O in the context of computer science, since the math can get very hard, very fast.

So, how do we actually define Big O notation? Well, let me give you the formal definition:

Let $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ be two real-valued functions. We write that $f(n) = O(g(n))$ (for n approaching infinity, to be more precise), if there are constants N and C such that $|f(n)| \leq C|g(n)|$ for all $n > N$. So, if $f(n) = O(g(n))$



we say " $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$."

As the talented Sabrina Carpenter aptly sings, "I'll be honest, looking at you got me thinking nonsense." Because at first look, that definition is literal nonsense. So let's break it down!

In a nutshell, this definition is saying that the function $f(n)$ doesn't grow faster than $g(n)$.

To put it even more simply, let's pretend that me and Soju the Corgi are racing.

For the first couple seconds, we might be running at the same pace (I might even be a little bit ahead!) But, of course, as we keep running, Soju will overtake me and I will be left farther and farther behind her because I absolutely do not run faster. In other words, the function of her distance (with respect to time) grows faster than mine since, once again, she is faster than me and will cover more distance as time goes on. So, for all $n > 1$ second, $me(n) \leq O(Soju(n))$.

Okay, this is a pretty wishy-washy example, but hopefully Big-O makes a little more sense now. It just describes the approximate growth of a function by giving it this sort of upper bound, like how I can hypothetically only run as fast, but no faster, than Soju, past a certain point. She's an upper bound for my pace.

But why O? Why not X? Or even U, N, I (since we make such a great team ;))? Well, the O stands for order (though I heard that U N I were a close second...don't check my sources). This is because the order of a function is another word for its growth rate.

German Mathematician Paul Bachmann first introduced the symbol O in 1894 in his book *Analytische Zahlentheorie* (Volume 2). Then, good ol' Edmund Landau, another German number theorist, adopted big-O and further introduced the little-o notation in 1909, which is why both are now called Landau symbols.

Computer scientist Donald Knuth, known as the "father of algorithm analysis" (and creator of TeX!), popularized Big-O notation in CS in the 1970s, and also introduced related notation (which we will talk about next time)!

Complexity is...complex

What does it mean for an algorithm to be efficient? How can we measure the complexity of an algorithm? Well, there's a bunch of different factors to consider. We could think about time (or CPU) usage or memory usage (i.e., space complexity) or disk usage or network usage and so on.



These are all important, but we're mainly concerned with time complexity (i.e., the CPU usage).

We can describe the complexity of an algorithm as the computational power we need to run it. We measure this by counting the number of elementary operations the algorithm requires, which usually grows as the size of the input grows. For example, sorting 8 ducks by height will take less time than sorting 137 ducks. So, we usually express complexity in terms of a function of n (like we saw before), where n is the size of the input.

Wait, what counts as an elementary operation? Well, we count four day-to-day operations, like $+$ and $*$, variable assignments, like $x = 0$, tests, reading or writing primitive

types to a program, and other basic statements.

But to be completely honest, the exact number of operations isn't super important for complexity, we want the BIG picture of how long it will take, depending on how big the input is.

For some algorithms, the complexity is different even for inputs of the same size. To give you an example, suppose we're running an algorithm to alphabetize all the countries in the world. If only a few of the names are out of order, we might only have to do a few comparisons/elementary operations. On the other hand, if a lot of the names are out of order or the list is randomized, more comparisons are required, which can lead to a larger complexity.

When we're calculating complexity, we want to know the worst case of the algorithm (pretty pessimistic of us :). This is what Big-O notation is all about: describing the maximum number of operations we might need to perform depending on the input.

Hold up, why do we even care? Why does complexity and efficiency matter? To answer your question, let me quote the "father of the computer", Charles Babbage: "Whenever any result is sought by [a machine's] aid, the question will then arise: by what course of calculation can these results be arrived at by the machine in the shortest time?"

Unfortunately, it's not good enough to just be able to solve a problem with 1000s of lines of code or to brute-force it. We want to solve it in a way that saves space and time (which makes us...superheros?). If multiplying huge numbers or sorting thousands of objects took decades, what would be the

point of algorithms? When you're working in the real world, efficiency must always be prioritized.

The "HistOry" of Algorithm Complexity

This idea of algorithm analysis and optimization actually goes as far back as the Middle Ages, to a 14th century Egyptian astronomer, Ibn al-Majdi. He wrote about how to reduce the number of elementary steps in calculations, and specifically compared the methods of translation and semi-translation. We're not going to go into too much detail, but translation was used to calculate the product of two numbers and semi-translation was used to compute the square of a number. To find the square of a number like 274, according to al-Majdi, you need to perform 9 elementary multiplications if you used translation, but if you were to use semi-translation instead, you would need only 6 multiplications. It may not seem like much, but these savings add up!

Another early example of complexity theory is Gabriel Lamé's analysis of the Euclidean Algorithm. In short, the Euclidean Algorithm is an efficient way to compute the greatest common divisor (GCD) of two integers. For example, the GCD of 12 and 16 is 4, since 4 is the largest number that divides both 12 and 16.

Lamé's 1844 proof showed that the number of steps in the algorithm will never exceed 5*the number of its digits of the smallest number. So, if I was finding the GCD of 437 and 8096 (which is 23, by the way), the number of steps (i.e, divisions) in the algorithm will need at most $5*3 = 15$ steps. In other words, the Euclidean algorithm has a runtime of $O(h)$, where h is the number of digits of the smaller number.

Okay, enough about other people. I want to do our own examples! But wait, I need a little time to re-energize and stuff my big O (my mouth) with another big O (a donut). Worry not dear reader, we shall return next time to do some sorting and searching, street-fighting math, and discuss some of the hardest problems of contemporary computer science...just another day!

Until next time! If you have any questions or comments, please email me at apoorvapwrites@gmail.com. Now, since we started this article with a big O, let's end it with one. This is for you <3: XOXO

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.



Gems in STEM
By Apoorva Panidapu



Times Feature

TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK

AI Winter

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:

AI Winter

Artificial intelligence (AI) has been around since 1956 when the term was first coined. AI is becoming more a part of everyday life. Today, AI is being used all around the world to accomplish any num-

ber of tasks. We have put AI into cars, phones, advanced bots, and other technology that we use every day. It's not uncommon to interact with AI daily whether that's through virtual assistants, hyper personalized offerings and recommendations, or better movie suggestions on Netflix. Artificial intelligence now is in so many pieces of technology that we interact with every day that we almost forget that it is there. Sometimes bots are so good that we can't tell they aren't humans. We use AI to park our cars, and much more.

Those in the industry know that there has been previous hype and then disillusionment around AI. The period of decline of interest in AI is known in the industry as an AI winter and has happened twice before. An AI winter is a point at which research, investment, and funding for AI goes into a period of decline and it's hard to get funding for

research or other projects that have to do with artificial intelligence, and talent and companies focus their efforts elsewhere.

As claims for improving the speed and accuracy of predictive analytics are made and marketing hype around the promises of artificial intelligence builds, general interest grows, and investments follow. When vendor promises fall short, however, and AI initiatives are more complicated than to carry out than promised or fail to deliver a robust return on investment (ROI), the pendulum swings and customers no longer buy into the idea that AI will be the solution to every problem. The resulting downturn in adoption typically results in a period of reduced funding which in turn, can lead to another AI winter during which time marketing and customer attention is focused elsewhere.

In the past few years, AI has been on a long, strong

upswing, but after several years of hype, advances and implementations, some analysts are predicting another AI winter. Consumers and tech industry workers are raising questions about how automated decision-making systems are designed and what decisions they should be allowed to make, both in terms of industry verticals and specific applications within them. To forestall another AI winter, some vendors are choosing to label software features "predictive" instead of "artificially intelligent."

AI winter is always possible if we have a repeat of past circumstances such as over promising and under delivering what an AI system could do. Let's hope for the best!

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Times **Career Corner**

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By **Angela Copeland**



For most people, switching jobs is not something they plan out in much detail. For the majority of job seekers, they have a personal connection to the job opening.

The process is fairly straightforward and relatively painless. Most people tend to assume that's what job seeking is like. This all changes when a job seeker is forced to proactively find a new job with no connections. Ask anyone who has landed a job completely on their own, and they will very likely have a harrowing story to share.

When a job seeker is searching on their own, the process can easily take anywhere from two to six months. This length of time is normal. It is not a reflection on the person's abilities or worth. But, it certainly doesn't feel that way. The issue is that the search process is completely different than when you know someone.

There are examples of difficult job searches shared every day on LinkedIn. Recently, a job seeker applied to 600 jobs. These applications led to 30 interviews. The 30 interviews ultimately led to one job offer. This job seeker had many years of experience and multiple advanced degrees. The entire process took three months.

And, a job search can often become elongated. The reason is that 570 rejections is emotionally exhausting. On top of this, friends and family judge the job seeker at how "difficult" their

search is. It leaves the job seeker feeling worthless, and wondering if they're even in the right career field.

Dear job seeker, please remember: it's not you. The application process is broken. You are competing against hundreds of online applicants. You are also competing with the friends of the hiring manager. And, you are contending with less than ideal economic conditions.

But, you are prepared for this. The key is to not lose hope. It's to realize that the system is broken; not you. You are the same talented, hardworking professional that you were before you started this search. You will find your path back.

Set goals for yourself. Keep doing your best to meet the goals, even when things feel difficult. In the example above, the job seeker applied to approximately 200 jobs per month, or 50 per week, or 10 per business day. This process is a lot of work, but it will result in success.

In addition to applications, sit down and write a list of all of the great things about your background. Perhaps you have fifteen years of experience in project management. You are great at organizing teams. You have advanced knowledge in specific topics. Once you have your list compiled, keep it handy. Each morning, read the list. Remind yourself of who you are.

You are valued. You are needed. You are the same person that you were before the economy started to turn. Outside factors changed, but you have not. You remain the same person you always have been.

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Mr. Romero showing parent volunteers the role they will play.

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accomplish the goal set by the school and the Outreach Program. Their role became one of supervising the children and assuring quality control. Since 2004, the Outreach Program has helped groups package and donate over 700 million meals to domestic and international feeding organizations.

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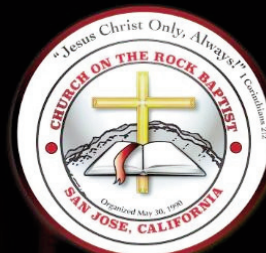
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Times **Community News**

Ask the DMV

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Making travel plans this year? Find out how the DMV can assist you in having a smooth trip. From renewing your license online to getting ahead of the May 2025 REAL ID enforcement date, the DMV is here to help.

Q1: If I already have my passport, why do I need a REAL ID?

A1: While you can board a domestic flight with a passport, there are several reasons to upgrade your license to a REAL ID. A REAL ID not only allows you to easily board domestic flights but also enter secure facilities such as military bases, federal courthouses, and other federal facilities. It serves as an everyday form of identification and lets you fly domestically without having to risk traveling with your passport. A REAL ID does not replace a passport.

Q2: Can I fly with a temporary ID?

A2: Although the DMV will issue you a temporary ID if you are waiting to receive a replacement, the TSA does not consider a temporary ID an acceptable form of identification for flying.

If you need to replace your ID, don't forget to use the DMV's convenient online services, and request to replace your driver's license from the comfort of your home. Create or log into your MyDMV account and have your payment information ready. After completing a request, you'll receive your replacement ID within three to four weeks.

If you have not received your replacement within 60 days check the status here.

Q3: What essentials should I have on my travel checklist?

A3: Make your trip a breeze by ensuring you take care of your travel checklist. The DMV offers the following tips to help make your trip as easy as possible:

1. Make sure your license is not expired. If you notice your ID will expire before your flight, or before your return flight, make sure you allow ample time to renew it. You can do this online with the help of the DMV's online services. If you need to renew your license, make it a REAL ID and get ahead of the May 2025 enforcement date. Start your application today!

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4. Make sure the address on your ID is current. You can request a change of address and check the status using the DMV's convenient online services. You must wait 14 days after a change of address before requesting a new driver's license.

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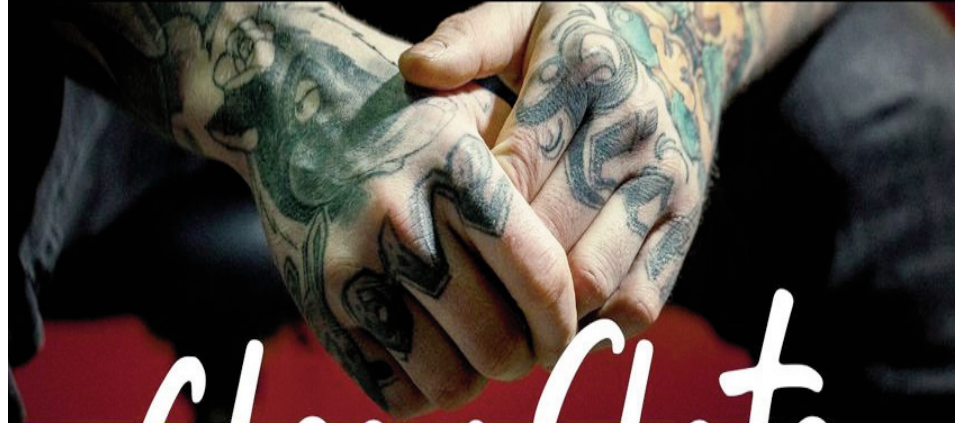
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Fabulous Panoramic Views



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