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BUDGET NEWS

Santa Clara County makes cuts to tackle huge deficit

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors is cutting more than 600 positions to help close a looming deficit—paving the way for the passage of a \$11.3 billion budget for 2023-24.

Supervisors have also sent money into county reserves, totaling \$218.6 million, and delaying completion of several county facility improvement and demolition projects. Among the projects placed on hold include the demolition of the former animal shelter, which was replaced by a new facility in 2021.

So far, the proposed budget focuses on funding resources to expand access for behavioral health services, housing and public safety, and support for children and families.

Supervisor Joe Simitian said, "despite difficult discussions among county leaders, the finalized budget will still continue providing critical resources."

Burt the war hero A look back at wartime thinking and initiative

By Kevin Larsen
Times Media writer

This is a chapter devoted to view a window of time in the life of Burton Victor Smith of Evergreen Valley in his heroic earning of the meritorious recognition medal.

When you meet Burt, you instantly know he is a man of great substance, honor and integrity. He's well-known as a community helper in our area.

Volunteer

Believe it or not, while in civilian clothing, without anyone knowing, he is often asked, "Could you take on the role of Santa Claus in our event," with the person not even knowing that he does professionally represent Santa.

He just has that "Santa look." During Christmas time he regularly volunteers at many places to

raise spirits and has done so for many decades performing in Christmas vignettes for underprivileged children and brightening the spirits of the little ones who face battles in hospitals.

His warm beaming grin and joyful soft spoken fatherly voice is sure to make you smile as is what happens with every person he speaks with. Yes, without a doubt he's related to Chris Cringle because he has that special something in how he acts and effortlessly exudes elements of goodness to all people.

Perhaps all great galvanizers can disarm and inspire others in the way they act. Burt is a strong involved leader in the community and helps the Evergreen Community Center with supreme graciousness, introducing speakers to the Senior Center crowd.



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Burt knows how to chair and guide important gatherings, assemblies, conferences, and summits while always equally respecting every person's individual point of view. You can find him and others in the know eating a healthy nutritious lunch at the center (this is a great way to meet others, lunch is served weekdays with walk in

at 11:30 a.m. It's a special place for seniors to get out of the house and network with friends and neighborhoods.

This man is of great substance and most all politiciansglom onto him because he's a quiet influencer, knows so many and welcomes all in working on key areas of change

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My Country tis of thee...sweet land of liberty...

'Under the Moonlight Ice Cream Social' 7p.m.-10p.m. held at the Gurdwara on the Hill

By Kirpal Atwal
Special to the Times

It's a great country!

We stand side by side with everyone for we all are American brothers and sisters.

We will be there for you and with you during any difficult situation.

We are the American Sikhs.

When we first built the Sikh Gurdwara (located all the way up Aborn Road) we made a pledge to find good ways for us to introduce ourselves to the Evergreen community. We decided to have many events and as always, we offer free entrance and delicious nutritious



complementary foods for you and your family. We are all part of the same family of mankind and we love all people of all races, and backgrounds.

This 4th of July, please consider coming up to visit our friendly Gurdwara and have ice cream with us!

The Gurdwara on the hill is a community place and a community asset for all to utilize and visit. Some say the grounds are beautiful and so well kept that maybe one day it can become a national landmark. Tour busses come regularly to view the overlook of the lovely Evergreen Valley and partake in having complementary lunch in our kitchen (Langar).

We are so very proud as American citizens to walk hand in hand with everyone. Always

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“Under the Moonlight Ice Cream Social” 7pm-10pm held at the Gurdwara on the Hill

We will not be using any fireworks but if you bring your binoculars and keen eyesight you will see the displays far in the distance which light up the sky!

All have been through such great challenges in the past years. We sincerely care about everyone and understand the sacrifices which have been made by families. We continue to have a fully outdoor event where you can walk under the moonlit stars with your family and friends. Admission and food are free. It is an event of joy and celebration of how wonderful you are and our strong and noble country called America is! If you can, come on up and have complimentary ice cream or fresh fruit and connect under the moonlit sky with those of all races and cultures in our wonderful Bay Area! It is a night of building family for all. We also will be serving complimentary vegetarian meals to-go at the Langar (kitchen area). – Kirpal Atwal, *Gurdwara Director*

We embrace the values of our American heritage strongly! Values of justice, liberty, equality and the caring about others are enshrined in the Constitution and also form the cornerstone of our Sikh beliefs. We are the Sikh Americans and very proud to be a part of the United States of America and of course the wonderful Evergreen community!



The San Jose Gurdwara is open for you to visit 365 days of the year. It is located all the way up Quimby Road on the hillside. The Sikh religion reaches out to the less fortunate and donations are always welcome. You can find information at our website below. The address is 3636 Gurdwara Avenue, San Jose, CA 95148. Gurdwara contact: Kirpal Atwal (408) 835-7712 | Website: sanjosegurdwara.org



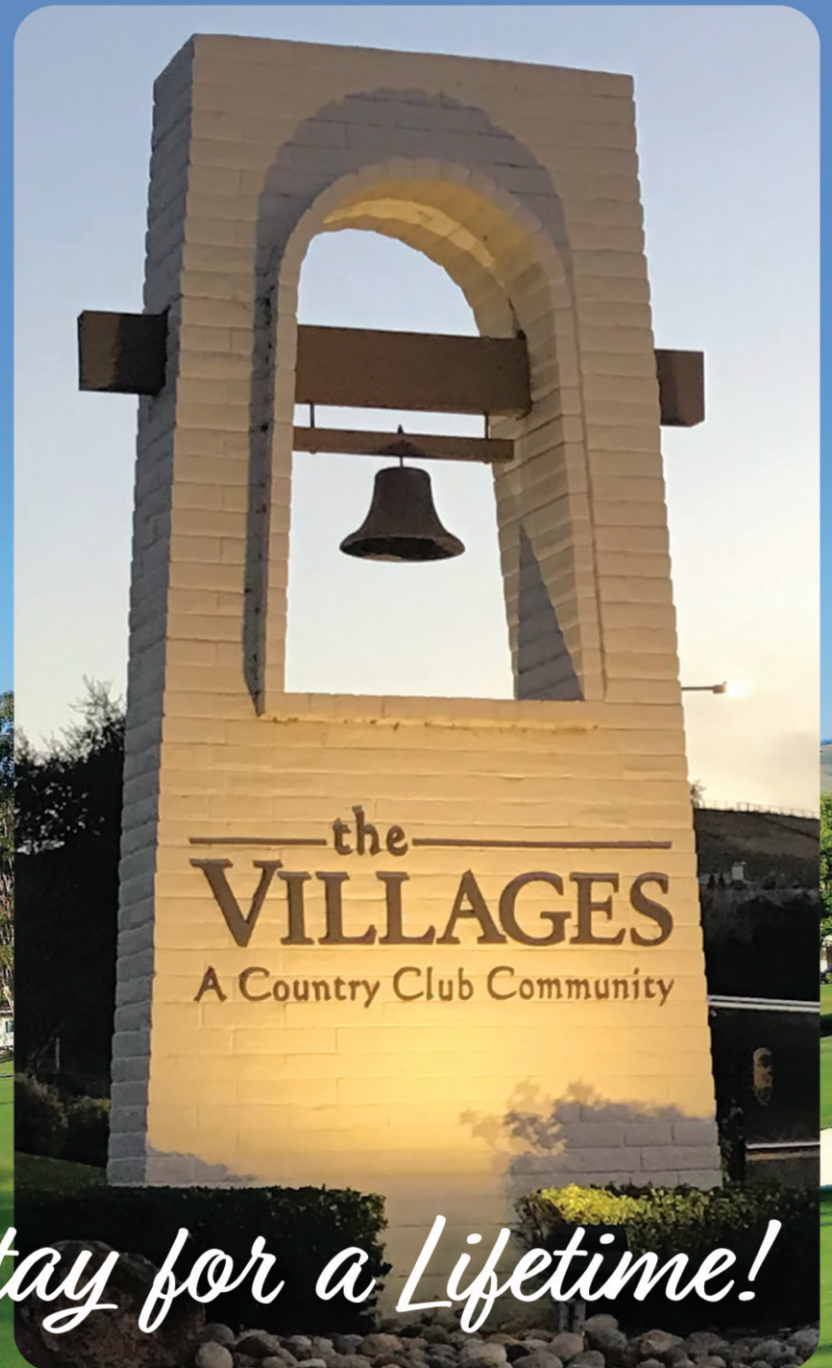
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My Juneteenth

The federal holiday of Juneteenth came quietly to our hamlet.

I decided to learn more about the important day.

To my surprise while listening to talk radio, one very popular nationally syndicated program jokingly began to ridicule the fact that a white employee took the day off in the control room.

It was stated, "He isn't Black, why did he take the day off?"

This made me reflect on how tough Black Americans have it. It seems that even when our government has a national holiday, the very meaning of the date is not only hidden but also ridiculed.

In conversation with other adults this month of June, I heard some say, "That is their Black holiday in our country." This made

me understand that segregation is still alive and well in our minds.

I decided, I would make Juneteenth "my" holiday, not to just have the day off but to honor the meaning of it and make it my own.

I began a mini-introspection on what Juneteenth is and a cursory search for more knowledge on that day in history.

Emancipation Proclamation

President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, as the nation approached the third year of the Civil War.

Civil war ends

The Civil War ended in Spring, 1865 when Robert E. Lee surrendered the last major Confederate army to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865.

Juneteenth

It is deep in meaning and one can do much more research, on June 19, 1865, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger, a U.S. Army officer and Union General during the Civil War, issued an order in Galveston, Texas, announcing that all slaves were free under the Emancipation Proclamation.

In the shadows slavery lived on

Why did it take Texas two years to publicly pronounce on Juneteenth that slavery was no longer a part of America and all slaves were free? In my research I have learned that many states were slow to offer freedom to slaves. Delaware did not ratify the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery until 1901.

It is stated by many that a large number of slaves remained in their current condition after the law of freedom. Adults who were slaves and their children had the same status quo in society. This helped me to understand the value of the Juneteenth federal holiday when mail is not delivered and banks are closed.

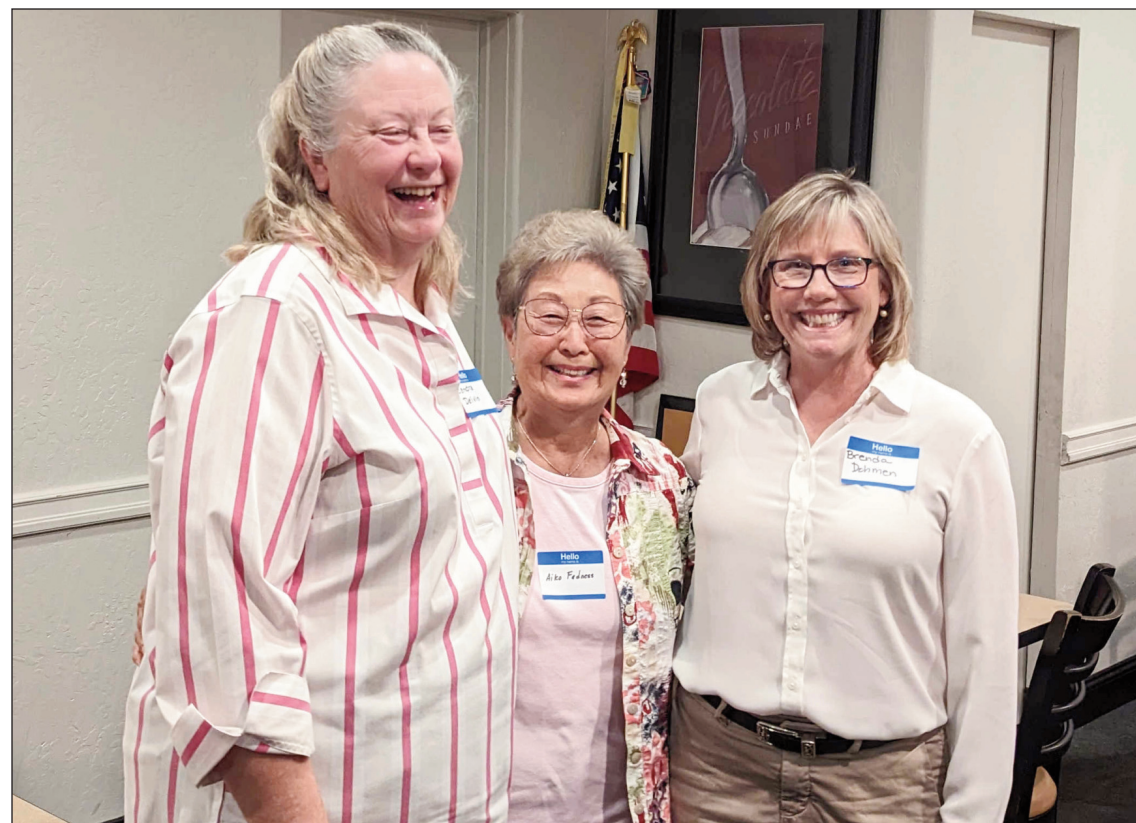
The designation of Juneteenth as a federal holiday recognizes a pivotal time in U.S. history and I have adopted this holiday as my own; irregardless of my skin color.

I'm an American, so it's my Juneteenth too; and it doesn't matter if I'm also white.

Kevin Larsen
Evergreen Valley

Valley Currents

cur | rent (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.



Sandra Delvin (left) and Brenda Dohmen (right, pictured with Aiko Fadness, center) have been chosen for the award to recognize their exceptional efforts in establishing *Families and Homes San Jose*.

Families and Homes San Jose founders recipient of Fadness Award for Community Involvement

Award created and named for David Fadness by 'Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility'

By William Bellou
Publisher

Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility (CFR) has announced the recipients of this year's David Fadness Award for Community Involvement.

Sandra Delvin and Brenda Dohmen have been chosen for this prestigious award to recognize their exceptional efforts in establishing *Families and Homes San Jose*.

The CFR award was created and named for David Fadness, a tireless supporter of multiple civic causes within San Jose, and a founder of Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility.

Families and Homes San Jose

Since its founding just three years ago, *Families and Homes SJ* has established itself as a leading voice within the city of San Jose, representing the interests of single-family homeowners. The organization is making significant contributions to ongoing civic debates on housing density, residential electrification mandates, city government interventions in the housing market, and the appropriate role of organizations that seek to lobby city government while also receiving funds from the city.

"We are honored to present Sandra Delvin and Brenda Dohmen with the Annual Fadness Award for Civic Involvement," said Pat Waite, President of *Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility*. "Their dedication to improving

the lives of families in San Jose has inspired residents from across the city to join in this important work."

Waite said that the CFR organization commends Sandra Delvin and Brenda Dohmen for their collaborative approach in engaging various stakeholders within the community.

"By fostering partnerships with local organizations, government agencies, and neighborhood groups throughout the city, they have successfully developed sustainable models that promote inclusivity and strengthen the fabric of San Jose," said Waite. "The Annual Fadness Award for Civic Involvement is bestowed upon individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership, creativity, and resourcefulness in addressing societal challenges. Sandra Delvin and Brenda Dohmen embody these qualities through their compassion, persistence, and unwavering commitment to creating a better future for families in San Jose."

About Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility

Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility is a non-profit organization committed to promoting responsible fiscal practices and advocating for the betterment of communities. *Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility* (CFR) was founded in January 2011 by several community-minded San Jose residents. While working together on various community service projects, this organization realized that even though they have diverse social philosophies and political views, there are two strongly held common values. Recognizing that that citizen involvement and action is imperative to improve our future must be ongoing is what drives the members of CFR to reach the generations with their message. CFR is a non-partisan organization. Its members have diverse professional, philosophical, religious, and political backgrounds, and beliefs. The organization's shared focus is on fiscal responsibility in government, and actively working for a brighter future for San Jose and Santa Clara County.

For more information on the *Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility* organization, visit: <https://cfr-sj.org> For more information regarding *Families and Homes San Jose*, visit <https://www.familieshomessj.org>

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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.

To complete the exemption, the form and supporting documents may be brought into the District Office located at 3188 Quimby Road, San Jose. Call Ly Ablao or Patty Maciel at (408) 270-6863 to make an appointment.

Residents must file for the exemption in person with documents to prove their home ownership, residency, and age eligibility.

Those who have previously been granted an exemption from the Measure H Parcel Tax, their exemption will continue to be automatically renewed each year as long as you remain eligible for the exemption.

Residents unable to submit the application in person or for additional information, contact Ly Ablao or Patty Maciel at (408) 270-6863.



Ice Cream Social

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know, in our heart, we are so proud to be a part of America. We fight for this country and respect it's ideas. The 4th of July is a very important day for us and we cherish it. Sikh boy scouts and girl scouts with deep pride help set up for our events. After all, this is an important place of freedom in our world. We understand that and take pride in singing American patriotic songs and carrying the American flag with strength and honor.

Our little tradition each year is for you to walk up and join us in this outdoor event with special ice cream and refreshments under the moonlight sky at the Gurdwara on the Hill. You and your family and friends can park and leisurely walk up to have ice cream and joyfully look down at the valley. You can see fireworks so if you want, bring binoculars too.

These important historical days help educate all about our patriotism and how each culture contributes unique gifts which weave the beautiful tapestry of our country. Understanding others combined with embracing diversity brings strength to all for overcoming any stereotypes we instinctively may harbor.

This is true, and I say that from the bottom of my heart!

In India, all say that America is the land of opportunity. It's true that any person can truly bring themselves up from the ground to gather wealth and plan well for their future. That is not always the case in other countries.

The American Sikhs believe in equality between all people with regard to cultures, race, religion as well as between men and women too. The Sikhs were one of the first cultures in history to honor and embrace equality between men and women. The truth is, America is such a grand place to live that all one has to do is just grasp the opportunities and figure out how to make things work for each unique situation.

Freedom!

What is so wonderful about America is that it is a diverse country and a place where



people accept one another regardless of race, creed, color or religion. We also know that Independence Day is important for without fighting for our country we would have no freedom!

The sky is the limit in how one can achieve goals and live their life in this beautiful and so very special place.

Thank you, Evergreen Community for accepting the Sikh Americans as your friends. Please visit our place on the hill where we serve complimentary vegetarian food 365 days of the year. Also, we never try to proselytize (change others religion or push them towards ours called Sikhism) instead we honor and respect all religions and treat everyone as brother and sister.

On Tuesday, the 4th of July, come up and say hello! My name is Kirpal. I serve ice cream with others and you can say Hi. If you like you can come back for seconds.

Message from President Bob Dhillon

Our Gurdwara is a community center as well as a place of worship. We have many events of this kind each year and want you to know you're always welcome.

We have completed a beautiful children's playground open to the public and are in the process of designing a wonderful nature trail for the community to use in the future.

It is very heartwarming to meet and see the community come up greet each other in this annual 4th of July ice cream social. We don't have fireworks but you can see such displays in the beautiful valley below while enjoying delicious tasty ice cream. The children can go back for seconds if they wish to.

Thank you, Evergreen Community, for your friendship and camaraderie. For more information on the Under the Moonlight 4th of July Ice Cream Social go to our website and you can get our app too; sanjosegurdwara.org

Editor's note: Learn more by viewing the informational ad for this event on page 2 of this issue.





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Juneteenth helps fulfill the promise of July 4

By Senator Dave Cortese

As we celebrate Independence Day this year with spirited conversations, delicious food and fireworks, we reflect on the ideals of freedom and equality. The Fourth of July honors the signing of the Declaration of Independence, our founding document that promised liberty and justice. However, the freedoms celebrated on July 4 originally excluded Black people — an entire U.S. population who were enslaved, dehumanized, and disenfranchised.

Enter Juneteenth: a day that demonstrates the promise of American freedom more than any other chapter of our national story. On June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and proclaimed the freedom of all enslaved people in Texas — an announcement met with celebration by African Americans that was eventually memorialized as Juneteenth to honor the end of slavery. Juneteenth has come to represent the struggle, perseverance, and many contributions of our African American community. These two holidays differ in their origins and focus, but celebrating one holiday shouldn't detract from our embrace of the other.

Juneteenth helps Independence Day fulfill its promise and live up to its greatest ideal. In this time of national division and fracture, these holidays represent our shared values, our appreciation for people from all walks of life, and our commitment to create a more inclusive society.

Back in 2020, our community demanded that Santa Clara County become the first in

California to recognize Juneteenth as a paid county holiday. The demand arrived amid a national outcry for social justice, as people took to the street to demand equal rights for Black Americans. I spearheaded the effort that created the County's Juneteenth holiday. The vote recognized the legacy of injustice to Black people and our journey for true equity and representation.

At the time, we hoped the County holiday would lead other governments to follow suit. The following year, in 2021, we were thrilled when President Biden signed legislation establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

We all have a responsibility to do whatever is needed to advance civil rights and justice for our Black neighbors and every person of color. On this 160th anniversary of Juneteenth, I commit to do whatever I can to support June 19th becoming a paid state holiday. Every Juneteenth people should have the opportunity to join their loved ones and attend events where they can learn about — and embrace — Black history and culture in America. The holiday deserves recognition and observance by all Californians.

Independence Day and Juneteenth allow us to learn about our history, even the overlooked, more uncomfortable parts. These holidays remind us that the principles enshrined in our founding documents must apply to everyone, regardless of their background or race. They honor the sacrifices made by those who fought for our independence, and for the end of slavery. And they remind us to take seriously our commitment to fight for civil liberties and personal freedoms, and to do whatever we can to make life a little better for all our neighbors.

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>.



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Secret apricot trees along boundary of Evergreen Valley College

'The fruits of nature are a blessing from God'

By Kevin Larsen
 Special to the Times

A very kind man was harvesting some old long forgotten apricot trees along the border of Evergreen Valley College.

He showed me his cleverly made invention of a plastic quart juice container with a rectangular hole that was attached to a long pole.

With this tool, he would reach up and hit the apricot and it would fall into the container. He said, "This is my invention!" with great joy in his voice.

With a kind smile, he said, "Here, you want some of them." It felt good to see someone using fruit that would simply fall off to the ground in the months to come. This was nature providing for people.



I took one apricot and it was of very high quality. The man explained that in years past there were more plentiful bunches of the fruit. I asked him, "Do you think the heavy rains pelted the blossoms and damaged the crop?" He said, "Yes."

This kind man named John, was very positive and caring. We spoke of his church and he stated, "It is important to enjoy the fruits of nature which are a blessing from God."

Times **Community News**

Celebrate Fourth of July at Almaden Lake Park: complementary event begins 3 p.m., fireworks show at 9 p.m.

8th annual event presented by Council Member Arjun Batra

By William Bellou
Publisher

This year marks the 8th Annual 4th of July Fireworks Festival at Almaden Lake Park on Tuesday, July 4th. The festival begins at 3 p.m. with the fireworks underway at approximately 9:15 p.m.

The 4th of July event includes more than fireworks! The event kicks off at 3 p.m. with a Festival featuring local businesses and organizations from the area, a children's fun zone, food trucks and a stage with a variety of entertainment that will keep families entertained throughout the afternoon.

'Best fireworks show in the area!'

"This fireworks festival is a great opportunity for the community to come together," said Beth Swartz, President of the Almaden Valley Women's Club. "We have family activities and entertainment, and the best fireworks show in the area."

This year's remarkable stage lineup features local classic-rock band, Snarky Cats led by George Nowicki, Perry Yan Magic walking around performing amazing magic, as well as a stage show at 6:00 p.m., and Vivace Chorus singing the National Anthem. Numerous festival booths include Operation Gratitude (letters to soldiers); giant Jenga, Connect 4 and other games; Home Depot Kids Workshop; face painting, and more!

The Almaden Super Lion's Club will be on hand to not only host Operation Gratitude, but to also collect eyeglasses. Donate your gently used eyeglasses at their booth and help the Lions provide vision care to those in need.

The Food Court features Grill Zillas; Citlaly's Tacos; Dippin' Dots; Road Dogs; Waffle Amore; Indian Express; Junior's Roaster; and Tea Up. To learn more about any of these organizations, visit the event website at www.sjd10.com.

Costume Contest

Show the crowd your patriotic best! Guests can vote online for their favorite costumes. Prizes will be awarded for the Most Patriotic Family, Teen, and Child (under 12), so dress up and participate! Arrive at the stage at 5:00 p.m. to register. Contest starts at 5:30 p.m.

This community organized event is presented by Councilmember Arjun Batra, the Almaden Valley Women's Club, the Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley, and Mayor Matt Mahan. Members of these community service groups have been working for many months to organize this event.

"A special thank you goes to our District 10 office team, as well as Bob Vonderwerth from the Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association," said Batra. "Their leadership in bringing together all these organizations will ensure this event goes on for years to come."

Joining them in the planning is San Jose Neighborhood CERT, providing communications support; WestGate Water, collecting cans and bottles to build wells in villages that have no running water; and Almaden Super



Lion's Club, hosting the Operation Gratitude booth.

In addition to all the volunteers who have organized the event, many more volunteers are needed to help out throughout the day to make it successful. There are several different shifts and needs. To learn more and to sign up, visit the event website at sjd10.com.

July 4th Festival sponsors

Major sponsors this year include Summerhill Housing Group, Devastating Pyrotechnics, City of San Jose and the Office of Cultural Affairs, Brandenburg Foundation and Cinnabar Hills Golf Club, County of Santa Clara, Green Waste, Jackie Jones, Home Depot, Star One Credit Union, Westfield Oakridge, San Jose Earthquakes, Good Samaritan Hospital, Dignity Memorial (Oak Hill), Kaiser Permanente, Almaden Times, Golden Wheel Storage and 1776 Apartments. Many other organizations and individuals have donated to help support this event.

This event is free and open to the public and provides a perfect venue for the community to come together and celebrate the birth of our nation while watching a spectacular, safe, and professional fireworks show with family and friends.

Illegal fireworks prohibited

Fireworks are only allowed by a permitted and licensed professional per San Jose Municipal Code 10.17.100. Residents are encouraged to report illegal fireworks. Information on illegal fireworks, including when to call 911, how to file a report, and San Jose's Host Ordinance, visit <https://bit.ly/SJ-Fireworks>. Carpooling and public transit is encouraged. There will be no drop offs nor on-site parking. Alcohol, pets or emotional support animals, barbecues, and illegal fireworks are not allowed at the park at any time on July 4th.

Grab a Frisbee, bring a blanket for comfort and a flashlight for safety and celebrate the 247th birthday of this great nation - The United States of America!

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San Jose Realtors say housing advocates 'terrorized' their office

By Jana Kadah
San José Spotlight

Tensions between local housing advocates and realtors have boiled into threats and ugly confrontations.

A coalition of homeless and housing advocates protested at the office of the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors on June 7, six days before the San Jose City Council approved the annual budget. They yelled chants like, "Realtors you can't hide, we can see your greedy side" and "Everyone deserves homes" because of the association's support to move city dollars away from affordable housing. But now those chants could result in criminal charges—if the realtors have it their way.

Association employees described the protest as an "invasion" that "terrorized" workers. Nearly 30 protesters from various housing nonprofits entered their building after first gathering in the parking lot with megaphones and handmade signs. Association officials said they are pursuing all legal avenues to ensure protesters never enter their building again.

"We were fine with them protesting out in our parking lot, which is still trespassing, but once it escalated to them coming into our offices that was crossing the line," Jordan Nunes, association spokesperson, told San José Spotlight. "Some of our employees are really shaken up by it."

Nunes said one employee went to the doctor to check her hearing after the protest, and

another employee Jody Souza said at a recent council meeting that she sought counseling because she was so distraught.

But the homeless and housing advocates who protested at the association's office said they were nonviolent—that this was a standard protest—but maybe the first time realtors had one on their doorstep.

Sandy Perry, one of the protesters and president of the Affordable Housing Network of Santa Clara County, said the protesters entered the building to make sure their message was heard.

"We will confess to being loud and being critical, but we were peaceful," Perry told San José Spotlight. "Also Souza told council she locked herself in her office, but failed to mention that after she came out, she got into our faces and yelled at us."

Perry said the drama is because the realtors are setting the stage to reduce dollars for affordable housing next year and the legal threats are just to scare off protesters from coming to their office again.

"I'm not surprised that the realtors are blowing this up because they lost the vote," Perry said. "They have been demonizing nonprofits for months and this is another way to do it so they can stop affordable housing development."

Tensions between the two groups have been rising for years, but reached a breaking point during budget discussions. Councilmembers voted to spend the majority of tax dollars from



Protestors march around the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors office in San Jose on June 7, 2023. Screenshot via video courtesy of Sandy Perry.

Measure E to build affordable housing—a deviation from Mayor Matt Mahan's plan to funnel the money toward interim housing.

The realtors, who didn't support Measure E in 2020, backed Mahan's plan to invest in short-term, quick-build solutions. The protesters, who were from nonprofits including LUNA and the South Bay Community Land Trust, were opposed and wanted the dollars for affordable housing, which they believe to be the root solution to solving homelessness.

Nunes said protesters were asked to go outside several times, but refused until police arrived. However, the San Jose Police Department said there was only one protester left when they got to the offices.

"There were no arrests, or noted damage/vandalism," a police spokesperson told San José Spotlight.

Neil Collins, CEO of the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors and a columnist for San José Spotlight, said the damage was emotional. His employees were "taunted and terrorized,"

which is why he emailed city officials about the protest. His employees are continuing to publicize the protest by speaking out at meetings and through emails.

"I need to protect my employees. This just can't be something that we can ever allow have to happen again," Collins told San José Spotlight. "There's limits to political discourse, and there's venues for it. This was a political theater that caused real harm to my team."

Homeless advocate Shaunn Cartwright was one of the last people at the protest and said to imply protesters terrorized the association is "laughable."

"This was by a group made up largely of people who were over 50 years old with walkers, canes, various other disabilities and others who were previously or currently homeless," Cartwright told San José Spotlight. "For the realtors to say they have compassion for the unhoused and then use the word terrorize to describe them is not compassion, it is judgment."

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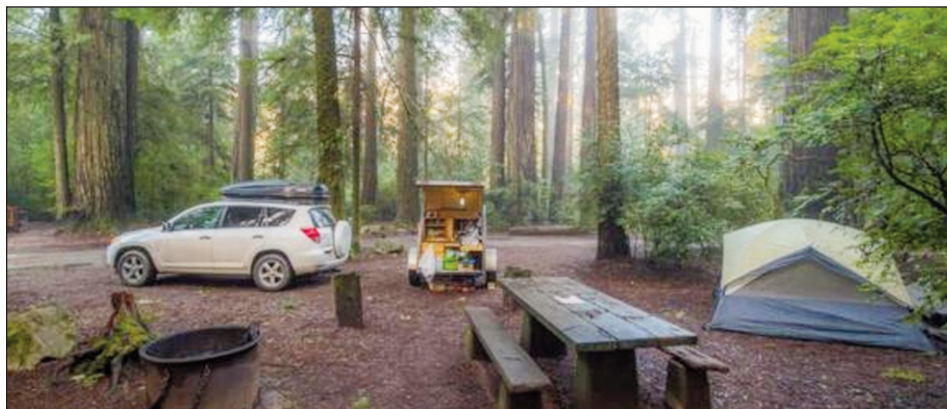
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Times **Local News**



New and improved California campsite reservation bill passes State Assembly

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

A bill that would make it easier for campers at California state parks to snag a campsite reservation has passed the State Assembly with nearly unanimous support.

AB 618, opens up spaces to meet demand by deterring late cancellations and no-shows with added penalties. The bill also directs the California State Parks Department to implement a lottery system for a handful of the most coveted campsites, as well as provide a discount to low-income park visitors through the Golden Bear pass.

California has the most state park land in the country with 279 individual parks, with

nearly seven million visitors staying in one of the state's 15,000 campsites.

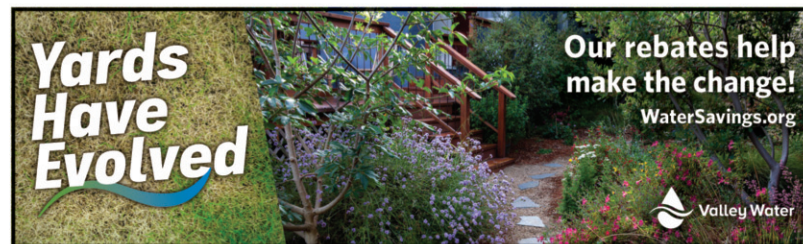
Nearly half of all California campers say they have experienced difficulty finding a campsite to book, according to a survey conducted by camping website "The Dyr" — whether it's because of reserving a spot months in advance or the limited 8 a.m. window opening.

Under AB 618, a cancellation made at least seven days before a reservation will be incentivized with a credit that can be used for another reservation within five years, while those who do not show up after the first day of the reservation will forfeit the remainder of the booking.

The bill also caps the number of days that people can stay at the same campsite per year at 30, as well as limits the length of reservations during peak season to seven consecutive nights.

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Times **Feature**

Oak Grove teacher rode 430 miles to raise funds for his school's Marching Band and Color Guard

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

The Oak Grove High School Marching Band and Color Guard and the Oak Grove High School Band Boosters held a fundraiser to raise \$30,000 from June 19 to June 24.

During the fundraiser, Oak Grove High School Band Director Chris Moura and a small team of cyclists, including several members of his former UCLA racing team, cycled 430 miles from the UCLA Bruins Statue to Oak Grove High School.

Oak Grove High School Band Director, Chris Moura rode 430 miles along with a few of his former UCLA racing team mates to raise funds for his school band.

This year, the band received less than \$200 from the East Side Union High School District to run its music program. The high school has a total of 94% BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) enrollment, with 63% of students receiving free and reduced lunches.

Chris came to Oak Grove in 1995. He and his late wife, Teresa, built the band and color guard programs into champions. Such work, though, comes with a cost. In order to perform, travel, and compete at an elite



Oak Grove High School Band Director **Chris Moura** cycled 430 miles from the UCLA Bruins Statue to Oak Grove High School.

level, the program needed to raise tens of thousands of dollars every year.

Moura explained that when the coronavirus pandemic shut down large gatherings and events, Oak Grove's biggest fundraisers were among them which typically raise between \$25,000 and \$30,000, "So, we're way behind."

"The band is a cross-section of the school's population," Moura said. "A lot of these parents work two or three jobs to give their kids a better life. Many of these kids don't have the opportunity to do things like club sports. These kids find another home here. It's a family."

Moura explained that he spent a majority of his high school life in the band and volunteering with friends. "Our shared struggle had bonded us closer than family. It was this escape from my mundane filial life that taught me discipline, time management, teamwork, resilience and flexibility."

The Oak Grove High School Marching Band and Color Guard has the opportunity to once again perform in the London New Year's Parade this winter. The Ride 4 Moura Music Fundraiser is aiming to raise \$30,000 to provide for the London event and other performance opportunities. The money will fund supplies for equipment, musical instrument repair and care, transportation, uniforms, and auxiliary supplies.

Moura says long bike rides are not only a stress release for him but allow him time to think up solutions to complex problems, such as finding ways to keep the Oak Grove Marching Band funded.

Editor's note: Moura's bike ride began on June 19 at the Bruins statue on the UCLA campus and finished on June 24 at Oak Grove High School. To donate, visit <https://www.facebook.com/152913818073475/posts/5451355148229289>.

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TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK

Phishing Scam

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:

Phishing Scam

In 2020, when the World Health Organization classified the coronavirus infection as a global emergency, online scammers got to work and

started exploiting the uncertainty and fear surrounding this disease.

A sample phishing email detected by security agencies, showed attackers disseminating malicious links and PDFs that claim to contain information on how to protect yourself from the spread of the disease. “Go through the attached document on safety measures regarding the spreading of corona virus,” reads the message, which purports to come from a virologist. “This little measure can save you.”

Email scammers often try to elicit a sense of fear and urgency in victims. It’s not surprising that they would attempt to incorporate the coronavirus into that playbook so quickly. But the move illustrates how phishing attempts so consistently hew to certain time-tested topics and themes.

The hackers use phishing as a scam on Internet to get hold of your valuable information. You may come across pop up messages or suspicious emails from these fraudsters. In most of the cases this scam takes place through emails. These mails may ask you to update information about your personal accounts. Asking for confirmation of the confidential information, these spam mails will guide you to visit websites, which appear to belong to legitimate and authorized organizations briefly. But these websites are fake sites, which are operated by fraudsters to take over sensitive information from you.

Phishers know all too well that during uncertain times—whether it’s international conflict or coronavirus—people become desperate for information and reassurance. Protecting yourself from falling into these traps can be difficult,

but there are some helpful steps you can take. As you’ve probably heard countless times, take a moment to think before downloading attachments or clicking links in any email or message, especially from someone you don’t personally know. If you must interact, try to confirm that the email address is valid and spelled correctly, or use another method of communication to confirm that everything is above board. Most importantly, trust your gut. If something elicits strong emotions or a sense of urgency—or just feels off—pause to reconsider.

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Burt Smith

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with the political shaping of our city and quaint Evergreen area. If you bump into Burt, be sure to ask him to show you many of those in the limelight of our city and in a joyful way, he will be sure to share selfies taken with him on his phone while providing a good-natured story.

He's Americana

Every sentence he states is solid. These qualities he owes to his mom and dad and his vast experiences including serving during times of war.

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This guy is Americana and of such high integrity one wonders what things he did in his past to command such a gracious lime-light to all who come near or into contact with him.

Combat on Navy ship

He's quiet about his awards and had to be prodded to share out his battle engagement experience during the Vietnam War.

In 1966, with combat in full swing, Burt served on Naval Attack Squadron 113 aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise and a challenge presented itself to the ship. He wore a green outfit in his job as he worked on the flight deck each day. It was very dangerous. He states, "My job was to go below the plane and ensure it was correctly in place to be catapulted."

Suddenly, he began to learn there was a backlog of needed avionics equipment due to faulty electronic parts inside key components which were occasionally going out and not working due to many factors. This hindered the effective strength of attacks and it became apparent that the situation was so great that aircraft availability would soon face a problem unless some kind of action was taken immediately.

Burt states, "The shortage of avionics equipment became noticeable. In my off time I went to the avionic shops on board the ship and helped repair navigation and communication equipment. Over a short period of time our aircraft availability of fully assembled working electronic equipment became the best in the fleet." Burt states, "So for a while, I was spending time on the flightdeck and also, I began to help out in the avionics shops on the ship. As I begin fixing components, within weeks, they moved me into electronic repair full time."

'Petty officer Smith, front and center'

Burt explained, "Each night while serving on ship I would crawl into a kind of small box which was my bed. My belongings were kept in a compartment under the mattress and I would sleep along with all my fellow Navy sailors with a wool blanket that covered me displaying the capital initials USN. Over a bit of time, after I had been working to help the ship and all crew, one day, without notice, the entire squadron was mustered to have a meeting on the hanger deck. I was standing in a crowd of men when, without warning, the Master of Arms who stood next to the captain announced in front of the entire crew, 'Petty Officer Smith, front and center!'"

"You can see by the look on my face in the photo that when I walked out on flightdeck, I thought maybe I was in trouble and had done something wrong. I said to myself, 'Oh S***,'



Burt Smith plays "Father Time" during the 1990s.

then to my surprise the following letter was read to the entire crew!"

'Can Do' quality of Burt

This is the actual verbatim letter from the Secretary of U.S. Navy, Vice Admiral Bringle, which explains the "Can Do!" qualities of Burt and the power inside the man.

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Taking initiative

Burt used self-gained knowledge of all the avionics equipment which made him a unique asset to the repair facility. It was apparent that a backlog of damaged avionics equipment was in need of parts and trouble shooting. If the equipment was not to function, then aircraft availability would be diminished.

He quickly assessed the problem and took action by determining issues in the inner workings of each non functioning component. Over time he went from shop to shop to fix and train.

As an expert trouble shooter technician, he began using new repair strategies and techniques which caused the backlog to be "liquidated." In addition, he spent vast hours working with new and experienced technicians to show and train them in unique ways

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of repair. His GUNG-HO attitude affected the war situation for Navy ships, helicopters and planes in a very short period of time.

Undoubtedly the direct result of his enthusiasm for working with electronic equipment resulted in key component availability in this war effort. Also, in addition to being the squadron's BULLPUP trainer (this was a missile training device that Burt maintained in the ready room), during his spare time he continued to work on and figure out how to improvise to make components work when suitable parts were not available.

Russian trawler

Always with a smile, Burt shared a true combat story. Not unlike today when the balloons from China fly over our country to collect information, during the Vietnam War, Russian so called fishing trawlers were seen following our ships (ghosting them) in the South China Sea. It was stated by one Vietnam veteran that, "They weren't fishing at all, they didn't even have nets, but they had all kinds of electronic gathering gear strung up on their masts so everyone knew what they were up to."

Burt explains, "One time, on a helicopter trip from the U.S.S Enterprise in the war zone, the pilot played a joke on the Russians. Before the flight, he took a waterproof tube and placed in it two rolled up Scientific American magazines, two National Geographic magazines and two magazines of models in swimsuits (a publication invented by a man named Hugh). As they were flying by the pest Russian Fishing boat the pilot asked Burt (who had no idea



Burt received this U.S. Meritorious Medal of Service in 1966.

what was in it) to toss the tube with red floating buoy and as it hit the water near the boat, they all pointed to the Russian so called fishermen to retrieve the gift and flew away on their trip to the Ticonderoga.

Later, they flew back to the Enterprise and as they looked down at the same Russian trawler, one of the Russians held up the magazine centerfold in the air spread out between his two hands as a gesture of war time thanks.

Tet Offensive begins

A week later, he went on a secret mission aboard a C1A cargo plane. They got to the main landing strip in Danang and were resting in the EM (Enlisted Men) Club when all of a sudden, the pilot ran into the room yelling, "We got to go, let's get out of here quick!" He would find out that secret intelligence stated it was the start of the Tet offensive that day, so best to be back on ship.

Another time he went on a mission ride on the Admirals helicopter to try to solve a critical combat control component instrument issue. A top-secret instrument needed some figuring out to help the aircraft determine if "friendlies" aircraft were approaching.

Burt stated, "Each jet pilot created a secret four-digit code that was assigned before take-off. I was tasked with troubleshooting this IFF (IDENTIFICATION FRIEND OR FOE) system on the carrier Ticonderoga."

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Times Feature

Burt Smith

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 system was not working properly on the carrier. Burt stated, "Upon arrival on the carrier, I trouble shot the situation and determined, being an older ship, the Ticonderoga did not have the capability to use the IFF system. The old system of IFF on the ship was not compatible with the newer systems on the jets in the CIC (COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER)." The CIC was a very special place on the carrier where all communications of battle took place. Burt said, "When working in that area on the ship everyone had to be quiet." Burt helped figure out this situation and later, steps would be taken to correct the circumstances on the Navy carrier.



Burton Smith (right) receives his Meritorious Medal on board the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Veterans of America

Just recently, after many decades, Burt was asked if he was in the VA System (Veterans Administration). He stated, "I never thought of myself as being a veteran but after learning more about it, I realized, that's who I am." Burt did not consider hearing bullets shot through the air during helicopter missions enough to call himself a veteran. He encourages all who were in wars to find out more about this important organization and what it does for veterans. "The VA has done so much for me," Burt states.

A call back from retirement

As the years progressed and Burt entered civilian work, his keen ability to work on instrumentation components found its way into the

private sector. One day he decided to pay off his house with the private corporation's retirement buy-out package. To no one's surprise, a while later he received a phone call at home from a key supervisor where he used to work. "Burt, we need you, can you come back," said his previous manager. So, Burt did go back to help and worked in the same capacity only this time as a paid contractor. Today he is happily retired.

Burton Victor SMITH, the war hero, is an all-around great man, who teaches us what it means to be tough! If you get a chance, drop into the Evergreen Community Center to have lunch and sit at his table.

Editor's note: If you wish to join Burt's table for lunch at the Evergreen Community Center you can do so. Each weekday the San Jose Senior Nutritional Center offers

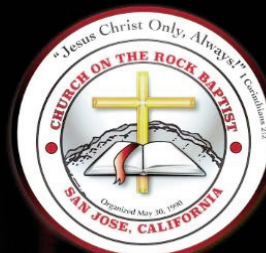
delicious lunch with suggested donation. You can try out the center for one meal (with availability) and if you wish to come back, you can fill out a county registration simple one page form to receive a meal card. This card allows you to call a day or week ahead to reserve a lunch (see wonderful menu) with monies you can pay as a donation when you walk in (daily lunch donations of \$3 per senior over 60 are suggested). If anyone under 60 wishes a lunch they can reserve and pay \$9. It is valuable to drop by the center and get the Active Monthly Adult Newsletter. Lots of activities and smart and savvy information for seniors can be found in the center. The Evergreen Community Center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road. For more information and to meet fellow wonderful seniors in a caring way, call (408) 270-2220.



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Roman Encampment and Legionaries Parades realistic interactive experience. At right: Anthony "Nino" Lane Band

Live concerts at the family 'Festa' Saturday, August 5

From an international singing sensation to a Bay Area country music star, there's entertainment for everyone at the 2023 Italian Family "Festa" San Jose, and it's all free!

World Folk & Roots singer Michela Musolino will be performing on Saturday August 5th, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Sicilian-American singer has been internationally lauded for her unique ability to reimagine Sicilian folk and roots music. Her songs make your heart sing and your feet dance!

On Sunday August 6th, we'll get a little bit country with Silicon Valley's own, Mike Anuzzi.

He takes the stage from 1:30pm-3:30pm. You've heard his hits on country radio, including "Just Getting Started" and "New Boots On."

The Anthony "Nino" Lane Band brings its classic Italian sound to the "Festa" Sunday August 6th from 4pm-6pm. Anthony has been performing since he was 10 years old. His credits over the past few decades are long and impressive.

Also joining a weekend of excellent entertainment, Bay Area Sinatra - John DeMers, Gold Money Band, Blue House, Livewire, The Fratello Marionettes and Nadejda (Nadia) Posk-atcheeva.

And new this year, a Roman Encampment and Legionaries Parades...happening both Saturday and Sunday. The Roman experience is educational and interactive... kids and adults will be enchanted with the authentic, cultural addition to the "Festa."

Please visit www.italianfamilyfestasj.org for the full entertainment schedule.

Editor's note: The Italian Family "Festa" is presented by the Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF). All proceeds support the preservation of Italian culture and the Italian American Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program.



Michela Musolino (Photo by Nino Di Maio)

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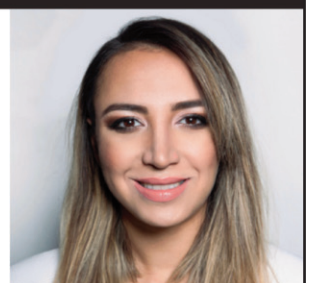
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