Evergreen Inn is planning a re-opening on Dec. 15
The restaurant, a long-time favorite in Evergreen Valley, abruptly closed, but the


## Bestselling author Keira Chang returns to Scholars Academy for book reading, signing

Chang's book is number one on Amazon's bestseller lists; Author to appear at Scholar's Academy Dec. 22 By William Bellou Publisher

Avery special event is coming to Evergreen which marks the significant homecoming for bestselling young author who attended Scholar's Academy from age 2-5
Evergreen Valley resident Keira Chang, a 15-yearold author who made headlines with her bestselling children's science book, "Marinara \& Alfredo: How Do Rainbows Work?", is set to visit her alma mater Scholar's Academy in Evergreen for a special book reading and signing event on Dec. 22 at 10:00 a.m.

The Harker School sophomore's debut book swiftly climbed to \#1 on Amazon's bestseller lists in multiple categories upon release, showcasing her

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Scholar's Academy is thrilled to welcome back one of its own, bestselling author Keira Chang, showcasing the impact of its early childhood education program.

## Evergreen Valley High School Girls Cross Country team wins CCS Division I

First CCS Division 1 win in school history By William Bellou Publisher

The Evergreen Valley High School Girls Cross Country team had an exceptional season this year, securing the CCS Division I Title for the first time in school history.



The team's success was greatly attributed to the leadership of their Senior runner and captain, Ruby Chen, who achieved an outstanding second-place finish at the historic Crystal Springs racecourse, setting a new school record in the process. Ruby completed the challenging 2.95 -mile course in an impressive time of 18:26.

Following closely behind Ruby was Freshman Nora Carino, who finished 5th overall with a time of 18:57. Nora's performance not only
solidified her as an integral part of the team, but also garnered her the title of third-best in Evergreen Val ley High School's history for the course. The team's depth was further showcased by Sivani Kaliki, another Freshman, who clocked in with a time of 19:33, which placed her 8th overall in the race.
With three runners in the top 10 and strong performances from team members Ramneek Kaur (15th place), Autumn Pacheco See CROSS COUNTRY, page 8


Sukhdev Baniwal, kind woman Debbie, Evangelists Rhonda Perry and Deacon Lavone Perry. Blankets were distributed to the less fortunate last Sunday.

## Socks and blankets to those in tents

Evangelist Rhonda Perry, Deacon Lavone Perry and Community Outreach Person Sukhdev
Baniwal take time to visit the less fortunate

## By Kevin Larsen <br> Times staff writer

$\tau$astSunday, a cold afternoon, two churches worked together to give blankets out to those who are less fortunate and living in tents on Capital Expressway.
Evangelist Rhonda Perry, Deacon Lavone Perry (husband and wife) work with Sukhdev Baniwal from the San Jose Gurdwara to plan and distribute blankets to the poor.

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San Jose Gurdwara
The Sikh Gurdwara San Jose operates one of the largest kitchen programs in the United States also located near Quimby Road. Langar (community meal) is served each day to about 1,000 persons and for over 7,500 people on weekends. People of all religions and cultures participate in the See BLANKETS, page 4

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## Blankets

Continued from page 1 Langar and it is refreshing to know that all are welcome any day of the year. For some this offers peace of mind to know there is always a place to fight their hunger.
Langars (Community Kitchens) are held in Gurdwaras all over the world and homeless people are always welcome to the Sikhs.
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This religion believes in honoring other religionstoo. The Sikhs do not proselytize, meaning not to convince others to join their religion. Instead, they work together with other churches and believe in one God.
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The Evangelist, the Deacon and the Sikh

The Evangelist, the Deacon and the Sikh, walked across the through fair on the green light and approached tents which were tucked in along the wall. Cars wizzed by nonstop and it was hard to hear.
They announced themselves kindly by saying withtent flap closed, "We have blankets if you wish." A man

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named Tonypopped his head out and with a smile said, "Yes, it's cold." Upon speaking to Tony it was stated that someone stolehis wallet. He needed his ID and money and his bus pass was lost. It was explained that many walk because they do not have money for the bus.
He said, "I believe in Jesus and to love everybody and I am trying to stand on my own and be normal," referring to getting out of the tent into housing and work. Deacon Perry said a welcomed prayer to him, "My brother, God is going to bless you with hope, strength of life and good will toward all men."
Anotherhouseless person who is living in a tent explained many things with a vibrant and positive attitude. What was remarkable is as she spoke it was clear, nothing at


Tony, who had his wallet stolen, was thankful to receive two warm blankets.
all was wrong with her as a person. She just, through unfortunate circumstances, found herself in this troubled situation.
Sukhdev Baniwal asked her in a kind in a soft spoken voice, "It is bestyou go to a shelter because it will be safe for you there."
The nice lady with a Southern accent said, "I tried living in the shelter in the past and felt since the men and women were together it was not safe." She also stated, "I just want a place for myself for my peace and clarity. When one lives at a shelter, for me, I often put myself on the backburner because Itry to help others."
The plight of finding housing Debbie explained, "I hadahousing mentor at San Jose State but it seemed like she was not that concerned. She seemed to care more
about her time than talking to me. I just wanted a place for myself and I never heard back from her and that was four years ago and I just filled out paperwork to get housing again."
She went on to say, "I have tried to get housing assistance for the past 4 years. They did not help me even though I was approved. Unfortunately, they did not have a phone number for me to call them back." A welcomed prayer
Evangelist Perry said to the kind lady who had just washed her hair with cold water with a spigotbehind a supermarket donning a wrapped towel on her head, "Lord, thank you for your loving kindness for this child with a heart of gold. Give her the provisions she needs," she said.
The kind lady whose tent is called home said, "I am praying I get help before Christmas."


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# The food at San Jose's Funny Farm is no joke 

Current location on San Felipe Road in Evergreen opened March 2022

By Robert Eliason
San Jose Spotlight

The sandwich board outside The Funny Farm Restaurantadvertises a rum cake so good it needs a designated driver. A sign on the front counter next to a bucket of rubber chickens reads, "Warning: Snarky Staff." A stuffed unicorn hangs upside down from the ceiling, surrounded by dangling multi-colored Slinkies.
"We're avery homey place," co-owner Monica Levi told San José Spotlight. "Our staff is a cast of misfits, like me, being ourselves, cracking jokes and having fun. We want to make the place feel just like home, where everyone is family, and everyone is welcome."
The Funny Farm started as the kitchen for San Jose's Sideline Sports Bar \& Grill in 2017, followed by a brick-and-mortar on Stevens Creek Boulevard, finally perfecting the concept at its current location in Evergreen on San Felipe Road, which opened in March 2022.
On the surface, The Funny Farm's whimsical decor and casual style might seem to be an entertaining alternative to Chuck E . Cheese for a kid's birthday-but looks are deceiving.
From the designer burgers and gourmet mac and cheese to a unique interpretation of the burrito and classic dinner specials like braised short rib stroganoff, the menu from co-owner and chef Ron Levi-no relation to Monica-shows his personal spin on remarkably tasty dishes.

## Author

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remarkable talent and passion for making science accessible and enjoyable for young children.
Chang's visit to Scholar's Academy is not just a return to her educational roots but also a testament to the school's commitment to nurturing the potential of its students.
Keira Chang, speaking about the event, said, "Returning to Scholar's Academy is incredibly meaningful to me. It's where my love for learning was nurtured, and to come back as an author and share my work feels like a full circle. I hope to inspire the young minds at Scholar's Academy just as I was inspired here."
During the event, Chang will conduct a reading session of her book, engage with the young attendees, and sign copies of her work. "Marinara \& Alfredo: How Do Rainbows Work?" has been praised for its vibrant illustrations, engaging storytelling, and its ability to simplify complex scientific concepts for its young audience. Chang's book aims to inspire a love for STEM, particularly among young girls.
This event is not only a milestone for Chang but also highlights Scholar's Academy's role


The Funny Farm Restaurant co-owner Monica Levi and chef Ron Levi. Photo by Robert Eliason.
Ron's career as a chef began at age 13 working at a Wendy's in Canada-a job he hated. He bounced from restaurant to restaurant, finally ending up in San Jose where he did a stint at Psycho Donuts.
"That's where I started playing around with the concept of crazy good food," he told San José Spotlight. "We put grasshoppers on doughnuts, we made doughnut sushi and the Donnoli-a long doughnut stuffed with cannoli cream. People went wild for them."
A throwback to his youth, his Funny Farm menu includes poutine, the classic Canadian comfort food, offered in five variations.
Starting with the poutine original-made with steak-cut french fries, white cheddar cheese curds and gravy-the dish can be ordered topped with boneless buffalo wings, pulled pork or a cheeseburger. The television show "Man vs. Food" featured the beef short rib version, which is topped with chopped braised short ribs, crispy onion strings and an optional sunny side up egg.

Quirky atmosphere aside, the food truly is the draw, and every dish has its own spin on a classic theme.
There is a pancake one foot wide and an inch and a half thick that includes a pitcher of syrup stuck squarely in the middle and is available plain or with cookies and cream or blueberries. The classic Pigs in the Hole is made with eggs, tender carnitas, fire-roasted peppers and cheese sauce, all on brioche toast. And yes, there is a breakfast poutine


Bestselling young author Keira Chang attended Scholar's Academy from age 2-5.
in shaping successful individuals. The school is thrilled to welcome back one of its own and showcase the impact of its early childhood education program.
"I'm happy that my book has resonated with so many parents, Chang said. "When I was in Kindergarten, I used to have a ton of questions about science and the world around me and I think that it's important to feed that curiosity with approachable answers to STEM related questions in kindergarten and elementary school," Chang said.
For more information about the author Keira Chang, visither website: https://www. keirachang.com.
with two sunny side up eggs, bacon and sausage.
There are a dozen versions of the Angus beef hamburgers, with toppings that include shaved Philly steak, mac and cheese, black truffle sauteed mushrooms and Black Forest ham. If you're feeling decadent, the Silver Creek comes with truffle fries and a bottle of Veuve Clicquot champagne.
"Our food could be the best on the planet," Monica said, "but if the overall experience is not great, why would anyone come back again?"
That's why prospective employees are auditioned, not interviewed-a process intended to reveal their personalities. To encourage fun interactions and good service, employees are given a bonus for every fivestar review on Yelp that mentions them.
The UFO burger, another item featured on "Man Vs Food," is made with two quarter-pound patties, bacon, pepper jack cheese, jalapeño poppers and a crispy cheese frico, all topped with Levi's spicy Mon-


Beef Short Rib Poutine. Photo by Robert Eliason.
key Sauce, a sweet onion chipotle mayo. It's the go-to burger for customer Rick Martinez. "When I had it the first time, I thought it was the best burger I've had that I didn't make at home," Martinez told San José Spotlight. "But that was just me believing I'm a good cook-it really is the best burger I've ever had. Once you take a bite, you're just happy."
The Cheezy Noodz, a huge platter of macaroni sauced with six cheeses, is enough food to serve two. One standout is the Yardbird, topped with crispy fried chicken, bacon, ranch dressing and scallions.
The Funny Farm also features hot sandwiches and salads and has a fully stocked bar with wine and beer, along with an assortment of whiskies, bourbons and tequilas.
"Cooking is my passion," Ron said. "Playing with foods and flavors for me is very soothing and calming. I love to create something that someone can taste and say, 'Wow. I've never had that kind of thing before.'"

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## San Jose legendary community leader Frank Fiscalini dies

Appointed superintendent of East Side Union High School District in 1956; Lead the effort to open 10 new schools through his retirement in 1982

Frank Fiscalini, a devoted family man and a San Jose community leader who served in many roles from school districts to City Hall, died Friday. He was 101.
Fiscalini passed away in his sleep early Friday morning, his daughter Lisa Hausle told San José Spotlight.
Although Fiscalini lived past the century mark, Hausle said his death was unexpected, coming just one day after he saw a doctor for a physical exam, and received good marks on his general health.
"You just thought he was going to be here forever, which is impossible, of course," Hausle told San José Spotlight. "But he kept telling us, 'I think I'm going to make it to 110.'"

Fiscalini contracted COVID-19 last month and spent a couple of weeks in a rehabilitation center but returned to his senior living home feeling good last week, shortly after his 101st birthday. His daughter Jill Peters spent much of yesterday with him.
Hausle said her father's passing is bittersweet, because he lived such a long and full life, and she and her siblings were lucky to have
long lives of their own with him by their sides.
"It will be weird to not have him around. But it was time for him to go join my mom," Hausle said.
Born in San Bernardino as one of seven children to immigrant parents from Northern Italy, Fiscalini moved to the Bay Area in 1942 to attend Santa Clara University. His education was put on hold when he enlisted and went on to serve in the military during World War II in the fight against the Nazis.
He later graduated from Santa Clara University, earned a master's degree in education from Stanford University and a Doctor of Education Development and management from University of Northern Colorado.
While Fiscalini was a beloved figure in his own family, his career as a powerful politician and educational leader also touched thousands of lives.
He was appointed superintendent of the then-fledgling EastSide Union High School District in 1956, and he helped lead the effort to open 10 new schools through his retirement from the districtin 1982 He at one point earned the nickname, the "Godfather of East Side politics," according to Terry Christensen, a retired San Jose State professor of political science.

Fiscalini served as CEO of Alexian Brothers hospital system for


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Frank Fiscalini has been an educator, San Jose councilmember, vice mayor and so much more. He died on Dec. 8, 2023, at age 101. Photo by Joseph Geha.
five years and later helmed a massive restoration project of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, a Roman Catholic church in downtown San Jose.
After losing a mayoral race to Susan Hammer in 1990-one of the closest in San Jose historyFiscalini ran for and was elected to the San Jose City Council in 1992, where he served two terms.
Fiscaliniwasalso a founding board member of Opera San Jose, and served on the boards and was a booster of various arts and education programs and centers in the city.
Hausle said her father's legacy will be one of family, faith, and community service.
"He was all about giving and doing for others, believing that you got the most back when you gave to others," she said.
Fiscalini is survived by four children, 13 grandchildren and 10 great
grandchildren. His wife of 64 years Joan, preceded him in death in 2010. Hausle said Fiscalini's great grandkids were devastated to learn of his passing.
"To them, he wasn't somebody who just sat in the corner. He had conversations with them about what they were doing in school and what they were learning," Hausle said. "He had nicknames for them and was a very interactive great grandfather."
Her family will have a holiday cookie decorating party in his honor this weekend, a tradition started years ago by Joan and Frank.
"We are all decorating cookies for Baba on Sunday," Hausle said. Per Fiscalini's wishes, his family is planning a private funeral service in the coming weeks. A larger memorial for others to pay their respects will be planned for next year.

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## The battle continues to halt Proposition 19 tax hike

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is fighting to reverse one of the largest property tax increases in state history, a little-noticed provision of Proposition 19 that revoked the ability of parents to pass property to their children without any change to the property tax bill.
Proposition 19 passed narrowly in November 2020, and the provision affecting intergenerational transfers became effective on February 16,2021 , barely three months after the votes were counted.
Previously, parents could pass their home and up to $\$ 1$ million of assessed value of other property to their children, and that property was excluded from reassessment. The property tax bill would not change as a result of the transfer. That was the law under Proposition 58, passed by more than $75 \%$ of voters in 1986. Ten years later, voters passed Proposition 193 to extend the same rules to transfers between grandparents and grandchildren if the children's parents are deceased.
But that all changed with the passage of Proposition 19, a measure that won a squeaker of a victory after a costly and deceptive advertising campaign that neglected to tell voters the whole story. Under Prop. 19, only a principal residence is eligible for an exclusion from reassessment, and only if the children move in within one year and the home becomes their principal residence, permanently. Some family farms also qualify for an exclusion.
All other property will be reassessed to market value as of the date of transfer. Children who can't afford the new tax bill will be forced to sell family property.
Your HJTA is fighting to reverse this tax increase. As an interim measure, we sponsored Senate Bill 668, introduced by Sen. Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel), to extend until 2023 the effective date of this enormous change to the tax code. Sadly, others in the state Senate blocked this bill from moving forward.
However, Sen. Bates has joined us in supporting Assembly Constitutional Amendment 9, introduced by Assembly Member Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin), which would reinstate Propositions 58 and 193 to the state constitution. ACA 9 will restore Proposition 13 benefitsto children, preserving the legacy of parents See PROP 19, page 9

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# Student homelessness grows in San Jose school district 

By Lorraine Gabbert<br>San Jose Spotlight

The number of homeless high school students and families in one East San Jose school district has increased threefold in just three years.
The East Side Union High School District has approximately 900 unhoused students, compared to 300 in 2020. Officials said the number continues to climb and cite inflation, cost of living increases and the rollback of COVID-19 pandemic renter protections as the key culprits. The number of homeless students in the district is projected to reach about 1,000 by the end of the year, district spokesperson Sergio Diaz Luna said.
Peter Allen, communications coordinator with the East Side Education Foundation, said the number of homeless students is spiking because the definition of homeless has expanded to include not only students living on the street, but in vehicles, having three families sharing a two-bedroom apartment or couch surfing. He said more students are willing to self-identify and the school district has gotten better at identifying students in need.
"They don't have a consistent place to live every night," he told San José Spotlight. "That
causes trauma and doesn't make their education any easier." The school district and foundation are working together to support the rising needs of students.
The foundation serves as the fiscal agent for the East Side Union High School District's McKinney-Vento Program, which provides direct support and services to students experiencing homelessness to ensure their academic, behavioral and social-emotional needs are met. The program provides warm clothes and gift cards to unhoused students during the holiday season.
The program previously raised $\$ 30,000$ and was able to provide $\$ 100$ each to 300 students, Diaz Luna said. With 900 students, it would require $\$ 90,000$. Monetary contributions go to students in the form of gift cards, he said, so they can buy clothing, school supplies or a nice holiday meal. Diaz Luna said the school district has ramped up services to students through a partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Behavioral Health and nonprofit community specialists. Students are also connected on-site with social workers and counselors.
East Side Union High School District Superintendent Glenn Vander Zee said how the state funds schools puts his students at a disad-
vantage compared to other school districts in Santa Clara County. The state formula is based on property taxes and average daily attendance per district, which gives affluent communities with higher property taxes an advantage.
"We also know the economic polarity in our area creates hardships for our students," Vander Zee told San José Spotlight. "Students are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet."
East Side Union High School District has about 21,000 students, not including charter schools. At the end of the academic year in June, the district identified 1,232 students as unhoused, Vander Zee said. While that has since dropped to 900, Vander Zee expects it to grow.
"This (program) is an opportunity for us to give these students a bit of a boost at this time of year," Vander Zee said, "although we understand it doesn't fundamentally address the underlying issues."
"It's to provide as much direct support as we can to students this holiday season, just to let them know we value and support them," Diaz Luna said. "I grew up poor, so we didn't always have money for gifts during the holidays, and I can only imagine what it means for a student to receive a gift today. Hopefully, we can provide a gift for each one."
Editor's note: The district held a holiday event for its homeless students in December to provide them with resources.


## Cross country

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(26th), Idee Chang (49th), and Emma Rahardja (54th), the Cougars captured the Division I CCS Championship and qualified for the CIF State Championship race. The victory not only demonstrated their talent, but also showcased their dedication and hard work throughout the season.
Coach Taylor Haight has been coaching the EVHS Cross Country team for four years, while Coach Antonio Pacheco is in his first year with the team.
"I am very proud of how the girls came together as a team to achieve their goals, Haight said. "Every day they brought a competitive attitude and strong work ethic to practices and races, setting the tone for a phenomenal year. It is fun to celebrate this season's results and look forward to the future of this program."


## Times Feature



## Winter Wonders of San Jose: Sacred Heart charitable scavenger hunt for a cause

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acred Heart Community Service (SHCS), a 59-year-old anti-poverty nonprofit, invites local residents to immerse themselves in the festive spirit with the Winter Wonders of San Jose's civic and cultural gems.
Sacred Heart's charitable scavenger hunt not only promises fun but also aims to make a significant impact on the community happening now through Friday, December 14th. Participants are invited to embark on a journey across the city, donate, and receive discounts from participating retailers.
Scavenger Hunt locations include Enchant Christmas at the San Jose Earthquakes stadium, Broadway San Jose, LifeSport Fitness, Narrative Fermentation, Crema Coffee, and AJI at The Signa Hotel.
During this charitable scavenger hunt, the San Jose community is rallying together to provide holiday meal boxes and toys for over 12,000 residents.
Participants are encouraged to make a difference by donating canned food and unwrapped toys or making a financial contribution. To sweeten the deal, select scavenger hunt locations are offering exclusive discounts. Simply show them your donation to avail yourself of these special offers.

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## Prop 19

Continued from page 6 and grandparents who have worked for decades to pay off mortgages on homes and small businesses, and who hope to pass those assets to the next generation so they can have a better, more secure future.
Editor's note: You can go online to reinstate58.hjta.org download the organization's petition which can be shared with friends and neighbors. The deadline isJanuary 16, 2024.
org/holidays23 or contact Sacred Heart's Director of Communications and Special Events, Demone Carter, atdemonec@sacredheartcs. org.

## Joe Simitian launches congressional campaign to succeed retiring Congresswoman Anna Eshoo

Simitian shows early momentum with over 130 local elected endorsements and over $\$ 600,000$ in federal campaign funds.

## By William Bellou

Publisher

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian declared his candidacy for Congress in District 16 last week with the endorsements of over 130 local elected officials throughout the district.
Simitian said he's ready to be the strong leader we need on issues important to district voters.
"I will fight to reverse climate change, protect reproductive rights, and tackle the housing crisis," said Simitian. "On the Board of Supervisors and in the State Legislature, I took on tough problems and powerful interests and won. I'll do the same in Congress." Simitian launched his campaign following the decision of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, who held the seat for over three decades, to not seek re-election. "Our community has been served exceptionally

well by Congresswoman Eshoo. I will follow her tradition and my own practice of prioritizing constituent service. I will advance the values and issues that are the hallmark of our Valley: innovation, inclusion and fairness," Simitian said.



## Grace Church of Evergreen offers programs for personal, social and spiritual development

Behind the name of Grace Church are opportunities and programs for personal, social and spiritual development.
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## SAN JOSE

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