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CERT volunteers have revved up their activities in the last year and are better organized, better trained, and more ready than ever.

## Celebrate by serving

### April is National Volunteer Month

By David Burckhard

This month is an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve. It's a time to recognize and celebrate the incredible impact of volunteers in our communities.

The best way to celebrate and honor the people who serve our neighbors during National Volunteer Month is to become one of them. And there is no more noble a calling than to help our neighbors when they need help the most.

That calling motivates the hundreds of men and women of the San Jose Community Emergency Response Team, CERT. Hundreds

of local CERT members have completed the free, FEMA-sponsored 20-hour training that enables them to safely and effectively respond to their neighbors in a major emergency event. They are looking for others to join their teams distributed in communities throughout the city. Trained CERT members organize and serve those in their

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### Almaden mothers work together to bring Boys Team Charity to Almaden Valley

By Kelly Ray  
Special to the Times

With March being Women's History Month I have been highlighting women making history right now, near and far.

With that spirit in mind, I'm shining a light on two incredible women who have recently made history here in our Almaden community: Juli Yoshioka-Wong and Lynn Lakkaraju.

It all started years ago with a conversation between Juli and Lynn where they were discussing the National Charity League (NCL), a mother/daughter volunteering organization that both were doing with their daughters, and their disappointment that there wasn't

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True emotion captured when the President of BTC surprised them with the word collage and shared how much the boys appreciated their leadership, time and connection all throughout the years.



History San Jose's Restoratoin Shop volunteers restored a 1927 T Truck.

### History San Jose restoration shop volunteers begin restoring circa 1880 stage wagon

HSJ receives grant to restore circa 1880 stage wagon

History San Jose (HSJ), celebrating its 75th year anniversary, has an active restoration shop where volunteers restore items in its collection.

More than 12 vehicles, from a 1903 Haynes Apperson to a 1927 Model TT have been restored. Smaller items have also been restored.

"We restore many small items from the collection so that they can be put on display," said Allan Greenberg who volunteers at HSJ. "We are currently restoring a circa 1880 stage wagon. This stage wagon carried passengers from San Jose to Alviso to catch a pad-

dle boat to San Francisco. It also carried passengers from Alviso to San Jose."

HSJ received a grant to restore this historic vehicle.

Editor's note: Allan Greenberg is a member of the Santa Clara Valley Ford Model T Club.



Above: Stage wagon as received, and below: stage wagon as of March 19.



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# Charity

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a similar volunteer organization for boys.

After doing some research they learned about Boys Team Charity (btc), also a national organization, like NCL; they learned that with a lot of hard work, a local chapter could be brought to our community.

Juli and Lynn were all-in and ultimately, along with the help of many other incredible women, founded our Almaden Chapter. It was truly a labor of love; for years this collective group of Moms were the btc board, team leaders for our boys, and so much more. They worked countless hours pouring their hearts and souls into bringing this organization to Almaden.

The Almaden btc chapter has now grown so much in size and popularity that there is currently a wait list for those wanting to be a part of the organization. Who would have thought that when the group first met early-on, in a community center classroom, that just a few years down the line meetings would grow to be so large that they would need to be held in a school auditorium.

“The success of this organization is dependent upon its members and their enthusiasm and support has been truly amazing,” Juli said. “This has been a great experience for us, and it has created so many wonderful memories.”

“It’s been such a rewarding journey to start a non-profit focusing on charities within and near Almaden Valley while strengthening family bonds,” Lynn said. “I hope the btc experience will inspire these young men to continue philanthropic work throughout their lives.”

### It takes a village

The expression “It takes a village” [to raise our kids] is so true; many in the community are grateful that Juli, Lynn and so many other Moms dedicated their time and energy to bring the btc organization to Almaden. This chapter will likely be here for years and years serving as one of the many pillars, and guardrails, that contribute to parents raising their teen boys.

The member families, and the benefiting philanthropies, thank Juli and Lynn, and all the amazing women who were and still are a part of this incredible organization! Thanks to their hard work a dream became a reality!

# Volunteers

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own neighborhood – the people that you meet each day!

The San Jose CERT volunteers have revved up their activities in the last year and are better organized, better trained, and more ready than ever. But they have an even longer way to go. With a goal of teaming with thousands of San Jose CERT trained volunteers, they are growing and looking to you to become a champion to your family and those who live and work around you. Members are trained in disaster first aid, search and rescue, fighting small fires, radio use, incident management, emergency communications, and more. Most of the training addresses the knowledge and skill that most people want to have for themselves and their families in the event of an emergency.

The CERT mission is to step in when professional responders are overwhelmed or unavailable. You’ve probably seen them in safety vests and caps during community events where they’ve been educating the public in

emergency preparation. Perhaps you’ve witnessed them patrolling large events such as Viva Calle, senior resources day at the mall, the Almaden Lake Independence Day Celebration, or assisting in the evacuation efforts during the flooding of Coyote Creek. Under a banner of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, their motto is “Doing the Greatest Good for the Greatest Number.”

Everyone knows that beneath the South Bay with all its attractions and amenities lies the threat of a damaging earthquake. We aren’t immune from a broad-ranging fire or long-duration power outage either. Regardless, being prepared is the best way to respond to an emergency and that’s what drives the CERT mission.

A welcoming aspect of the CERT organization is that it invites those of any ability or experience aged 14 years and up. This year, San Jose CERT is making a big effort to recruit budding adults in its

TEEN CERT program. Whatever background or history you have, you probably possess a set of skills that work in the CERT community. There are even members who know how to send texts when the Internet is down or evacuate and manage horses! There’s a great need for those

with medical skills, project management, organization building, and radio operators including those with GMRS and ham licenses. But the greatest quality in members that San Jose CERT seek are those with a genuine compassion and desire to help their neighbors during the

most trying times. I hope to see you at a future CERT gathering.

*David Burckhard is the San Jose District 8 CERT Coordinator and member of San Jose Neighborhood CERT leadership team. Contact him at: sweeperdave@mac.com*

*Links to more information about CERT and joining, <https://sanjosecert.org>*

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**PROGRAM**  
Chopin, Prelude in C-sharp Minor, Op. 45  
Chopin, Four Waltzes  
Chopin, Three Nocturnes  
Chopin, Five Mazurkas  
INTERMISSION  
Schubert, Piano Sonata in B-Flat Major, D. 960



**TRIO WANDERER**  
April 20, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Francis Episcopal Church, San Jose

**PROGRAM**  
Fauré, Piano Trio in D Minor, Op. 120  
L. Boulanger, D'un soir triste—D'un matin de printemps, for Piano Trio  
INTERMISSION  
Bonis, Soir. Matin, Op. 76, for Piano Trio  
Ravel, Piano Trio in A Minor



**FEDERICO COLLI**  
May 4, 7:30 p.m.  
Cubberley Community Center Theatre, Palo Alto

**PROGRAM**  
Ligeti, Musica ricercata  
Scarlatti, Selected Sonatas  
INTERMISSION  
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## Thousands of library lovers to celebrate National Library Week: April 7-13

By Sean Eastwood  
*Publisher*

Thousands of library lovers here in Santa Clara County and around the country will support their local libraries to help sustain vital programs and services on National Library Week, April 7-13.

By participating in Library Giving Day, you can make a meaningful impact on your community by ensuring access to resources, programs, and opportunities for all members.

**Monday, April 8: Right to Read Day** is a National Day of Action in support of the right to read. The State of America's Libraries Report is released, including Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2023.

**Tuesday, April 9: National Library Workers Day** is a day for everyone to recognize the valuable contributions made by library workers. The San Jose Public Library Foundation has a longstanding history of dropping gifts off to Library workers at each of San Jose's 25 library locations. Write a love note to library workers and we will include them in our gift drop off!

**Wednesday, April 10: National Library Outreach Day** is a day the dedicated library professionals are meeting their patrons where they are.



**Thursday, April 11: Take Action for Libraries Day** is a day to rally advocates to urge members of Congress to protect the freedom to read.

National Library Week is observed by a number of countries, initially just by the United States which was established in 1957.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week (NLW) is observed in the United States and is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the USA each April, typically the second full week. It promotes library use and support.



Artwork created for National Library Week at Loyola Marymount University, 2017.

In 1954, a nonprofit National Book Committee was established between the American Library Association (ALA) and the American Book Publishers. Virginia Mathews served as Deputy Director and then Director of the National Book Committee. In 1957, the committee developed the idea for National Library Week, hoping that it would motivate people to read and support libraries.



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# San Jose Water proposes rate increase

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

About 1 million San Jose residents that receive their water from San Jose Water Company may see significant increases to their water bills starting next year.

The rate increase depends solely on a decision by state regulators in approving San Jose Water's plan which calls for an increase of the company's average water rates by about 22% over three years beginning in 2025.

The water company is also seeking approval to add a surcharge to customers' bills to recoup \$23.4 million it claims to have previously spent on unforeseen costs since its last rates hike in 2021.

In a notice mailed to customers, San Jose Water said it's proposing the rate increases due to "escalating operating expenses" including significant infrastructure replacement requirements and "increasing labor, health care, and other benefits to fulfill the infrastructure replacement."

Many customers and critics of the water company say the increases are too high. They say the proposed increases would change fixed connection charges that residents pay monthly for water service, as well



Some San Jose residents could be paying more for their water next year. Photo courtesy of Pixabay.

as the variable charges that residents pay depending on how much water they use. The effects could vary widely for different customers.

Every San Jose Water customer in 2025 would see a roughly 33% increase in cost for fixed connections, and an additional 4% compounded increase for that charge in 2026 and 2027.

An average residential customer paying \$52.97 per month for their connection to the water company at the end of 2023 would pay \$70.44 beginning next year under the proposed changes, and \$76.51 by 2027.

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Times **In Memory**

# Jane Ellen Oldfield McClurg

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Taught school at Greystone and Bret Harte

Our beautiful, always smiling, wife, sister, mother and grandmother left us too early from a sudden and unexpected death. She loved her family so much and was completely devoted to them. We are devastated at this time, but we can all see her beautiful, smiling face and telling us, "It will be alright, be happy,

live a great life. I will always love you." And so, we will because of her.

Jane was born in Corvallis, Oregon to Jim and Millie Oldfield and was the 4th of five children. She graduated from Corvallis High and Oregon State and contributed to the OSU Alumni Association throughout her life.

She has been a resident of Willow Glen since 1983 and loved everything about Willow Glen. After a career in radio advertising, she became a full-time mom and while involved in Leslie and Shannon's school, she became an Art Vista teacher and then a science teacher at Booksin elementary. That provided a spark to get a teaching credential (long nights of study after the children were in bed, weekends sacrificed for classes and tests) but she did it. She began



her career at Greystone Elementary and then went on to Bret Harte Middle School. She loved every second of a very challenging career but her optimism and dedication to motivating her students and creating ways

in which each one could enjoy learning new things set her apart. She was respected, admired, and absolutely loved by her students and those feelings were mutual.

After her retirement, it was not unusual for kids that she hadn't seen in more than 10 years approach her while we were walking in downtown Willow Glen and ask her, "do you remember me? I recognized you by your smile." And, of course, she did remember them and even shared funny and touching memories about those students as well as their brothers or sisters. Her students absolutely loved everything about her. Once, when her own children were young and in elementary school each one of them told her, "Gosh mom, it's so embarrassing, all the kids at Booksin

just think you're the greatest!"

In recent years, she volunteered her time to The Thrift Box on Lincoln Ave. in Willow Glen. She was looking forward to getting to know so many more of her fellow volunteers and enjoyed everyone she met and worked with at The Box.

She was a wonderful mother and wife. She indulged her husband Pat's interests and joined in most of them, and he returned the same to her. She helped him appreciate the art and music she so loved. The longest they were ever separated was only a week when Pat took the annual "boys only" fly fishing trips into the high Sierra mountains with family members. Jane and Pat were so fortunate to travel to Italy twice where she fulfilled her life-long dream to see Michelangelo's masterpiece, David, in Florence. When her beautiful blue eyes gazed upon it for the first time, she wept. Trips to Oahu, Maui and Kauai were some of their favorites but all were topped by traveling to Fairbanks, Alaska for her first grandchild's birth and eventually taking that grandson, Jesse, to Disneyland for his first time was a highlight of their life as was their trip to Florida for granddaughter Audriana's birth. A wonderful trip to Iowa (Pat's mother's birthplace) for a mini-family reunion hosted by Pat's cousin Debbie (Joe) was perfect. Trips to the central Oregon coast rekindled Jane's childhood memories by reuniting with her wonderful Oregon, Vancouver BC and DC family members as well as spending time on the beach at Salishan.

In her immediate family, Jane is survived and will be missed beyond words by her husband, Pat, daughters Leslie Christine and her children Jesse, 10, Audriana, 7, daughter Shannon (Jose), sisters Nancy (Doog), Kathy (Steve), brothers Dave (Merilee) and Dick (Karen).

She also is survived by her brother-in-law Mike (Janey) and Pat and Mike's first cousin Jan (Sam). There are also many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

A Celebration of Life honoring this wonderful woman will be held on Saturday, 11am, April 13th, 2024, at Lima Family Erickson Memorial Chapel, 710 Willow St, San Jose, CA 95125. Our family encourages teachers and students that knew Jane to attend, if possible. Our family also knows Jane would want everyone to consider not wearing the color black as she would want everyone to be comfortable and wear any color in the rainbow. And if you knew Jane, she would love to have children of all ages join this celebration of her life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation gift to: San Jose Auxiliary for Children, benefiting Lucile Packard Children's Hospital - in remembrance of Jane Oldfield. www.ThriftBox.org

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Times **Local News**

## Symphony San Jose presents **Passionate Puccini** May 11-12

*Tribute to Puccini's 100th anniversary*

**S**ymphony San Jose pays tribute to Giacomo Puccini, the great Italian opera composer on the 100th anniversary of his death on Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street, San Jose.

Carlos Vieu returns in this retrospective that will feature operatic highlights from Giacomo Puccini's early, middle, and late career masterpieces.

Three of opera's leading soloists, Jennifer Schuler, Ben Gulley, and Gary Simpson, along with Symphony San Jose, and Symphony San Jose Chorale, perform some of Puccini's most memorable arias, duets, and choruses, including "The Humming Chorus," "O mio bambino caro," and "Nessun Dorma."

**The Program:**

Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924) Selections from: Manon Lescaut, Le Villi, La Bohème, Madame Butterfly, Turandot, Tosca, and more.

**Artists:**

Carlos Vieu, conductor  
Jennifer Schuler, soprano; Ben Gulley, tenor; and Gary Simpson, baritone.

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**Fun Facts:**

- Puccini was considered one of the most commercially successful composers of all time. He was worth roughly \$200 million dollars when he died—a stark contrast to his youth, when he had to pawn his possessions regularly just to cover basic expenses.

- Puccini's full name was Giacomo Antonio Domenico Michele Secondo Maria Puccini. He was named after four recent ancestors.

**Where Have I Heard It Before:**

- Perhaps the most famous opera composer of all time, his music is regularly used in movies, television shows, commercials, and video games. Among many memorable cinematic placements, O mio bambino caro was featured in Room with a View, and The Humming Chorus was featured in House of Gucci.

*Artwork: Courtesy Symphony San Jose.*



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## TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK

# Responsible AI

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:



### Responsible AI

The increasing use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has sparked public interest in how best to responsibly embrace – and regulate – path-breaking technologies. Citizens want to understand how AI can reshape industries, replace jobs and ethical considerations that are going on in AI development. In short, what is responsible AI and how is it being implemented.

Responsible AI is a set of principles and normative declarations used to document and regulate how artificial intelligence systems should be developed, deployed, and governed to comply with ethics and laws. In other words, organizations attempting to deploy AI models responsibly first build a framework with pre-defined principles, ethics, and rules to govern AI.

Today, the models and data that they are trained on are far from perfect. They may introduce intended and unintended negative outcomes. Often, the data sets used to train machine

learning (ML) models introduce bias into AI. This is caused by either incomplete or faulty data, or by the biases of those training the ML model. When an AI program is biased, it can end up negatively affecting or hurting humans -- such as unjustly declining applications for financial loans or, in healthcare, inaccurately diagnosing a patient.

Responsible AI frameworks aim at mitigating or eliminating the risks and dangers machine learning poses. For this, companies should make their models transparent, fair, secure, and reliable, to say the least. At a base level, responsible AI should be built around development standards that focus on the principles for responsible AI design. As these principles differ per organization, each one should be carefully considered. AI should be built with resources according to a company-wide development standard that mandates the use of the following:

- Shared code repositories.
- Approved model architectures.
- Sanctioned variables.
- Established bias testing methodologies to help determine the validity of tests for AI systems.
- Stability standards for active machine learning models to ensure AI programming works as intended.

AI models should be built with concrete goals that focus on building a model in a safe, trustworthy, and ethical way.

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

## Valley Water Board of Directors censures Director Rebecca Eisenberg; approves additional disciplinary actions

During a special board meeting on March 14, 2024, the Valley Water Board of Directors voted to censure Director Rebecca Eisenberg for misconduct and imposed other disciplinary actions.

The Board of Directors voted 6-1 to censure Director Eisenberg for mishandling confidential information. The Board also voted 6-1 to censure Director Eisenberg for discriminatory harassment, abusive conduct, and improper direction to staff, allegations substantiated in an independent investigation.

In addition, in a 5-2 vote the Board of Directors approved the following disciplinary actions against Director Eisenberg:

- Remove Director Eisenberg from all roles and responsibilities representing the Board and District, including participating on any Board Committees.
- Director Eisenberg must attend and participate in appropriate anti-discrimination training and behavioral management training within two months as a result of the finding regard-

ing discrimination on the basis of national origin.

- Director Eisenberg should not be allowed to meet with any employees who object to meeting with her.

- Director Eisenberg should not be allowed to request any information directly from employees and must make any such request from a Board Appointed Officer.

- The Board of Directors also requested that Director Eisenberg return the investigation reports to the Clerk of the Board.

“We look forward to moving past this issue and putting all our efforts toward our agency’s mission to provide Santa Clara County with safe clean water, flood protection and environmental stewardship,” Valley Water Board Chair Nai Hsueh said.

The censure regarding the mishandling of confidential information stems from an incident on Jan. 29, 2024, when Director Eisenberg removed about 2,000 pages of the unredacted confidential investigation regarding her behaviors from Valley Water headquarters.

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## Hello from Japan! at Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose

### New Multimedia Exhibition presents contemporary and ancient traditions of Japanese culture

Hello from Japan! is the latest exhibition at Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose.

Local families will have the opportunity to experience present-day Tokyo and explore ancient and contemporary traditions of Japanese culture. The multimedia exhibit sponsored by CEFCU will run through Labor Day.

Come play on the child-sized streets of Tokyo in the bustling modern Harajuku district - think "Hello Kitty" and "Pokemon." Sing karaoke, create a bento box, and design charming kawaii mascots.

A bridge at the end of the streetscape leads into a more tranquil Shinto shrine. Crawl through the shrine's forest, make a wish at a large wishing tree, and maybe encounter a few of Japan's kimi spirits. The best part is learning how Japanese culture val-

ues history and a society where the past, present, and future harmoniously coexist.

*Editor's note: Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose is located at 180 Woz Way in downtown San Jose. Admission: \$18 for children and adults; \$16 for seniors; infants under one and members are free; Tickets: <https://www.cdm.org/visit/exhibits/hello-from-japan>*

#### About Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose

Kids lead the way at Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, exploring and discovering through open-ended, play-based learning. Over 150 hands-on exhibits and programs in the sciences, humanities, arts, nature, and health spark curiosity and ignite family fun where children build life skills in creative and critical thinking, problem solving, and confidence. The nonprofit celebrates people and diverse cultures, creates authentic connections, and builds global understanding.

Welcoming more than 10 million visitors since 1990, the award-winning museum inspires creativity, curiosity, and lifelong learning inside the stunning 50,000 square foot purple building designed by the late world renowned Mexico City architect Ricardo Legoretta, and outside in the half-acre nature space.

*For more information about the museum, visit [www.cdm.org](http://www.cdm.org).*

## 'LifeMoves' to celebrate Easter thanks to generous donations

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Generous donations are having a positive impact in the community.

For the first time, an Easter Celebration is being scheduled at LifeMoves homeless facility in San Jose.

Non-profit Blvd Bombs' volunteers constructed more than twenty Easter Baskets and one golden egg with a \$25.00 Target gift card for a seventeen-year-old who lives at the facility with his mom.

Four Easter Bunny costumes for three children and one adult will pass out baskets filled with Easter Bunnies, toys, and stuffed animals.

The private event's photos will be shared on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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**Rep. Panetta introduces first-time homebuyer tax credit to facilitate and encourage homeownership**

United States Representative Jimmy Panetta (CA-19) authored and introduced the bicameral First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit Act.

The legislation, co-led by Rep. Earl Blumenauer (OR-03) in the House, would support homeownership among lower- and middle-income Americans by establishing a refundable tax credit worth up to ten percent of a home's purchase price, up to a maximum of \$15,000, for first-time homebuyers. U.S. Senators Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Martin Heinrich (D-NM) introduced companion legislation in the Senate.

In 2022, the median sale price for a home in the U.S. was 5.6 times higher than the median

income, a ratio that is higher than during the years immediately preceding the 2007 mortgage crisis and is the highest disparity on record.

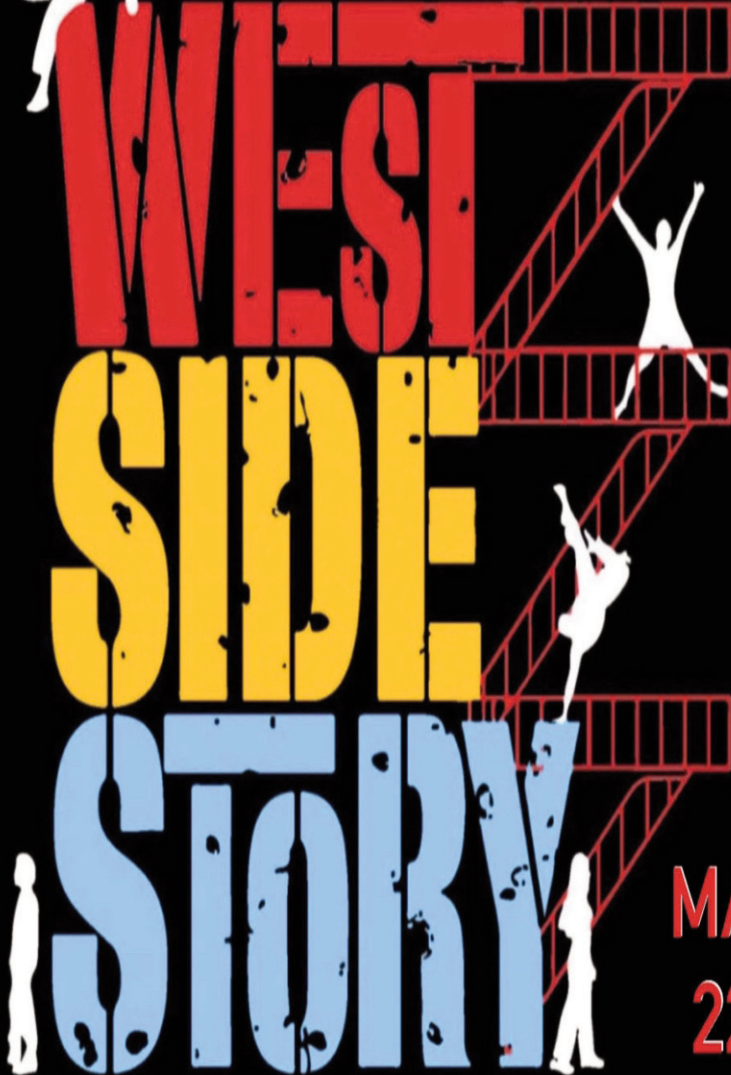
Under the First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit Act, taxpayers would have the option of receiving the credit at the time of purchase by working with their mortgage issuer. Alternatively, taxpayers could elect to treat the purchase of their home as occurring in the prior taxable year to receive the credit before tax season if they are unable to qualify for the credit at point of sale.

The credit phases out for those making above 150 percent of area median income and for those buying a house with a purchase price above 110 percent of the area median purchase price. Additionally, the credit is limited to home purchases financed through federally backed mortgages.

*Editor's note: Jimmy Panetta San Jose District Office is located at 841 Blossom Hill Rd., San Jose, CA 95123. Phone: (408) 960-0333.*

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