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Above: San Jose Gurdwara Sikhs prepare food for an event in November 2023. "It a Festival of love from the Sikhs to all people!" -- Bob Dhillon

Free Holla Mohalla Festival of Courage and Strength April 21 at Sikh Gurdwara in Evergreen Valley

Free admission and complimentary food served all day at San Jose Gurdwara

By Kirpal Atwal
Special to the Times

The Evergreen Community is excited in anticipation of this year's Holla Mohalla Festival of Courage and Strength on Sunday, April 21 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at one of San Jose's most beautiful landmarks, San Jose Gurdwara.

This special event encourages everyone to be healthy, engage in physical sports, and tackle challenges to help everyone achieve well-rounded physical and mental health.

The annual free event not only provides a unique opportunity for the community to come together, but also fosters understanding and love for one another.

Located all the way up Quimby
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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 values 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

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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.

Cyclist dies after being struck by a motorcyclist

A female bicyclist who was struck by a motorcyclist on Hamilton Ave. three weeks ago has died, according to the San Jose Police Department.

The collision happened on the 4400 block Hamilton Avenue. Police say a man riding a 2018 black Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle was traveling east when he struck the woman cyclist, who was riding north across Hamilton Avenue. She suffered life-threatening injuries and was taken to a hospital, where she died.

The death marks the 10th traffic fatality this year in San Jose. The motorcyclist stayed after the crash and cooperated with police, authorities said in a news release.

Alcohol and drugs do not appear to be a cause.

'LifeMoves' celebrated 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 was 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 people in Easter Bunny costumes (three children and one adult) passed out baskets filled with Easter Bunnies, toys, and stuffed animals.



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

If you would like to help the community funding efforts of Blvd. Bomb, visit their website: blvd bombs@gmail.com or call (408) 218-9729, or message them on Instagram or Facebook.

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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



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

Association (ALA) and libraries across the USA each April, typically the second full week. It promotes library use and support.

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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Festival

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Road in the Evergreen Valley foothills, this is a day where all people of all cultures and religions are invited as guests of the American Sikhs in the Bay Area.

The Festival of Courage and Strength (Holla Mohala) is truly a unique experience and a gift to the community. Thousands of volunteers of many faiths organize the event which offers complementary tasty specialty recipes of delicious handmade food and beverages, including several flavors of ice cream!

Building strength and courage

Holla Mohalla focuses on building up your own personal strength and courage in all you do. You and your family of all ages are encouraged to join in or observe many athletic competitions such as Tug of War. Running Races for adults and children, Martial Arts, competitive games and performances, Volleyball and Basketball competitions, Horseback Riding Competitions, and Pony Rides for youngsters where they navigate the saddle and ride the circular track that is sure to bring a smile to their face!

"This is a festival where you can come and enjoy events with your family and walk around and enjoy our various activities. We welcome you as our guest and hope you have a wonderful time," said Bob Dhillon, President of the San Jose Gurdwara. "We want everyone to know that this festival belongs to everyone in the community. It's an event where everyone is welcome to enjoy and build new friendships and understanding.

This Festival is a representation of love from the Sikhs to all people!"

Booths of food & wares

There will be food booths offering complementary mouthwatering delicious handmade culturally authentic foods, and don't forget the ice cream. There will also be booths that will feature authentic traditional Indian wares (clothing items, kid's toys, jewelry and more) for purchase. It is like walking through an authentic bazaar in India. Community information booths will feature San Jose agencies that offer complementary services.

Touring the Gurdwara

While attending the Festival, you may take a tour and learn about the culture as the San Jose Gurdwara, the largest in the United States. The Gurdwara is open to the public year-round and is considered among the most beautiful and tranquil places in the world. Ask about their history museum and you will be amazed. The Gurdwara welcomes all people of all cultures and all religions.

Take the shuttle or just walk in

For the past 10 years the Festival has grown in attendance. There is free parking in the Gurdwara and that fills up by morning and so many park along Gurdwara Avenue or at the schools where a free shuttle runs which will bring you to the site and back to your car later in the day. There are also shuttles from nearby schools. Everything is done like clockwork because the volunteers and oversight leaders professionally ensure the family friendly festival runs smoothly which allows everyone to have a meaningful experience.

History

More than 300 years ago in the country of India, the revered 10th Guru of the Sikh religion, Guru Gobind Singh Ji decided to create a new festival which would promote strength and courage. Also, beautiful words of poetry combined with traditional music were included with the court



San Jose Gurdwara members preparing food in November 2023.

poet Bhai Nand Lal.

The festival continued year after year worldwide and was welcomed to Evergreen Valley over a decade ago at our community center open to everyone. Gurdwara on the Hill is the largest Sikh Gurdwara (Religious Temple and Community Center) in the United States.

The Sikhs do not proselytize or try to get people to join their religion instead they believe the entire human race is connected and each religion can work in its own way to achieve the virtuousness of God.

They believe everyone is special and all of us are equal to each other. The Sikhs work with all churches through communities world-wide.

A gift to you

With outstretched generous hands we welcome you, your family and your friends, this Festival of Courage and Strength (Holla Mohalla) is truly a unique kind gift to Evergreen Valley residents. Thousands of Sikhs and volunteers of other faiths organize the event.

Spread the word...

You are encouraged to bring your friends and neighbors to introduce them to the joyous nature of how the Evergreen Valley celebrates diversity and promotes respect for all cultures and people!

There is so much to do and see. Some like to get there early arriving at 10 a.m. when the parking is light and easy. Also, as the day moves forward in the morning time, one can sample the food first with less lines on the large field. If you would like to purchase items, there will be various vendor booths that offer authentic items from all over the world.

For more information visit: sanjosegurdwara.org or contact Kirpal Atwal at (408) 835-7712. The address of the Gurdwara is 3636 Gurdwara Ave, San Jose, CA 95148. Stay connected and download the San Jose Gurdwara App.

Editor's Note: The best way to enjoy the festival is to park at Evergreen Valley High School or Carolyn Clark Elementary School which will have shuttles going and coming all day starting at 10 a.m. The event is free and the food is complementary. All age groups are encouraged to watch the sporting events and participate. Also, if one wishes to donate or volunteer to help with all the things the Sikhs do in the community during the year, the information is available on their website.

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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 partic-

ipate in appropriate anti-discrimination training and behavioral management training within two months as a result of the finding regarding 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.

San Jose crime statistics March 17-23

San Jose reported a total of 1435 crime cases during the week of March 17.

The most prevalent type of crime was 'Disturbance' with 491 instances, making up about 34.2% of the total crimes. This was followed by 'Suspicious Situation' and

'Alarm' with 197 and 172 cases, respectively.

Other notable crimes included 'Theft' with 164 cases, 'Assault' with 101 cases, and 'Trespass' with 49 cases. Less frequent but still significant were 'Arrest' with 42 cases, 'Hit & Run' with 38 cases, and 'Vandalism' with 29 cases.

The remaining crimes such as 'Burglary', 'Robbery', 'Shooting', 'Arson', and 'Domestic Related' together accounted for less than 3% of the total crimes. The data reflects a concerning level of distur-

bance and suspicious activities in the place, and it is crucial for local law enforcement to address these issues promptly.

Incidents Week 3-17-24

Disturbance	491
Suspicious Situation	197
Alarm	172
Theft	164
Other	109
Assault	101
Trespass	49
Arrest	42
Hit & Run	38
Vandalism	29

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"Te damos la bienvenida y alentamos a todos a venir y disfrutar de este hermoso festival familiar"

— Bob Dhillon / President of the Sikh Gurdwara of San Jose

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To get to the event one can park their car and take the shuttle from Evergreen Valley High School on Quimby Road
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If the real concern is blighted property, then the solution is simple: adequate and responsive code enforcement targeting problematic properties effectively. (Photo: CC Bart Everson via Flickr)

Op Ed Let's keep the San Jose tax collectors out of our bedrooms

By Pierluigi Oliverio



A city only exists with tax revenues — and the collection of those taxes should be simple, streamlined and fair.

Candidates for San Jose City Council are calling for a complicated, dubious and unwieldy new tax. It's called The Empty Homes Tax, and it would create an invasive new bureaucracy with little promise of revenue.

It's a double tax on top of existing property taxes and is based on the misbegotten hope of finding the needle in a haystack. The EHT would apply to any housing unit that is unoccupied for a portion of the year, with proceeds funding low-income housing.

This new tax is contrary to private property rights and good tax policy. In the U.S., individuals have the right to live in any state they can afford, with the opportunity to purchase or rent and inhabit a dwelling as they wish.

EHT is double taxation of a dwelling and could be applied regardless of: hospital stay, surgery rehabilitation, senior assisted living, job transfer, caregiving out of town, construction remodel, death in the family or retirees traveling by RV across the U.S. If an exception is allowed, then it would require residents to share sensitive data and documentation with a government official.

The administration of such a tax is arduous and onerous because it requires households to fill out forms annually and legally self-attest their occupancy. In order to ensure compliance, there would be late fees, and if a household refused to share their personal and/or potentially sensitive medical information, they could be subject to an infraction. Auditing a percentage of households would be required, consuming limited city resources and creating a time burden for those subject to audit.

This creates a situation where neighbors are tattling on their neighbor's home and the city would investigate. I don't think we want a city where this type of neighbor-on-neighbor conflict could arise.

It is important to understand that city employees, with limited resources, would need to be reallocated from other departments to oversee the paperwork from hundreds of thousands of dwellings to locate the small percentage of dwellings that may be vacant. Ultimately this exercise may not even produce enough revenue to cover the administrative costs and thus potentially no additional tax revenue.

We often hear pleas to "keep government out of the bedroom." But with this new occupancy tax scheme, the government would not only be in the bedroom, but it would also be recording and tracking household information for a new city database. This database would be public information, making it viewable to well-intended and nefarious individuals alike, and essentially revealing when residents may or may not be occupying their home at any given time. I believe most San Jose residents would consider this a violation of their privacy.

In 2022, voters in tax-friendly Santa Cruz rejected a \$6,000 per year EHT due to these concerns. EHT went into effect in January 2024 for both Berkeley and San Francisco. San Jose considered EHT in 2019 but dismissed it due to complexity and costs.

If the real concern is blighted property, then the solution is simple: adequate and responsive code enforcement targeting problematic properties effectively. This laser-focused approach is far better than chronicling all residents' bedroom occupancy.

Before creating new tax burdens, policymakers should ensure that future tax proposals are thoughtfully designed, efficient and ultimately effective. We can debate whether a tax increase is warranted and what it should be allocated toward. However, a tax that puts the general fund at risk by creating a new bureaucracy should be a non-starter.

Pierluigi Oliverio is a member of the San Jose Planning Commission and a former San Jose city councilmember. Oliverio is a former District 6 San Jose City Councilmember.

Times In Memory

Jane Ellen Oldfield McClurg

August 21, 1955 - March 12, 2024
Resident of Willow Glen

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 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 actually 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 blues 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.Thrift-Box.org

Michael Oxsen

August 26, 1950 - February 15, 2024
Resident of Willow Glen

With saddened hearts we announce the passing of Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, and Friend.

Michael passed at the age of 73 years after a long battle with metastatic melanoma.

Michael was born in La Mesa, CA to Lowell and Helen Oxsen. They moved to San Francisco when Michael was 3 years old, so Lowell could study to be a dentist. Then moved to San Jose where Lowell started his dental practice in Willow Glen. Michael lived the rest of his life in Willow Glen, attending Lincoln Glen Elementary, Markham Jr High and Willow Glen High School.

After high school Michael joined the Army and spent time in Vietnam as an air traffic controller on a small base. When he returned, he started his studies at San Jose City College and received his BS in Chemistry from San Jose State University. He began his career at IBM. Where he worked for over 10 years. He left IBM to work for Nashua Corp. He then went to work for Oliver Design as president of the company. Eventually buying the company and then selling it after working hard to make it a success.

Michael met his future wife, Laurel, in 1971. They were married in 1977 and had four boys. Michael spent many Saturdays attending baseball, football and hockey games with the boys. An avid 49ers and Sharks fan he was present at many games. He volunteered his time to Willow Glen High School football games videotaping the games for the coaching staff. At the end of the season he would make a video for the players. He enjoyed giving his

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April 7, 2:30 p.m.
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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
Couperin, Le Carillon de Cythère
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WATER WISE

Resurrection

By Matthew Frazier

Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper, CalWep

Willow Glen has long been a secluded locale with terrain and topography unique to the larger surrounding areas of San Jose and Santa Clara Valley.

Each autumn and winter, the cold razes in its path, especially annuals.

In past column entries, I have made mention of letting gardens and yards flourish with both native and non-native flowers and other botanicals. This has ushered in migratory and native birds and insects.

As winter sunlight permeates the clouds and the heavy air, the ground begins to thaw and the buried seeds begin to germinate, bringing forth new growth and new life.

The interim period between late winter and early spring is a time for this transition

and transformation.

The annuals and biennials of the valley floor have found their way through brutal heat and harsh cold in their efforts to regenerate. The myriad of birds and insects they draw is worth noting.



Insectary plants are among the items that can be anticipated with ease and optimism. The sparse sunlight of this interim period and early spring raises floral

and fruit aromas that carry throughout the spaces of our gardens and yards.

The resurrection of flowers and other botanicals means the rains of winter have recharged the ground with the essential nutrients to bring forth the abundance and vibrance of all this entails.

American Easter is synonymous with the emergence and reemergence of life in all forms and of all types. The opportunity to



Water Wise
Matthew Frazier,
Certified Water
Manager

cultivate and harvest the new growth can be most advantageous for proliferating a new landscape.

Birds and small mammals can carry seeds and regenerative materials across large expanses of land. In this, we find the acceleration of new species of flowers.

The years I spent in nurseries, here in San Jose and Santa Clara Valley, provided an opportunity to see up close what spring brings in the way of flowers and other ambiances.

May your April be filled with serenity and solace, as you enjoy all spring has to offer aesthetically and spiritually.

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In memory

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time to the team.

Michael and Laurel spent their retirement years traveling and enjoying the grandchildren. They spent a lot of time in Maui, vacationing with dear friends Cathy and Dave and enjoying many other adventures all over the world.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents Lowell and Helen Oxsen.

Michael is survived by his wife, Laurel and their four sons, Nicholas (Christina), Jonathan (Nicole), Nathan (Jenny) and Robert, 2 beautiful granddaughters, Hailey and Amelia and a wonderful grandson, Owen. He is also survived by his sisters Kristine (Richard), Laura (Michael), and brother Jerauld (Susan). Also survived by many nieces, nephews and in-laws. Michael will be greatly missed in all our lives.

Patricia Brust

March 9, 1946 - March 3, 2024

Exemplified spirit of generosity by volunteering at The Thrift Box in Willow Glen

In Loving Memory of Patricia Rosalie Brust, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, peacefully passed away on March 3, 2024, at the age of 77. Born on March 9, 1946, Pat as she was



affectionately known, was a pillar of love and strength within her family and community.

Patt shared over 55 years of joy and companionship with her devoted husband, Barney Brust, who survives her. Together, they created a loving home and raised three children, Katie (Scott Ellis), Paul (Bonnie), and BJ (Crystal). Patt took immense pride in her role as a mother and grandmother, leaving behind a legacy of love and family values.

Patt's heart was full of the love for her eight grandchildren. Katie and Scott have three boys, Jackson (18), Joey (16), and Nico (12). Paul and Bonnie have three children, Abby (22), Billy (20), and Molly (17). BJ and Crystal have two sons, Blake (11) and Cody (9).

Professionally, Patt dedicated 25 years of her life as a Business Manager at St. Christopher's Elementary School, where her warmth and efficiency left a lasting impact on both colleagues and students. In her retirement, Patt continued to exemplify the spirit of generosity by volunteering regularly at The Thrift Box, benefiting Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford, Sacred Heart Community Center, and Martha's Kitchen. Her selflessness and dedication to making a difference in the lives of others were a testament to her compassionate nature.

Above all, Patt cherished time spent with her family. Whether it was celebrating special occasions or simply sharing everyday moments, she radiated love and kindness. Her legacy lives on in the countless lives she touched, as a generous giver of her time, talent, and heart.

A celebration of Patt's life will be held on April 6, 2024, at 11AM at St. Christopher Church in San Jose. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to San Jose Auxiliary (The Thrift Box) 1362 Lincoln Avenue, SJ 95125, a cause that was close to Patt's heart.

May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may her memory continue to inspire us to live with the same love and generosity that she embodied throughout her remarkable life.

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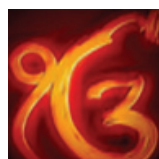
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