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Above: San Jose Gurdwara Sikhs prepare food for an event in November 2023. "It's 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

By Kirpal Atwal Special to the Times he 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



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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 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 See FESTIVAL, page 5

# Ethnic studies professor speaks at EVC on love, human experience

**S** an Francisco State professor **Dr. Allyson Tintiangco-Cubales** spoke at EVC as part of our Ethnic Studies series. Dr. Tintiangco-Cubales talked about how Ethnic Studies is about love, people and the experiences they encounter. Much of the activism also includes art, or ARTivism (A-Analyze, R-Reflect, and T-Transform).

A community college product as well, she began her academic journey at Ohlone College, before going to Cal and UCLA. She has been teaching in the Ethnic Studies program for the past 25 years. SFSU was the first university in the nation to offer an Ethnic

Studies curriculum starting out of a protest in 1968.



# San Jose Councilmember Domingo Candelas leads in District 8 San Jose City Council race

By William Bellou

Publisher I ncumbent Councilmember Domingo Candelas currently leads the field of candidates for the District 8 seat on the San Jose City Council with 39.4% of the vote. Tam Truong is in second with 32.5% of the vote, Sukhdev Bainiwal is trailing with 25.6% of the vote and Surinder "Suri" Kaur Dhali-

wal has 2.3%. The top two candidates in the primary will face each other in a runoff during the general election in November.

The results include a voter turnout of about 37.3%, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. The registrar's office is expecting turnout for this primary election to land at about 35% to 45%, officials said on Election Day.

There are approximately 723 unprocessed ballots remaining.



**Domingo Candelas** with his nephews and godchildren getting ready to celebrate the 4th of July. Photo: Domin-goCandelas.com

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# **Complying with Clean Water Act**

# By Matt Mahan

ll across America, cities are required to comply with the Clean Water Act. But San Jose's plan to come into compliance has been rejected by our Regional Water Quality Control Board – not just once, but three times.

And for good reason. We've let our waterways degrade until they have become what you see today.

We've allowed over 1,000 people to live in unmanaged conditions along these waterways, creating waste that flows directly from our creeks to our oceans. No longer.

We have a mandate from the Water Board

that requires us to do what is right – and

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We don't have time to waste. If we don't have a serious plan to address the issue by June 2025, the Water Board can

fine the City up to \$60,000 per day per pollutant found in our waters.

To address this, we'll need millions of dollars amidst a fiscal moment in which we are already predicting deficits. I am going to be honest with you — this is going to be hard. This is an unprecedented moment in our city's history. But we will get through it together and be a better city for it.

I hope that this is what our city, county and state need to get serious about addressing homelessness on a scale. We are

not the only city affected by this mandate, but we will be the first to say thank you. Thank you for making clear that we can longer afford to allow the perfect to be the enemy of the good. During this year's budget process, we will prioritize strategies that address this crisis in a way that scales and doesn't simply move people out of our creeks and onto our streets.

We need to explore the creation of safe sleeping sites and an expansion of congregate shelters. We will have to look at establishing no encampment zones along about 25 miles of discharge areas mandated by the Water Board. And along the way, we will need to begin the massive project of cleaning up formerly unmanaged encampments that have been polluting our waterways.

We won't be able to do this alone. We need our County to add in-patient treatment beds for mental health and addiction. We need the state and federal government to increase their investment in solutions on that scale. And we will need our community to say yes to the solutions to homelessness because it is far better to get people indoors and into treatment than to leave them in our streets and creeks.

Amid crisis comes opportunity. It creates community. I am excited to continue working toward a solution with you, neighbors across San Jose, and my colleagues on the council.



From the Mayor Matt Mahan Mayor, San Jose **Times Community News** 

# Festival

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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 eniov 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 of 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 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.



San Jose Gurdwara members preparing food in November 2023.

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 worldwide.

### A gift to you

With outstretched generous hands they 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 shorter 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 coming and going 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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# **Op Ed: Let's keep the San Jose tax collectors out of our bedrooms**

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





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State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company State Farm Indemnity Company, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company State Farm General Insurance Company 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-onneighbor 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 laserfocused 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.* 

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Times Feature

# Evergreen Valley: Plethora of hues and shades

**By Matthew Frazier** Qualified Water-Efficient Landscaper, CalWEP

Vergreen Valley is home to a plethora of hues and shades of colors and green. Not the least of which is the

extensive array of vines that grow with vigilance and vigor throughout. 2006 to 2008 was the beginning of my journey in Ornamental Horticulture.

The flowering vines and fruiting vines are among the most memorable and notable, ornamental vines. The owner of Almaden Nursery once shared with me a story about becoming interested in Ornamental Horticulture and his education at Cal Poly. The plants of his

nursery were the inspiration for my design consultations in the valleys of this county, especially Evergreen Valley.

In a past column entry, I shared a story about a colony of feral cats who laid waste to the herb gardens of this valley. Steeped in Lore and Myth, so it seems, this was by all accounts factual. The saving grace...the vines. Vines that glowed in the morning and evening light of Evergreen Valley, throughout.

Evening ventures into Evergreen Valley with coffee and tea in tow, with my brother, were quite memorable. My brother is a Conservation Biologist, well-versed in Botany and Horticulture. There was much vibrance in the vines we saw in those years. Vines that held together fences and battered by rains, storms, and winds.

The variance in the vines is one such feature. The Vernal Equinox of those years from 2006 to 2008 was celebrated with evening drives into Evergreen Valley, near Evergreen Valley College. My brother and I would park and gather ourselves for walks along the expressways and highways as a rule. Silver Creek Valley borders Evergreen Valley, and that's another allegory and anecdote.

The vines native to Santa Clara County are



many, specifically to Evergreen Valley and its inner realms and sectors. The homes and the properties of Evergreen Valley are rich and ripe with bright green vines through-

out the spring season, especially during the days and weeks leading to and following The Vernal Equinox.

Much to experience; much to know, much to see. With a formal education and training in California Native Plants, my brother shared his insights into the anatomy and physiology of these vines and furthered my knowledge by measurable levels. The clients and customers of

Evergreen Valley came inland to Almaden Valley in those years since Capital Wholesale Nursery is a go-to for contractors and tradespersons within landscaping. Yet there is much demand for larger landscape vines for both commercial and residential sites.

Working as an irrigation surveyor for both a water district and a private irrigation company, I saw quite a few appointments in Evergreen Valley; mostly for waterwise meetings with homeowners and renters. Yet the bright green newly formed foliage of these vines draws many from all around.

I'm currently working towards a professional certificate in Horticulture from UCLA Extension, this year through next. Of the six courses, several pertain to Arboriculture and Viticulture.

The native vines of these valleys of this county are worth an exploration at your local private nursery. True nurseries are the place to find gems.

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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

his 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



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 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 *See VOLUNTEERS, page 10* 





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# Volunteers

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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 com-passion 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

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tion is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office.



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SAN JOSE **GURDWARA** 3636 Gurdwara Ave. San Jose, CA 95148 The word Sikh (see-kh) means "disciple" or "student." A Sikh is a practitioner of the faith founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak in Punjab of old British India. A Guru who is a "teacher" or "enlightener" completes the relationship of teaching and learning. Sikhism is monotheistic and stresses the equality of all men and women. Sikhs believe in three basic principles: meditating on the name of God (praying), earning a living by honest means and sharing the fruits of one's labor with others. Currently there are close to one million Sikhs living in the USA and Canada and 25 million Sikhs living around the world. Sikhism is the 5th largest religion in the world. At the Gurdwara (House of God) in San Jose we welcome all. We pray daily for peace and prosperity for everybody in the world. Come to visit and enjoy Langer (food) in our kitchen which is open 365 davs of the year and serves complementary

vegetarian meals. We

also encourage you to

enter our history room

on site and walk the beautiful grounds. Learn more about us and community events we sponsor by visiting our website; http://www. SanJose-Gurdwara.org

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

5111 San Felipe Rd. San Jose, CA 95135 408-223-1562. www.stfrancisofassisi.com or www.stfrancis ofassisipreschool.org We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star -Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor

and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas, Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations: St. Francis of Assisi Chapel: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM. 10:30 AM. 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM Mt. Hamilton Grange -2840 Aborn Road

Sunday 9:30 AM

The Villages Gated

Community (Cribari

Auditorium) Sunday

8:15 AM For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!



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3695 Rose Terrasse Cir San Jose, CA 95148 (408) 270-7646 English Service: Sundays at 9:30 & 11:00 AM Spanish Service: 11:00 AM Cambodian Service: 11:00 AM Cantonese Service: 11:00 AM Mandarin Service: 11:00AM Youth Extreme Point (7th-12th grade): Every Saturday at 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

To place a worship listing, email times@ timesmediainc.com FREE ADMISSION / COMPLIMENTARY FOOD / OUTDOOR EVENT AT SIKH GURDWARA SAN JOSE 3636 Gurdwara Avenue, San Jose, CA 95148 www.sanjosegurdwara.org

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HORSE RIDING PONY RIDES **INDIAN SNACKS & CHAAT** FRESH SUGARCANE JUICE CORN-ON-COB SHOPPING STALLS & MUCH MORE ...

Sunday April 21, 2024 10am to 5pm

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# A day to celebrate strength, courage, and more! The annual Evergreen place and time where everyone is invited to take their families and enjoy a festival they can call their own which is given to the community by the American Sikhs

"We welcome you and encourage everyone to come and enjoy this beautiful family festival" "Chúng tôi chào đón bạn và khuyến khích tất cả mọi người đến và thưởng thức lễ hội gia đình xinh đẹp này" "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

FREE SHUTTLE FROM EVERGREEN HIGH SCHOOL (Quimby Road) and CAROLYN CLARK ELEMENTARY | FREE PONY RIDES FOR THE KIDS | SPORTING EVENTS | KIDS RACE COMPETITIONS GATKA (SKILLS OF COURAGE) | INDIA BAZZAR OF MANY BOOTHS TO OFFER ART AND ITEMS FOR SALE (Jeweiry, tapestry, toys and more) COMPLEMENTARY TRADITIONAL TASTY FOODS AND BEVERAGES FOR ALL | COMPLEMENTARY ICE CREAM | COMPLEMENTARY CORN ON THE COB COMPLEMENTARY FRESH SQUEEZED SUGAR CANE JUICE | AND MUCH MORE!

This festival is a way for you to have fun and build camaraderie with all in our Evergreen Valley. Bring the family! For more information see article in this edition of the Evergreen Times, or go to SanJoseGurdwara.org The event will be free and open to the public starting at 10am and going till 5pm To get to the event one can park their car and take the shuttle from Evergreen Valley High School on Quimby Road

Enjoy meeting new people and experiencing the festival of courage and strength called Hola Mohalla

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