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San Jose has mounted a monthslong public outreach effort to gain feedback for selecting the next police chief. *Photo by Brandon Pho*

Advocates want a say in choosing San Jose police chief

By Brandon Pho
San José Spotlight

San Jose leaders could select a new police chief by September. But before they do, some advocates are urging them to speak with families who lost loved ones to police shootings.

The city has mounted a monthslong public outreach effort to replace former Chief Anthony Mata. The City Manager's Office met with a consortium of grassroots social justice and faith groups, known as the REAL Coalition, at the end of April. The city also heard from hundreds of residents across six community meetings and an online survey. But advocates with Silicon Valley De-Bug, a criminal justice advocacy group that works closest with victims of police violence, say they've been left out of the conversation.

"Whoever's going to run the department needs to include us," Rosie Chavez, an organizer with Silicon Valley De-Bug, told San José Spotlight. "Somewhere in those discussions should be someone that has been impacted by the violence."

San Jose Police Sgt. Michael Pina shot and killed Chavez's 33-year-old nephew, Jacob Dominguez, while Dominguez sat in his car after being stopped by police in East San Jose in 2017. A federal jury found Pina liable for exces-

sive force and awarded Dominguez's family \$1 million in damages. Chavez and other families have bonded through their unique pain to change the region's political and social landscape with their advocacy.

De-Bug founder Raj Jayadev told San José Spotlight the city hasn't contacted the organization for input on San Jose Police Department's next chief.

"From our experience, the community input process for the police chief selection has mainly been performative," Jayadev told San José Spotlight.

SJPD officials referred San José Spotlight to the city manager's office for comment. Office spokesperson Danielle Torralba said officials are open to hearing from De-Bug families, and invited them to contact the city before May 24.

"Various outreach and engagement methods were completed to gather input from individuals, families, workers and business owners in San Jose, including people who have or have had direct experience and interactions with public safety at some point in their lives," Torralba told San José Spotlight. "Everyone was welcomed to participate."

Silicon Valley De-Bug organizer Laurie Valdez — whose partner Antonio Guzman Lopez was shot
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Great accomplishments for 2854 Robotics Team

By William Bellou
Publisher

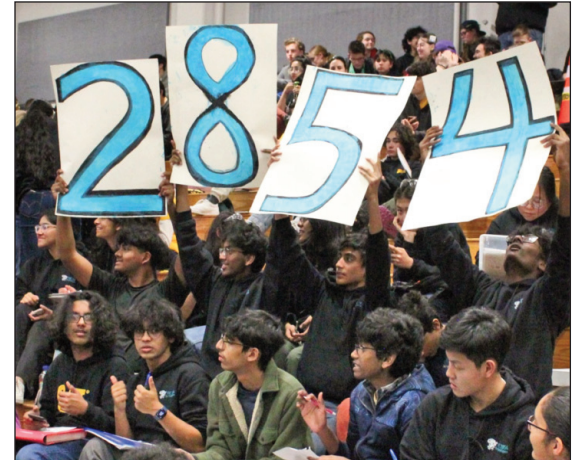
Team 2854: The Prototype welcomes members from all backgrounds and works with several mentors to build competitive FIRST robots. The club consists of four teams that compete in FIRST Robotics competitions.

San Jose's Team 2854: The Prototypes, is making a name for themselves with several recent accomplishments.

Founded in 2009, Team 2854 welcomes members from all backgrounds and works with several mentors to build competitive FIRST robots. The club consists of four teams that compete in FIRST Robotics competitions. There are three FTC teams and one FRC team.

FTC stands for First Tech Challenge; the robots are smaller, and this is available to middle schoolers. FRC stands for First Robotics Challenge: this level of FIRST is more technically advanced and is only for high school students.

This year Team 2854 qualified for the FIRST Championship which was held in Houston, Texas April 17th - 20th. Team 2854 competed with other teams from all around the world. In addition, Team 2854 was awarded the FIRST Quality Award, which cele-



Team 2854: The Prototypes win Quality Award at EBR competition and Regional Engineering Inspiration Award at San Francisco Regional.

brates machine robustness in concept and fabrication. This season, the club was also awarded the FIRST Quality Award at EBR (East Bay Regional) competition.

Team 2854 qualified for the FIRST Championship after winning the Engineering Inspiration Award at SFR (San Francisco Regional) in March. The Engineering Inspiration Award celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's school or organization and community.

"Over the last couple of seasons, Team 2854 has concentrated its efforts on increasing the admiration
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Painful cuts are predicted to balance Santa Clara County's fiscal \$12.4 billion budget

By William Bellou
Publisher



Painful cuts are predicted to balance Santa Clara County's \$12.4 billion budget.

County officials are trying to bridge a massive deficit through an infusion of new revenue and realigned costs to balance its fiscal year's budget.

Proposed changes could close about half of its \$250 million gap by shifting more patients over to Medi-Cal to reduce costs associated with the county's own primary care access program. A few other solutions include an increase in building permit fees, selling unused vehicles and other equipment and the use of restricted

monies instead of taxpayer dollars.

County officials are expected to close the other half of the \$250 million deficit by reducing expenditures across all departments by about \$118 million. Most of the cuts may be achieved by eliminating vacant jobs.

County resources may be cut for the county's participation in a statewide child services program known as First 5, which could result in reduced home visitation services to high-risk children, including those in foster care and children who are pregnant or parenting a child. Other departments seeing decreases include the District Attorney's Office.

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Team 2854: The Prototypes at FRC World Championships event. Row 1 (bottom): Suhaani Desai, Krishna Shenoy, Raeva Desai, Priyanka Karunakaran, Antony Ton, Akarsh Shetty, Soham Palaiya, Harsha Manamala, Sreekarthikeya Kankanala, Karun Pai, and Mihir Garg. Row 2: Bhavya Modugula, Ammaar Ishtiaq, Aniket Patil, Max Do, Preetam Hegde, Sourish Gorthi, Sanjay Manamala, Nyel Umair, and Abhay Jani. Row 3 (top): Musa Ghaffar, Navyaa Lalachandani, Aaron Joji, Sanjam Bahl, Aaroosh Sinha, Aayan Jafri, Aryan Naik, Sashwanth Divakar, Anirudh Srikrishnan, Soham Ramtekkar, Nishant Jonnalagadda, Krish Iyengar, Kshitij Teotia, Aaron Pereira, Siddhanth Srikanth, Gaurav Thammineni, Michaela Brant, Rukmangathan Balakrishnan, Anne Tran, and Roy Dumlao. Photo by Karun Pai.

Robotics

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for STEM in our team and community,” said Krishna Shenoy, Team 2854: The Prototype Marketing Director. “We recently participated in events such as STEM night and Shark Tank to help recognize FIRST robotics at Evergreen Valley High School. We also organized bake sales to help us connect with our community and raise profits.”

One of Team 2854’s greatest accomplishments has been its Women in STEM outreach program. Team 2854 recently partnered with SWE (Society of Women Engineers) to hold a panel and speaker event that reached more

than 200 High School students. The effort resulted in increasing the number of women on Team 2854 from just two to fifteen women and the team expects that number to increase in the coming months.

Here are a few quotes from club members:

Jiya Sahlot - “When I joined FIRST, I didn’t realize I would be making a difference in people’s lives!”

Mihir Garg - “Joining robotics taught me the power of a team and combining individual strengths for a bigger goal.”

Raeva Desai - “I joined for the robots and stayed for the team.”

Samya Arora - “Robotics has allowed me

to be part of an incredible community and I hope everyone gets this opportunity!”

Sanjay Manamala - “Robotics has not only taught me technical skills, but several intrapersonal ones as well.”

Harsha Manamala - “When I first joined robotics it was just another extracurricular, I didn’t even realize when it became a lifestyle.”

Soham Palaiya - “Everyday I wake up and wait until robotics starts, cause that’s where I am truly at home!”

Krishna said that Team 2854’s accomplish-

ments wouldn’t be possible without the support of its many sponsors which include Luna’s Sheetmetal Inc., Boeing, Roy Dumlao, The Do Family, Dream Maker Fund, PG&E, Google, Olander, Hack Club, JP Metal Fabrication, Solid-Works, Evergreen Valley High School, Daniel Bray, NASA, Nvidia, STV Inc., and Port Plastics.

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Police Chief

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and killed by San Jose State University police in 2014 — said the city should let De-Bug families meet with chief candidates personally. Chavez added that it’s the city’s responsibility to reach out to them.

Torralba said the city plans to include community members in panel interviews with candidates for chief.

During the REAL Coalition’s April 25 meeting with city officials, organizers raised the need for community involvement in the interview process. The coalition includes groups such as Latinas Contra Cancer, Lead Filipino, SIREN, Secure Justice and Sacred Heart Community Service.

Latinas Contra Cancer CEO Darcie Green said the city has shown genuine interest in outreach but agrees there should be more of an effort to include people who have been directly affected.

“There are whole generations of people in our city who want safety and just conditions and view policing as just one way of getting at that — and the city continues investing in a way that assumes policing is the only way to

achieve public safety,” Green told San José Spotlight.

With months to go before any final decision, Green said the city has room for more public forums.

“The city may want to think about reconvening the Reimagining Public Safety panels,” she said, referring to the community advisory committee officials launched in September 2020 following the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police.

The committee hit a snag in April 2021 when prominent members quit, claiming it lacked structure and had no focus on police reform. Organizers recreated the committee two months later and came up with a list of recommendations.

“Some of those recommendations are gaining traction and many have not been addressed,” Green said.

Valdez said the city needs a police chief who is from the community, not someone “from the outside.”

“If you’re from San Jose you’ll know exactly what the community is about,” Valdez told San José Spotlight. “If they can’t respect the community, how can they protect it?”

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Times Community Notebook

2024 San Jose budget is tricky

By Matt Mahan

This year's budget is different. It's difficult. And it will require the sacrifices and trade-offs we all make when looking at our own personal budgets.

Except instead of cutting down on eating out and sacrificing a family vacation, the City of San Jose must tighten its belt to the tune of \$52 million. My March Budget Message gave direction to the City Manager on how to do just that.

And she delivered. Our City Manager has put forward a proposed operating budget that accounts for our multi-million dollar shortfall without significantly impacting city services our residents rely on and while continuing to make progress on the issues that matter most.

Before I get too deep into the details, let's remind ourselves of the budgetary challenges we face this year.

First, we must comply with the Clean Water Act, which requires us to eliminate pollution flowing into our waterways and the Bay. In order for the City to renew its Stormwater Permit, our Regional Water Quality Control Board has mandated a 100% reduction in pollutants entering key stretches of our waterways by the middle of next year. We estimate that 88% of pollutants entering our rivers and creeks result from the 1,000+ people living in unmanaged, unsheltered encampments

in these areas.

Our City Manager has budgeted \$27 million this year alone to begin to meet this environmental mandate. We will primarily do this by completing the nearly 800 modular units of interim housing we still have in our pipeline, standing up basic shelter, including managed sites for safe sleeping and safe parking, and beginning to clean up and enforce no re-encampment zones along our waterways. This will be neither easy nor inexpensive, but in the long run we will all be better off when we provide a basic, safe alternative to unmanaged encampments and, when available, require that people use them.

In addition to these expanded stormwater mandates, and just like every family in San Jose, the City is experiencing the same rising costs and slowing revenue growth associated with persistently high inflation. Despite these challenges, the City Manager has managed to put forward a balanced budget using the four strategies I recommended in my March Message:

1. Finding cost savings and efficiencies within city departments — the City Manager worked with department heads to find \$12 million worth of proposed cost reductions that will have the least impact on services that touch our residents. Council offices, including my office, will also face small reductions to contribute to the overall target. With an overall General Fund budget of \$1.6 billion, the \$12 million figure represents a modest reduction.

2. Elimination of vacant roles — in a City with 7,000 employees, we always have vacancies. While we would love to be better staffed to deliver the

best possible service to our residents, the City Manager has identified 54 positions that have sat empty (some, for a long time) and can be removed from this year's budget to help close the gap. Please note: police staffing—which is a top community priority—should actually expand in 2024-2025 as we grow our Academy class sizes and begin filling roles that are currently vacant but still included in the base budget.

3. Finding new sources of revenue — The City Manager has identified \$29M in new and anticipated revenues from the state, county and other sources. Some of these funds, assuming they are secured, will be dedicated to future affordable housing development.

4. Reallocating existing revenues to higher priority uses — the City Manager proposes using flexible Measure E funds to meet our Stormwater Permit obligations (e.g. interim housing, safe sleeping/parking, encampment clean ups) while using the new state and county funds identified above to preserve between \$22 million and \$40 million for new affordable housing development.

I want to thank our City Manager, Jennifer Maguire, for proposing a balanced budget that addresses our most urgent needs—including stormwater permit compliance, continued police hiring, ongoing blight fighting, and funding for affordable housing—without requiring cuts to other city services our residents rely on.

I also want to thank my council colleagues for recognizing the challenges we face, the importance of focus and flexibility, and the willingness to find efficiencies across city departments. I'm looking forward to putting together a June Budget Message that continues to get creative with the limited dollars we have, while preserving investment in the core services our residents demand.



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Matt Mahan
Mayor, San Jose



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Sam Liccardo criticizes Democratic Party process after it endorses rival Evan Low

By William Bellou
Publisher

Congressional 16 District candidate Sam Liccardo isn't mincing words in his criticism of the California Democratic Party's endorsement of his opponent in the race, Assemblymember Evan Low.

Liccardo is accusing leaders of "hijacking votes" to endorse Low, and criticizes Low's connections in elite Democratic circles and the powerful forces at the state party.

The former San Jose mayor says he

had "more than enough" votes to block Low's endorsement, claiming his rival rallied the base and shifted delegates to support him after a majority vote by appointed or elected delegates across the state.

"The Low campaign became desperate, moving slots for delegates allocated elsewhere in California into the 16th district — essentially, 'packing' the vote," Liccardo wrote in an email from his personal account to supporters. "By Monday morning, in the final two hours of balloting, the Low



Congressional District 16 Assembly race candidates **Evan Low** and former San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo** will appear on the November 2024 ballot.



campaign frantically injected a 27th 'new' delegate into the 16th District," he continued. "They prevailed by a single vote."

Low's campaign responded to Liccardo's comments saying the endorsement process is well documented.

"Our party endorsement process is

clearly laid out. Evan Low has spent decades of service in our Democratic Party as past president of the Silicon Valley LGBT Democratic Club and longtime volunteer registering voters at farmers markets, outside naturalization ceremonies and college campuses," said Low's campaign spokesperson Clay Volino. "The same commitment to our Democratic Party cannot be said about Evan's opponent, Sam Liccardo."

Despite not gaining the endorsement, a Liccardo campaign spokesperson said the candidate thanked the Democratic Party and local delegates who participated in the election.

Liccardo added that the apartment association, which heavily lobbies for

landlords, has spent heavily in support of Low. San José Spotlight previously reported that the landlord group supported Low's campaign through a super PAC called the "Golden State Leadership Fund."

The state association, however, endorsed Liccardo's run for mayor and backed many of his politically aligned colleagues and policy proposals.

"The voters of District 16 deserve a Democratic member of Congress that is tolerant and inclusive. Evan has lived up to that standard, and Sam has proven that he is not due to his baseless attacks," Truong told San José Spotlight. "That is why I voted Evan Low for Congress."

It comes after the county Democratic Party formally demanded the disclosure of donors behind a shadowy super PAC paying for the Congressional District 16 recount, which knocked Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian out of an unprecedented tie with Low earlier this month.

Liccardo is facing a federal election complaint alleging his campaign coordinated a dark money effort to fund the recount, knock one of the candidates out and help his prospects in November.

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Federal Budget allocates a half billion dollars to VTA's BART Silicon Valley Extension Project

By William Bellou
Publisher

The U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced that \$500 million is officially in the federal budget to be used toward a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for the BART Silicon Valley Extension project.

"It is a sign of incredible confidence that the FTA and the President of the United States are interested in this project," said VTA Board Chair and Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez. "This \$500 million-dollar (investment) inches us closer to getting this project completed." Chavez said.

This significant federal funding allocation is the first funding commitment for the project through the FTA's New Starts Funding Program. VTA will submit its formal request for approximately \$6 billion, roughly 50% of the project cost, through the FTA funding program later this summer with the expectation of completing the full funding agreement with the FTA before the end of the year. The FFGA will outline the terms, timeline, and annual allocations VTA will receive. The other half of the project cost is already committed with local

and state funds.

"VTA has worked cooperatively with the FTA to advance through the rigorous FTA funding process," said VTA General Manager and CEO Carolyn Gonot. "This half a billion-dollar commitment demonstrates not only that we are on the right track, but that we are in line with FTA guidelines and expectations. It's great news," Gonot said.

"The federal government is investing in the future of San Jose and the entire region," said Mayor Matt Mahan. "It just makes sense to connect the Bay Area's two largest commuter rail systems in the metro area projected to see the greatest growth in jobs and housing in Northern California between now and 2050."

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"Every single great city in the world has multiple ways that people can move goods and services quickly, effectively, and efficiently. And this allows, literally, the heart of Silicon Valley to be connected to our greater region," said Chavez.

Times **Local News**



Coalition of Silicon Valley non-profits band together to protect affordable housing funds

In light of the pressing need for more affordable housing options, the REAL Coalition called on concerned citizens and allies to join them in a rally outside San Jose City Hall on May 14th.

The coalition, composed of various housing advocacy groups and community allies, including Sacred Heart Community Service, The Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits, and

Silicon Valley @Home and others, aims to bring attention to the issue and demand accountability from the City Council regarding the preservation of funding for permanent housing solutions.

The mayor of San Jose is once again proposing to divert Measure E funds originally designated for affordable housing towards temporary shelters and encampment sweeps for the third consecutive year. This decision has sparked justifiable outrage among community members and housing advocates given the critical need for permanent housing solutions.

The rally outside City Hall served as a platform for community members to voice their concerns and demand action from city officials. Following the rally, participants will file into Council Chambers to ensure that their message is heard during the council meeting.

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Hymn of the Hymenoptera

Bees are alluring and offer importance in our lives

By **Matthew Frazier**

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This creative writing of Water-Wise is about the Almaden Valley area and importance of gardening and Santa Clara Valley honeybee population which often act as a saving grace in our lives.

Note: The internet gives us the education that the order of the Hymenoptera is one of the largest groups of insects which include the many species of bees, wasps, hornets, sawflies, ants and more. The word Hymenoptera originated from the ancient Greek words “membrane” and “wing.” More than 130,000 species have been recognized with many more yet to be described.

Bees! That’s what one thinks of during late spring, going into early summer.

The honeybees of San Jose and Santa Clara Valley have long been the iconic imagery, in all they do and in all they represent. Now begins the next chapter of the conversation about them:

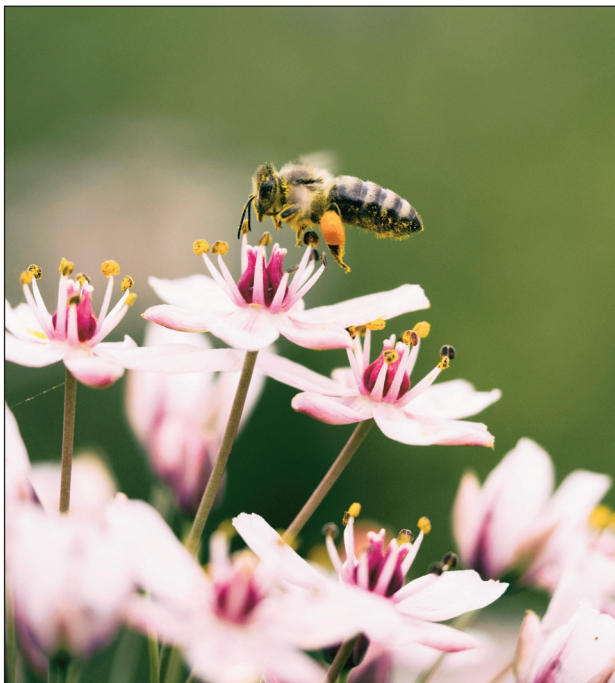
What I remember most about those spring and summer days were the bees. Not just common honeybees; California’s native bees. The ones not seen many places for a very long time. At least not by those outside of botanical, horticultural, and entomological cadres and circles.

Documentary movie inspired me to help the bees

Queen Of The Sun is a 90-minute documentary I watched years ago, discussing the immediacy and the urgency of *Colony Collapse Disorder* and what society can do to manage and mitigate this challenge. My response, like my brother’s, was to propagate native plants that attract native bees and migratory bees.



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Back Of Porch Penstemons were popular from 2009 to 2014, but then seemed to vanish, save for those propagated by enthusiasts here locally. The flowers and the flowering shrubs of our valleys contain essential dander and pollens necessary for the proliferation of bees’ lives.

Their ballad? The Hymn Of The Hymenoptera. Let yourselves drink in the sounds of evening and night winds in these and

coming days and weeks. These are the moments that define the future of these delicate and essential species. For it is they who will cherish and flourish in nature with our aid and support.

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Times **Local News**

Symphony San Jose presents 'Remember the Titans' June 1-2 at California Theatre

Closing performance for the 2023-24 season

Symphony San Jose will present Remember the Titans June 1-2 at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

You've heard of the three "B"s (Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms). Well, how about the three "M"s: Arturo Márquez, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Gustav Mahler!

This fantastic 2023/24 season comes to a rousing conclusion with the help of international conducting sensation Tatsuya Shimono and San Jose's own Van Cliburn Gold Medalist, Jon Nakamatsu.

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Interesting facts

Mahler chose the title "Titan" as a reference to Jean Paul's great novel of the same name. "Titan" was included in the title of the symphony's second (Hamburg) and third (Weimar) performances, after which it was permanently removed.

Mahler originally included a fifth movement "Blumine" performed between what is now the first and second movement of this symphony. This was removed after the third performance as well.

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Above: Conductor **Tatsuya Shimono**. Below: Bay Area pianist **Jon Nakamatsu**.



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For ticket information, visit: <https://www.tickets.symphonysanjose.org/Online/default.asp>



The Philharmonic Orchestra performs in a concert featuring Latin music

2023-24 Season Finale concert; Ticket purchases now available online

The San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra, under the artistic leadership of Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, presents its 2023-24 Season Finale Concert to be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024, 2 pm, at the California Theatre, 345 S. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

This premier orchestra, made up of the most advanced students in the San Jose Youth Symphony, will open the concert with Gershwin's Cuban Overture, which features rumba, Caribbean rhythms and Cuban native percussion.

The orchestra will also perform Villa-Lobos's Bachianas Brasileiras, No. 5, featuring its cellists along with local soprano, Jasmine Marie Diaz; Juan Pablo Con-

teras's Mariachitlán, Ginastera's Pampeana No. 3; and Piazzolla's The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires. The concert will close with Juan Pablo Moncayo's lively Huapango.

The San Jose Youth Symphony (SJYS) is one of the oldest and finest youth orchestras on the West Coast of the U.S. Founded over seven decades ago as part of the former San Jose Symphony, SJYS has a rich tradition of musical performance and education.

The musicians of SJYS, all school-age youth, are chosen from more than 650 applicants through our annual auditions. The SJYS comprises 12 distinct performing ensembles: two full orchestras, a Chamber orchestra, two flute choirs, two string ensembles, as well as winds, harp, saxophone, percussion, and jazz ensembles.



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Times **In Memory**

Lorraine Rindzner DeAngelo

3/26/1937 - 4/23/2024

Formerly of Saratoga and Almaden Valley



Lorraine and Roland (deceased) DeAngelo moved to Rocklin CA in 2000.

Lorraine was very involved in numerous charitable organizations but the most memorable was the NorCal Golden Retriever Rescue which she failed at fostering and wound up adopting two dogs from them.

She enjoyed her volunteer time after her career as a Credit Manager at National Semiconductor in Sunnyvale. Retirement was wonderful as she enjoyed being involved in many clubs in the 55+ Springfield community she lived within.

Lorraine is survived by her loving daughter Sue Creighton of Roseville, Ca, stepson Roland DeAngelo of Las Vegas, NV, Jeff Altmayer of Iowa, Ginger Altmayer of Cambridge Iowa. Grandsons Chris Creighton (Sara) of Shoreline, WA, Kyle Creighton (Kate) of San Francisco, CA, Andy Altmayer (Jo) of Urbandale, Iowa, Derek Altmayer of Cambridge, Iowa. Great granddaughters Marilyn Altmayer (IA) and Cora Creighton (WA).

A celebration of life was held May 19 at 2 PM at The Villas, 1430 West Stanford Ranch Rd, Rocklin, CA.

Todd Christopher Miller

January 14, 1971 - February 9, 2024

Graduate of Leland High School

Todd (T-Bone), 53, died unexpectedly leaving a lifelong void for his family and friends.

Born on January 14, 1971, in Mount Kisco, New York, Todd spent his childhood in Almaden and was a proud graduate of Leland High School and California State University Chico.

He leaves behind his daughters, Jillian and Maya Miller; his parents, Virginia and Robert Miller; his brother, Greg Miller, and sister-in-law, Rendi; his sister, Kristin Harlan, and brother-in-law, Dan; his nieces, Kyla Miller and Emily Harlan; his nephew, Jack Harlan; and his long-term partner, Austyn Fite, she was with him until the end.

Todd was a citizen of the world and a friend to anyone that wanted to smile. Todd's passions were as vast as the world itself. He loved surfing, long drives, reading, laughter, music, Lake Tahoe, snowboarding, hiking, and golf, but it was his family that he cherished above all else.



Todd will be remembered for his unmatched sense of humor and his enthusiasm for experiencing life on all levels. He will be deeply missed but fondly remembered for the vibrancy he brought to the lives of those around him. He was a man who thrived in everything he set his mind to achieve.

Todd was preceded in death by his beloved dog, Magnus, his road companion and shadow of 14 years—an enormous and hairy friend who never let Todd out of his sight.

A celebration of Todd's life is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, at 11:00 AM, at Holy Spirit Church on 1200 Redmond Ave, San Jose, CA 95120.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Todd's memory to American Heart Association <https://ahatribute.funraise.org/fundraiser/robert-miller> or Best Friends Animal Shelter in Kanab UT <https://best-friends.org/donate>

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