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Mobile Clinic Project volunteers help build trust and break barriers to promote quality of life among the homeless.

Evergreen resident volunteers for Mobile Clinic Project at UCLA

By William Bellou Publisher

ini Mishra of Evergreen Valley is volunteering with the Mobile Clinic Project at UCLA. Mirsha is a UCLA undergraduate student and volunteers as a caseworker and companion.

The Mobile Clinic Project is an organization that aims to improve the health outcomes and quality of life of individuals experiencing homelessness and other populations made vulnerable in the greater Los Angeles area by connecting them to the existing continuum of care.

"We strive to establish a safe, nonjudgmental environment where people of all backgrounds can receive direct medical care, legal advocacy, and compassionate connection," Mishra said. "Along with



the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, we operate weekly streetside clinics in West Hollywood to bring crucial health and social services to our clients and alleviate barriers to care."

Misha said she is currently reaching out to the community to seek excess clothing or shoes that she can distribute through the clinic.

"I would like to distribute these items to anyone who needs them, but as it is the summertime, we are facing a critical loss of our regular funding. We are currently looking for clean and gently used men's pants size 32 and up, and gently used new men's athletic shoes size 8-12. In addition, large/extra-large t-shirts are also accepted, as well as blankets! If you don't have any physical donations but would still like to help out, we have an Amazon wish list. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wis hlist/ls/2D1TPUJI98CV5?ref_=wl_s hare or you can donate money using Venmo @Finance-MCP.

If you have any of these items or any questions about the organization, please feel free to direct message to me on Nextdoor. I'm in San Jose this weekend and would be happy to take these items off your hands and deliver them to our clinic next Wednesday night. I promise you that every single donation you give genuinely impacts people's lives. Thank you so much for your consideration!

San Jose unveils war monument at Vietnamese **Heritage Garden**

By Vicente Vera San José Spotlight

an Jose's Vietnamese community is celebrating a long-anticipated monument symbolizing its post-war roots in the city after the project faced years of delays.

The statue, unveiled Saturday, July 13 at the Vietnamese Heritage Garden, features a Vietnamese soldier and an American soldier, both armed and standing beside each other atop rocky terrain in front of the flags for both countries.

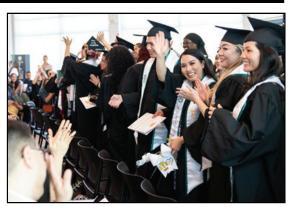
District 7 Councilmember Bien Doan, who represents the Kelley Park neighborhood where the garden was created, stood beside fellow elected officials who helped bring the monument to life.

Doan said he wants it to be a place for reflection, education and inspiration to future generations.

"As the biggest Vietnamese (city) population outside of Vietnam, I see our monument as a living, breathing part of the Vietnamese American community. A place to remember the hardships of war, celebrate the freedom they found in the U.S., and honor the strength and contributions to their new home," Doan told San See MOUNUMENT, page 3



The new monument in the Vietnamese Heritage Garden features a Vietnamese soldier and an American soldier, both armed and standing beside each other atop rocky terrain in front of the flags for both countries. Photo by Vicente Vera.



HIGH PASS

Evergreen Valley College's nursing program saw 74 of its 75 students pass the National Council Licensure Examination for nurses this past academic year. That's an impressive 98.7% pass rate. From 2017 to 2021, the national pass rate was 79.9 percent, while California's was 90.2

Former San Jose City Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio wins 2nd Annual Celebrity Grape Stomp

We have a winner! In dramatic fashion, former San Jose City Councilmember, Pierluigi Oliverio, has won the Festa's 2nd annual Celebrity Grape Stomp!

This is also a victory for San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan. Mayor Mahan won the Celebrity Stomp last year and was scheduled to defend his title today. Unfortunately, he was called away for a family emergency and Oliverio stomped in his place. So, the championship title stays in San Jose!

Today's Stomp pitted Oliverio against Morgan Hill Mayor Mark



Turner and Sunnyvale Mayor Larry

On Saturday, in the stomp preheats, Mayor Turner and Mayor Klein out-stomped Santa Clara Mayor Lisa Gillmor, Saratoga Mayor Yan Zhao, Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano and NBC Bay Area Weather Anchor, Cinthia Pimentel.

The Celebrity Grape Stomp was a highlight of the 42nd annual Italian Family Festa San Jose. It's a weekend (August 3-4) filled with Italian culture, food, wine, kids' activities, live music, cooking demonstrations and bocce ball!

The Festa is put on annually by the Italian American Heritage Foundation.

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Monument

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The unveiling ceremony featured a flag salute of both the U.S. and Republic of Vietnam flags, a memorial ceremony for fallen soldiers and a traditional ritual presided over by Thích Pháp Hạnh. Attendees ranged from men in their fully decorated military uniforms from the Vietnam War and others young enough to not have experienced the war almost 50 years ago. They all gathered underneath large canopies surrounded by flowers and vintage images of Vietnamese soldiers oversees.

Peter Vu, a representative with the Vietnamese American Roundtable, said his parents were among the many who resettled in the U.S. following the war and helped make San Jose the city with the largest Vietnamese population in the country by far.

"Having a statue like that is so important for the Vietnamese population that does reside here, just knowing the city does see them and their journeys are appreciated by the city," he told San José Spotlight. City officials allocated \$150,000 during the 2023-24 budget to prepare for the statue's installation and begin work on grading, drainage, creating a defined walking path, tree planting, installing benches, irrigation and vegetation. But plans for the monument date back to 2011 when community leaders began discussing ideas for a memorial to honor American and South Vietnamese soldiers who fought in the Vietnam War. Former San Jose Councilmember Tam Nguyen, State Sen. Dave Cortese and Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez are among the elected officials who pushed for funding over the years to build the monument.

Officials hope the monument will become the centerpiece of the Vietnamese Heritage Garden and that it comes to represent the contributions of the nearly 130,000 Vietnamese residents in San Jose.

"This marks the beginning of a new era for a space that pays homage to the journey that thousands of families took to find a better life here in America," San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan said in a statement.

Community members wanted a statue to symbolize the alliance between the U.S. and



Silicon Valley officials at the unveiling of a monument to honor fallen Vietnam War fighters in the Vietnamese Heritage Garden at Kelley Park in San Jose. *Photo courtesy of San Jose.*

South Vietnam during the county's struggle for independence and war against communism throughout the 1960s and 1970s. But past the military partnership, the two men depicted in the statue also reflect the bonds

between the Vietnamese and Americans that continue to this day.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg, and I am so excited for the future of this site," Doan told San José Spotlight.

Op Ed

Honoring John Herschbach: Santa's No. 1 helper

here are many who believe **John Herschbach** was Santa's number one helper, and that's why longtime board mem-

ber and volunteer received a surprise honor at the Christmas in July fundraiser held last month at History Park in San Jose.



Board President Brian Pulliam and Vice President Tony Santos presented Herschbach with a commemorative bench inscribed with his name at the island-themed event.

"He has helped steer this incredible organization through challenging times and changes," Santos said about Herschbach, a former board president.

"There's no way I could have done it all by myself," Herschbach said, pointing out the support of his family, Christmas in the Park's other board members, staff and the legions of volunteers who put on the annual free holiday display in downtown San Jose, and new last year, the ticketed drive-through event that's returning to History Park this fall.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez also was honored at the event for her decades of support — both while serving on the San Jose City Council and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

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Times Community News

California Coastal Cleanup Day is on September 21 from 9 a.m. to noon

The organization is celebrating its 40th anniversary

By Wiliam Bellou

Publisher

alifornia Coastal Cleanup Day is Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. The organization will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this month.

For 40 years, Coastal Cleanup Day has successfully diverted millions of pounds of plastic debris from the ocean, but at the end of the day, this event is about much more than picking up trash.

Over the years, the event has created a long-term dataset that describes the prevalence of different types of debris on our beaches and shorelines, which is used by policy makers to shape and monitor the success of plastic pollution prevention efforts. Moreover, it's a chance for Californians to join people around the world in expressing respect for our oceans and waterways, as well as an opportunity for the community to send a statement and demonstrate its desire for clean water and healthy marine life.

The following are the top ten items collected by volunteers since 1988.

TOP TEN ITEMS 1988-2023	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
#1. Cigarettes/Cigarette Filters	8,403,338	35.34%
#2. Food Wrappers/Containers	2,592,161	10.90%
#3. Caps/Lids	2,207,929	9.28%
#4. Bags (paper and plastic)	1,723,026	7.25%
#5. Cups/Plates/Forks/Knives/Spoons	1,268,781	5.34%
#6. Straws/Stirrers	961,822	4.04%
#7. Beverage Bottles (Glass)	749,812	3.15%
#8. Beverage Bottles (Plastic)	659,505	2.77%
#9. Beverage Cans	573,772	2.41%
#10. Construction Material	407,651	1.71%
TOP TEN TOTAL	19,547,797	82.20



BAGS AND BAGS – Volunteers at last year's California Coastal Cleanup Day collected thousands of pounds of trash. This year's Cleanup Day is Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. File photo.

Coastal Cleanup Day is also a moment to share with one's neighbors, family, and friends, coming together to accomplish something vital and worthy on behalf of the places we treasure.

You can also sign up for one of the virtual informational meetings to learn more about California Coastal Cleanup Day and how you can get involved. To learn more about signing up to volunteer, email: volunteer@valleywater.org

CAREER COLUMN

Time and Money

By Angela Copeland

t's no longer socially acceptable for a company to ask an interview candidate how much money they currently make.

It's also not terribly good to ask the candidate how much they want to make. These days, the standard is to share the pay range for the role. Then, the candidate can decide whether or not the range is acceptable.

In the past, recruiters would argue that asking questions like these made sense. They wanted to know if the candidate was "within their budget" for a particular role. In reality, if the candidate provided a salary number at the low end of the range, they would be paid on the low end of that range. And, they might not ever know it.

Fortunately, many states across the U.S. have agreed that this practice is not okay. It's not fair. And it allows pay disparities See CAREER COLUMN, page 6

IN MEMORY

Dr. George Castro, mentor of the Enlace Program at Evergreen Valley College, passes away July 30

r. George Castro, one of the founding mentors of the Enlace program at Evergreen Valley College, passed away on July 30.

He worked at San Jose State in the College of Sciences from 1995 to 2004 and served as the Director of the

EVC to SJSU Transfer program from 2005 to 2010.

Castro is the second key contributor to the founding the EVC Enlace program to pass away this summer, following the death of Victor Garza, Senior on June 6.

Castro mentored hundreds of Enlace students and was also a co-principal Investigator and SJSU



HSI Activity Director of a \$3.49M HSI Title V Grant that was granted to support Evergreen Valley College Enlace students transferring to San José State, initiating a seamless process to primarily first-generation students.

The mission of the grant was to develop, implement, and institutionalize structures and processes to increase Latin@/Latinx Student Success. Dr. Castro's support of the Enlace Program was unyielding for his commitment to the educational advancement of the Latino Community.

He earned a degree in Chemistry from UCLA in 1960 and his Ph.D. from UC Riverside in Physical Chemistry in 1965.

Editor's note; As stated above, Dr. Castro was the key contributor to the Enlace program of Evergreen Valley College. The Enlace program, founded in 1983, is an academic program supported by counseling, tutoring, community mentoring, and student organizations. To learn more, visit: evc.edu/enlace

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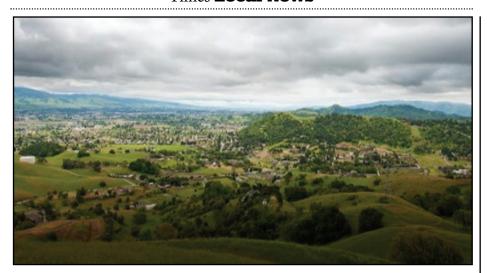
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Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority has openings for two volunteer committees

By William D. Bellou

Publisher

he Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority has openings for new members of the Authority's Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) and Expenditure Plan Oversight Committee (EPOC).

The open call for applicants follows the ratification on June 13 by the Authority's elected Board of the agency's 2024-25 fiscal year work plan and annual budget.

Members of the CAC are volunteers who reside within the Authority's working area and are interested in nature, ensuring public access opportunities and environmental conservation. Interested candidates are invited to apply by visiting: https://tinyurl.com/3f6p6p87

"Transparency and accountability are two core values of the Authority, and these two community volunteer committees advance both of those commitments," said Andrea Mackenzie, general manager of the Authority.

"The seven-member EPOC provides direct public oversight of the Authority's use of Measure Q and T funds. The 15-member CAC ensures that the many voices and perspectives of the diverse communities the Authority serves are heard by our

elected Board members and staff leadership on a regular basis. Service on either committee is a special opportunity to have real, direct impact on your community. We encourage anyone who lives in our jurisdiction in Santa Clara County to consider donating their time in this rewarding capacity."

Both committees contribute in very tangible ways to equitable and accountable operations of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

The CAC participates in reviewing and recommending applications of the Authority's annual Urban Grant program that has distributed nearly \$15 million in grants and funded 950 community programs to support nature and connections to nature in urban areas over the agency's 30 years. In 2023 alone, the Authority awarded nearly \$2 million to 19 local organizations.

"The EPOC provides a vital benefit directly to our taxpayers, who overwhelmingly voted in 2020 to continue funding the Authority via Measure T, based on the promise that there would be citizen oversight of expenditures. This committee's oversight represents our promise to the voters," added Mackenzie

Career Column

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to continue, and to grow. In other words, if you are currently underpaid, and your future salary is based on your current salary, you will continue to be under paid in the future. If a company pays a fair market rate, then you have a better chance of making what your skillset is truly worth.

Unfortunately, not all recruiters have gotten this message. When a recruiter shares that they have been working as a recruiter for over thirty years, you can bet there's a decent chance they aren't playing by the current rules. They will continue to ask questions they should not.

Unfortunately, as a candidate, there's not much you can do about this issue. If a recruiter asks your salary and you don't provide it, you'll likely be eliminated from consideration. You'll be perceived as difficult, because you aren't willing to go along with this outdated line of questioning.

The good news is, you can decide not to work with a particular recruiter. You can decide you won't participate when something

like this occurs. There are many recruiters who will care about the candidate experience, and who are willing to follow the laws and this current way of interviewing candidates.

In addition to questions that a company is not allowed to ask, there is a question that candidates are allowed to ask. In certain states, it's the law. A candidate can ask the company what the pay range is for a certain position. The company should be willing to provide the range. This gives the opportunity for the candidate to share with the company whether or not the range provided is one they are interested to pursue.

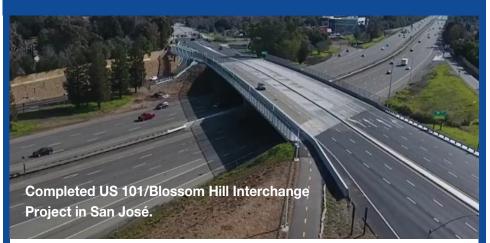
Sadly, this is another area where some recruiters are trying to do their own thing. When asked for the range, it is not uncommon for the recruiter to respond with, "My company hasn't set a range for this role. We're trying to see what the market will bear." As you can imagine, this is most not likely accurate and is an antiquated way of interviewing candidates.

Angela Copeland, a leadership and career expert, can be reached at www.angela-copeland.com.

Your 2016 Measure B Tax Dollars at Work

2016 MEASURE **B**

2016 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report on Fiscal Year 202



In November 2016, Santa Clara County voters approved Measure B, a 30-year, half-cent countywide sales tax devoted to enhancing transit, highways, expressways, and active transportation (bicycles, pedestrian, and complete streets) within Santa Clara County. In 2019, VTA's 2016 Measure B Program began the process to deliver the projects and programs contained in the ballot, having been delayed by an unsuccessful court challenge to the measure.

The ballot entrusted the 2016 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee (MBCOC), comprised of fellow community members, with oversight to ensure that 2016 Measure B funds are being spent consistent with the ballot and for informing voters on Program compliance.

The MBCOC has conducted its annual hearing to gather input from the public, evaluated the results of the independent audit for the subject period, and completed review of the revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 (7/1/22 – 6/30/23). After thorough and careful consideration:

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This finding and additional information on the 2016 Measure B Program and the MBCOC are contained in the MBCOC Annual Report on FY 2023 at:

vta.org/2016-measure-b-citizens-oversight-committee.

Additional information on the 2016 Measure B Program and projects is available at:

vta.org/projects/funding/2016-measure-b.

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Lawmakers pass the buck on San Jose transparency bill

By Brandon Pho

San José Spotlight

state bill to increase public access to the communication of government officials died on the desks of lawmakers without consideration — a sign of the uphill battle transparency measures face in Sacramento. Senate Bill 908 — introduced in January by State Sen. Dave Cortese — would have required public officials to



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forward messages about government business from their personal accounts to government servers where public access is available. The bill was inspired by San José Spotlight's successful public records lawsuit in 2022 against San Jose and former Mayor Sam Liccardo. A judge ruled in August the city and ex-mayor violated the California Public Records Act by failing to adequately search for and release public records. The legislation followed guidance from the California Supreme Court — stemming from a landmark San Jose case — to use or copy government accounts to ensure transparency and access, and mirrored federal regulations for public employees and agencies. But without any explanation, state lawmakers this month gutted and rewrote SB 908 to instead address child fentanyl deaths.

The illegal practice of public officials using personal email accounts or phones to circumvent state law and hide communications about public business is a widespread problem documented by journalists across the state.

Advocates for the bill's original form call it a setback for transparency.

"It would have totally moved the needle," First Amendment lawyer Karl Olson, who represented San José Spotlight and co-litigated the landmark 2017 case. "There are a lot of public officials that I think now prefer to use private channels to communicate, like the former San Jose mayor and would-be congressman, Sam Liccardo. I think without SB 908, a lot of records won't see the light of day. And that's bad."

The bill sat in the Senate Rules Committee but never got a hearing in a policy committee, essentially dying behind closed doors. It was rewritten last week as a bill related to fentanyl deaths in children ages 0 to 5.

Senate Pro Tem Mike McGuire, who chairs the Rules Com-

mittee, didn't respond to requests for comment. Neither did Cortese's office.

The lawsuit and subsequent legislation came about after San José Spotlight exposed how Liccardo directed a resident to use his Gmail account and vowed to delete a thread from his government account to skirt disclosure. The news organization (San Jose Spotlight) uncovered how the exmayor primarily used his personal accounts and phone to conduct public business and many of those communications never turned up in public records requests.

The lawsuit, which included the First Amendment Coalition as a co-plaintiff, cost the city at least \$500,000 in attorney fees. The case prompted a county judge to admonish San Jose for routinely allowing this practice by high-ranking officials.

San Jose isn't the only city in California under fire for its lack of transparency and the misuse of private email for public business.

Hidden conversations

In Anaheim last year, councilmembers cracked down on city employees' use of private phones to conduct city business — and avoid public oversight — after federal investigators found that lobbyists and Disneyland resort interests controlled city hall and heavily swayed decision making. In San Diego, KPBS revealed how city officials used a disappearing messaging app to communicate with each other. Similar issues have been documented in San Francisco and Stockton.

But San Jose is a repeat offender when it comes to violating state transparency laws. The California Supreme Court's landmark 2017 ruling — that declared communications on private accounts or devices are considered public records if they deal with city business — stemmed from an earlier dispute in San Jose. Liccardo was a councilmember





State Sen. Dave Cortese (second from left) introduce a bill to require public officials to forward messages about government business from their personal accounts to government servers where public access is available. The bill died behind closed doors. File Photo.

at the time

That high court's ruling in 2017 came after the city was sued in 2009 for refusing to release emails about a publicly funded development proposed by former Mayor Tom McEnery, a supporter of Liccardo.

Despite the demise of SB 908, San José Spotlight co-founder Ramona Giwargis said the fight for transparency is not over. San José Spotlight co-sponsored the bill along with the California News Publishers Association. It had earned support from the First Amendment Coalition, the California Broadcasters Association, Institute for Nonprofit News, LION Publishers and the Society of Professional Journalists' local Northern California chapter.

"We are disappointed that SB 908 did not get the consideration it deserved, but we are not giving up. We're going to continue working on this issue," Giwargis said. "Californians deserve transparency and accountability when it comes to the conduct of their government. It's time for the Legislature to act and muster the political will to advance these common-sense solutions."

First Amendment and good government advocates say changing the state's public record and transparency laws is not easy. It often takes years and multiple attempts.

"It can take several tries before legislative reforms are made," First Amendment Coalition Legal Director David Loy told San José Spotlight.

Olson pointed to the milestone police records disclosure bill known as the "Right to Know Act" — or Senate Bill 1421 — as a prime example. It took roughly a decade for the policy, which expanded the California Public Records Act to apply to police records relating to officer use-of-force incidents, sexual assault, and acts of dishonesty, to be signed into law.

"That was decades in the making before Sen. Nancy Skinner pushed it through," Olson said.

Loy doesn't discount trying to introduce SB 908 again in some other form.

"This is obviously a disappointment, but I don't think I consider this the end of the game," Loy told San José Spotlight. "I consider this the first move."

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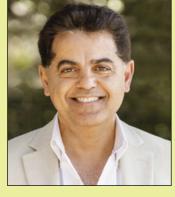
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Scammers are impersonating businesses with fake subscription renewal notices

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

mail continues to be a popular avenue for scammers who want to steal consumers' personal and financial information.

To trick consumers into clicking links and providing personal information, scammers are posing as legitimate businesses and emailing consumers.

The Better Business Bureau warns consumers to be extra vigilant when receiving urgent emails from supposed businesses asking for payment information.

How this scam works

You receive an urgent email from a business you have a membership or an account with that states your subscription or membership has expired. The email asks you to click a link to provide your payment information. The email may even offer a special deal or discount for updating your payment information now.

The email may look legitimate and include the business's logo, and you may have even received the email around the time your subscription has



expired or will be expiring. So, you click the link and provide your credit card information, only to find out that the email and the website were fake. Your card may be charged, and a scammer now has your personal and financial information.

Scammers may also email you stating that your subscription to a certain business has or will be auto-renewing for a certain dollar amount, causing confusion and worry. They may provide a customer service phone number to call, which is actually fake.

BBB Scam Tracker has received several recent reports about scammers impersonating different businesses through email.

One consumer shared, "Received an email on 1/3/2024 that "my Sirius XM account has expired!" This email came one day after my normal Sirius XM renewal date. The email wanted me to go to a website and "insert" my credit card info... Before proceeding, I logged into my actual Sirius XM account and verified it had automatically renewed as normal. What threw me off at first was that the scammer somehow knew my renewal date. I did not lose any money."



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