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Willow Glen High School parents learned about changes to the school's safety plan at a community meeting on Feb. 12, 2024. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

San Jose parents strengthen school safety

By Lorraine Gabbert
San José Spotlight

One San Jose high school is stepping up its safety measures following threats to students last year. Parents, teachers and officials hope the improvements will be adopted by other schools in the district.

Willow Glen High School's school site council updated its safety plan after a series of incidents, including an arrest of a Willow Glen High School student who walked on campus armed with a loaded ghost gun and knife. Before that, a Hoover Middle School student was caught with a loaded firearm and an Abraham Lincoln High School student was arrested after threatening on social media to shoot classmates with an assault rifle.

The incidents rocked the San Jose Unified School District last spring and were the impetus for the safety plan, which the parents developed and launched.

The plan, now in place, is designed to address student accountability, attendance, review behavioral threat assessments and response protocols. School leaders say they're seeing results.

At a school community meeting last week, Maren Sederquist, school site council chair for Willow Glen High School, said the plan has resulted in
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Remains of WWII USAAF airman found after more than 80 years

2nd Lieutenant Robert T. McCollum to be buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in San Jose, CA on Saturday, May 3rd to be near his parents, sister and family members

William Bellou
Publisher

World War II: 2nd LT Robert T. McCollum was a decorated bombardier assigned to the 565th bombardment squadron of the United States Army Air Force (USAAF) in the European Theatre.

McCollum, who was born in Cleveland Ohio, received several medals commemorating his more than 15 successful bombing missions over Europe in a B-24J Liberator.

McCollum's squadron targeted major industrial sites, including Berlin's manufacturing centers,



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oil production facilities in Merseburg, factories in Münster, and shipbuilding yards in Vegesack. It also struck Vergeltungswaffen (V-weapon) sites in the Pas de Calais and took part in the large-scale attacks on Germany's aircraft production industry during Operation Argument (Big Week) in February 1944.

On a fateful day on June 20, 1944, tragedy struck over the Baltic Sea near the coast of Denmark.

B-24 mid-air collision

The 22-year-old McCollum was aboard the Liberator, when, for reasons unknown, it crashed with another B-24 in the same formation. Though the pilot and co-pilot of McCollum's plane were able to safely bail out, the rest of the crew vanished into the Baltic Sea. They were presumed dead, and the U.S. War Department issued a "Finding of Death" for McCollum on June 21, 1945.

The pilot and co-pilot were picked up by Danish
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San Jose to crack down on RV rentals to homeless

By Joyce Chu
San José Spotlight

San Jose has problems with slumlords and now they have problems with vanlords.

City officials are targeting vanlords, individuals who they said prey on the homeless residents by renting them inoperable vehicles. Mayor Matt Mahan along with Councilmembers Bien Doan, Michael Mulcahy and David Cohen want to study ways to restrict renting RVs to homeless people.

The Rules Committee recommended Wednesday the city conduct



San Jose created a new pilot program to get residents living in RVs off the streets. It includes towing and restricted parking zones. Photo by Joyce Chu.

an analysis of what it would take to enact a policy to prevent these rentals and to report back to the committee in two weeks. The final decision on curbing vanlords will be up to the city council.

"We know there are bad actors out

there that put dilapidated, nonworking van trailers or RVs out there, and then manipulate our unsheltered residents to rent these places in an unsafe condition, without any preparation for biohazard or hazardous waste or even a fire hazard," Doan said at the

meeting. "And I think it's important that we make sure we protect our unsheltered residents from these bad actors."

San Jose has two known individuals responsible for renting at least 20 motor homes to unhoused residents. But the pervasiveness of the practice is unknown. In 2023, police officers discovered one person had bought a handful of RVs from a tow yard, set them on Educational Park Drive and was profiting off of the vehicles. Former police chief Anthony Mata wrote in a memo last year the majority of RVs on the streets are owned by the people living in them.

Rudy Ortega, who owns and lives in his RV near Columbus Park, said cutting off this option ultimately criminalizes homeless residents, making their lives even harder.

"By restricting the sale, rental or even transfer of RVs, you're targeting
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Beltrán named Woman of Year

By Dave Cortese

We're already into the busy month of March including three weeks of 'March Madness' for basketball/hoops fans, one holy month of fasting, prayer and charity for Muslims celebrating Ramadan, eight months of lighter, longer evenings and darker mornings due to daylight savings time.

We celebrated Women's History Month honoring the contributions of women to American society, culture, and history. During Women's History Month at the Capitol, we had a "Woman of the Year" floor ceremony where each member of the California Legislature introduced and honored on the Senate floor a woman from their district for her contributions to her community.

It will be my honor to introduce Morgan Hill City Councilwoman Yvonne Martinez Beltrán as my district's Woman of the Year! She is immersed in public service and policy that always involves equity; she is a dedicated advocate for her Morgan Hill community where



Yvonne Martinez Beltrán

she was raised, and she was appointed as the Cal Cities representative which is an organization that advocates for cities in California. She has attended Cal Cities Legislative Day numerous times in Sacramento lobbying to advance local control for cities and is heavily involved in the organization on many levels.

Women's History Month was established by Congress in the 1980s to acknowledge the significant contributions women have made in every field of American life because at that time they were largely unrecognized and unknown. The purpose of the month is to recognize and highlight women's achievements in science, technology, arts, business, and more!



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By Dave Cortese
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San Jose City Council approves mayor's budget plan

By William Bellou
Publisher

San Jose officials have signed off on the mayor's budget plan.

The budget funding is directed at providing additional affordable housing and temporary homeless shelters.

The San Jose City Council voted 7-4 in a contentious meeting last week to accept Mayor Matt Mahan's March budget message for the 2025-26 fiscal year — with the elimination of homelessness and related public safety threats

as top priorities for funding amid the more than \$100 million projected budget shortfall over the next two years.

As much as 90% of tax-funded affordable housing dollars from Measure E will be directly included in the budget for increased temporary shelter capacity from the voter-approved property transfer tax from 2020, toward temporary shelters for the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilmembers Pamela Campos, David Cohen, Peter Ortiz and Domingo Candelas voted no, citing issues with putting a plan to tie pay raises to performance for top city officials within the budget discussion, as well as proposals to address homelessness.

Mahan's plan requires cooperation and coordination with the county for his plan to work.

As the 2025-26 fiscal year begins in July, the council's approval of Mahan's budget plan will help the city manager's office prepare propos-



als for final budget deliberations in May. Above: San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan at the City Council meeting on March 18, 2025. Photo by Vicente Vera, San Jose Spotlight.

Congressman Sam Liccardo endorses Matthew Quevedo for San José City Council District 3

Congressman Sam Liccardo, former Mayor of San José, has officially endorsed Matthew Quevedo for San José City Council, citing Quevedo's deep commitment to public service, his leadership on key neighborhood issues, and his ability to deliver real results for residents.

"Matthew Quevedo is the change agent we need to help tackle San José's most pressing challenges," said Congressman Liccardo. "From his time as a neighborhood advocate to his leadership in Mayor Matt Mahan's office, Matthew has consistently put San José residents first — fighting for safer streets, smarter solutions on homelessness and more accountability in city government. I've seen firsthand his dedication to our community, and I know he'll be a strong voice for our neighborhoods on the City Council."

Quevedo expressed his gratitude for Liccardo's endorsement, emphasizing their shared vision for a San José that works for families, neighbors and all residents.

"I'm honored to have the support of Congressman Sam Liccardo, a leader who has spent his

career improving San José, and now fights for our community in Washington" said Quevedo.

"Sam and I share a belief in common-sense policies that make government work for the people— from reducing homelessness faster, to ensuring every neighborhood remains safe, clean and vibrant. I look forward to bringing that same results-driven leadership to the City Council."

Editor's note: This April 8, 2025 is a special election for the City of San José, District 3. Only voters registered in this district are eligible to cast a ballot for this April 8, 2025 Special Election City of San José, of the District 3. To learn more, go to: <https://vote.santaclaracounty.gov/elections/april-8-2025-special-election>

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Mark Purdy: Raiders' Jim Plunkett is a good play for NFL Hall of Fame

South Bay native, Stanford star and first Latino Super Bowl champion quarterback helped drive a wider fan base

By Mark Purdy

Politicians love to pass resolutions. It keeps them busy and out of trouble. Most of the resolutions are worthy but full of flowery language and have no earth-shaking impact.

That will almost surely be the case again this past week in Sacramento.

State Sen. Dave Cortese, of San Jose, plans to introduce a resolution supporting former NFL quarterback Jim Plunkett's candidacy for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Plunkett, the South Bay native and former Stanford quarterback, is among 31 finalists in the hall's "Seniors" category. In early December, a Blue Ribbon Committee will trim the list to nine. In February, three of the nine "Seniors" will be elected to the hall along with more recent players.

I am not involved in that process. But I have been a Hall of Fame voter for other sports. And I can testify that no resolution from any state senator ever influenced my thinking. Or the thinking of any other voter I know. What could



be Cortese's motivation?

"Our family's house was just a short distance from James Lick High School in San Jose, where Jim played high school football," Cortese explained in a phone call. "I'm proud to have grown up in the same neighborhoods where he was raised."

So, it's personal. And a fine gesture. But to be blunt, Plunkett's selection faces long odds. Other candidates have thicker curriculum vitals. They threw more yards and touchdowns, earning more honors. Plunkett never made a Pro Bowl team. He had a .500 record as a starting quarterback.

Plunkett's best resume entry? He is one of just 13 quarterbacks to win two or more Super Bowls — and of the 10 who are eligible for Hall of Fame consideration, all have been inducted. Except for Plunkett, the MVP of Super Bowl XV with the Raiders.

Off the field

Is that enough? Probably not. But Cortese has built an intriguing additional case, based on Plunkett's massively influential role helping the NFL become North America's most wide-

ly followed professional sport. I'm on board with that case, even if it technically violates a voting dictum.

Hall of Fame selection members are instructed to consider "only on-the-field accomplishments" for candidates. Plunkett's Heisman Trophy at Stanford can't be a factor. Nor can his inspiring life story of growing up as the son of two blind parents, working part-time jobs while excelling at James Lick to earn his college scholarship.

But guess what? That same "only-on-the-field" standard was in effect in 2006 when hall voters decided whether to induct John Madden as a coach. In Oakland for 10 seasons, he won 112 games and a Super Bowl. But other coaches who are not in the hall achieved more — including former 49ers coach George Seifert, who won 124 games and two Super Bowls.

Voters were supposed to ignore Madden's brilliant television work and how he helped create a video game that built NFL interest among millions of young fans. But did they? Of course not. The voters essentially inducted John Madden for being the one and only John Madden, honoring all his contributions.

Likewise, Jim Plunkett should be inducted for being the one and only Jim Plunkett. He entered the NFL when Latino sports fans were generally more interested in soccer or baseball. A typical NFL crowd in the 1960s through the early 1970s was pretty much monochromatic, the milky opposite of diverse.

Take a photo of an NFL crowd today — particularly in California, Texas, Arizona and Florida — and you will notice Latino and Hispanic faces of all sorts. A recent Nielsen survey revealed that Latinos follow the NFL more intensely than any other sport — and are more passionate about the NFL than American sports

fans in general.

A wider fan net

This didn't happen overnight. In 1971, Plunkett became the first Mexican-American player selected as an NFL overall No. 1 draft pick. This ramped up the interest of Latino fans, especially when Plunkett joined the Raiders in 1979 and won those Super Bowl titles, one in Oakland and one after the franchise moved to Los Angeles. The Latino NFL fan base up and down the state exploded into a sea of Raiders jerseys at the mall, the beach and neighborhood barbecues. Not to mention the stadiums.

During Plunkett's era, he formed a Hispanic NFL troika with his Raiders coach, Tom Flores, and Cincinnati lineman Anthony Munoz. Flores and Munoz are already in the Hall of Fame. But Plunkett was the most visible and identifiable personality of the three.

The cultural motor of pro football fandom shifted gears when Plunkett planted the flag as the NFL's first Latino Super Bowl champion quarterback. There are Raiders fans today who became Raiders fans because their dads and grandfathers became Raiders fans because of Plunkett. He deserves immense credit for making the NFL an ethnically ecumenical fan soup.

In Sacramento, Cortese often hears his peers philosophize about "a California for all." He knows that pro football also wants to cast as wide a fan net as possible.

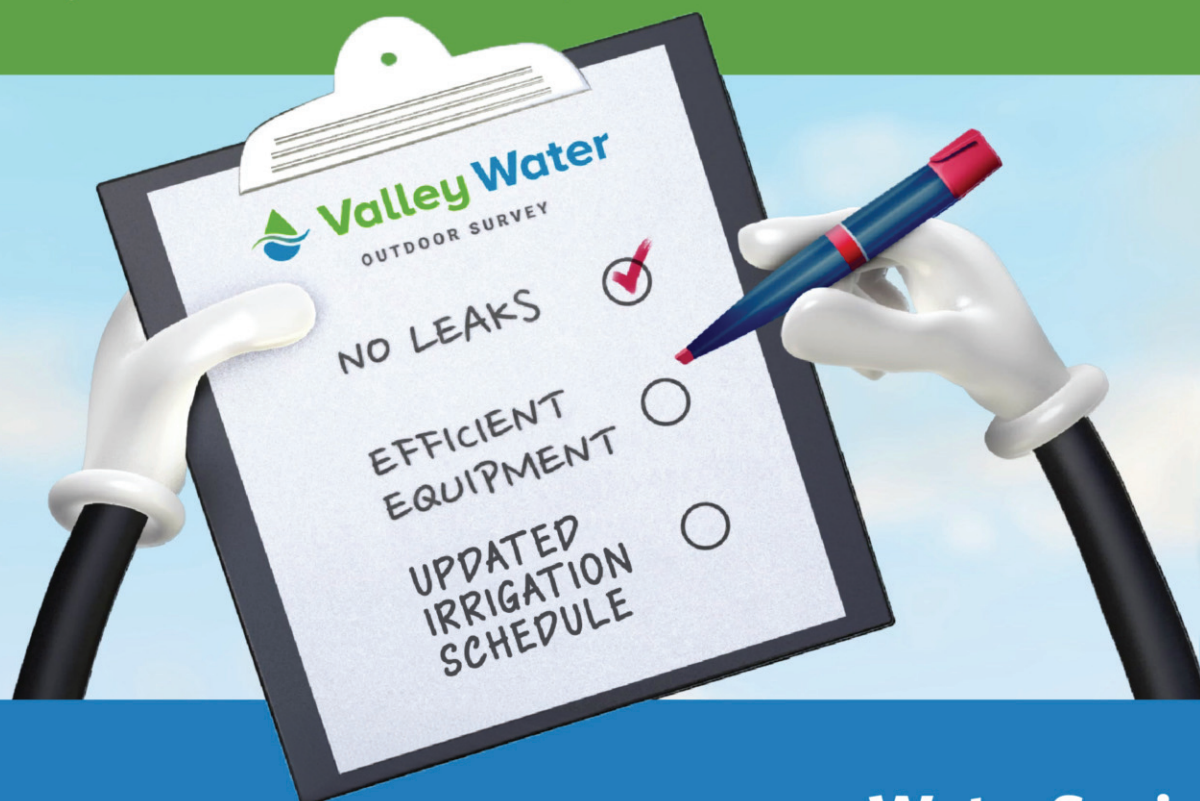
"If you want an NFL for all, you can't ignore the winners and champions who created that for you," Cortese said. "That should be the closing argument."

Right. But he still intends to introduce the resolution with the flowery language.

Please forgive him.

Editor's note: Mark Purdy is a former sports columnist for The Mercury News.

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Silicon Valley State Senator Dave Cortese introduces a bill to give homeless youth a pathway to employment and college

Senate Education Committee takes action Wednesday

With a staggering number of youth experiencing homelessness in high school, California State Senator Dave Cortese (D-Silicon Valley) has introduced Senate Bill 33 establishing a statewide guaranteed income pilot program to provide homeless students with direct cash assistance to support their transition out of high school. The goal is to give them access to employment and college.

SB33 went to the Senate Education Committee Wednesday, March 19 where committee members took action.

"In California, we have the unfortunate designation of having the largest homeless youth population in the nation and many of our large cities are trying to turn that around. My idea for SB 33 was spawned at San Jose State University where 11 percent of the student population is unhoused in one of the costliest areas in California," said Senator Dave Cortese, who spearheaded the nation's first guaranteed income program for fos-

ter youth in Santa Clara County.

According to Census Data, approximately 17,000 students in California were experiencing homelessness were enrolled in the 12th grade during the 2023-2024 academic year, a 2,000 student increase from the previous year. In Santa Clara County, approximately 5,000 students in K-12 were homeless in 2023-2024, a 500-student increase from the previous year, according to the California Department of Education.

The guaranteed income pilot program is titled the California SOAR (Success, Opportunity & Academic Resilience Guaranteed Income Program.)

- The program will provide \$1,000 in direct cash assistance to youth from May 1, 2026 through August 1, 2026. Cal SOAR will be administered by the Department of Social Services.

- Additionally the bill tries to create protections from any impact on public assistance programs, student financial aid and the California Earned Income Tax Credit.

- The bill also directs the Department to measure student employment and education attainment outcomes.

Rentals

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one of the last remaining options for shelter that unhoused individuals can afford," Ortega said at the meeting. "The true issue is a lack of affordable housing. Instead of punishing those who seek shelter in RVs, the city should focus on providing real humane housing solutions. If safety is the concern, then provide sanitation services in designated areas with proper oversight, not further displacement."

Ortega has been living near Columbus Park since 2017. He said he's only aware of one individual who is living in an RV rental.

"(Mahan) wants to clear the streets of the homeless (before) the Super Bowl," Ortega told San José Spotlight. "I think it's done purposely. It's another one of his tactics."

The city is studying how other localities like Los Angeles are dealing with vanlords which has made the leasing of RVs for housing illegal.

San Jose estimates there are 1,000 lived-in vehicles throughout the city, and officials want

to find ways to stem the supply of RVs as well as the blight.

The city has started temporarily banning RVs and other lived-in vehicles in designated areas. Under a \$3.3 million pilot program, the city has chosen 30 temporary tow-away zones to clear lived-in vehicles for street sweeping and cleanup throughout the year. It will establish a new temporary tow-away zone every week.

Residents have been worried they'll lose their shelter if they aren't able to move their RVs before sweeps happen. Many live in inoperable vehicles.

Councilmember David Cohen said the intent of the proposal is not to target those who live in RVs but to hold those renting vehicles accountable.

"We have procedures to follow to provide rental spaces for others," Cohen said. "Our concerns are (for) people who are putting out old, inoperable vehicles and then renting them to people to live in, as opposed to people who own their own RVs—which is not at all the target of this potential ordinance."

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San José Mineta International Airport to have new generation of Airport retail concessions

SJ City Council approves \$16.9 million in capital investment bringing new retail concession opportunities to Terminals A & B

Following a comprehensive Request for Proposal (RFP) process, San José City Council has approved the selection of two partners, Hudson and Paradies Lagardère, to manage a new retail concession program at San José Mineta International Airport (SJC) that will support 50+ local retailers.

The collective minimum capital investment of \$16.9 million will support a high-quality build-out featuring fresh new looks and integrate new technologies that will enhance the passenger experience, increase speed of service and drive sales.

Consisting of 12 retail concepts throughout Terminals A and B, the new partners will bring an updated product mix and a refreshed look and feel to the Airport's retail concessions, with new retail outlets opening as early as this year. The new program features a diverse mix of travel essentials, cafés and specialty retail, prioritizing high-quality products, local merchandise, technology and exceptional customer service. To ensure product freshness, all grab-and-go food will be locally sourced from within Santa Clara County.

Prioritizing a keen sense of place—focusing on innovation, local flavors, small businesses and a curated product selection—the new program will include diverse offerings featuring established brands and local businesses, including an almost 50% increase in participation by Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. Both retail partners committed to support a high-quality build-out with new technology components that are designed to delight customers and drive incremental revenue.

"With thousands of visitors expected to pass through SJC for the Super Bowl, NCAA Men's Basketball, and World Cup games in 2026, now is the perfect time to enhance our airport's shops, cafes, and overall customer experience," said San José Mayor Matt Mahan. "By putting the spotlight on small businesses and local foods, we ensure that travelers from around the world experience the unique identity of San José from the moment they arrive."

"Thank you to the City Council for investing in the Airport and creating new opportunities for passengers and Airport users to enjoy. SJC's new retail program will create a distinctive San José and Silicon Valley experience by offering visually appealing and welcoming concessions that capture the region's spirit and cultural richness," said San José City Manager Jennifer Maguire.

"Hudson's program will showcase a diverse selection of local goods, including wines from renowned vine-

yards such as Eden Rift Vineyards (Hollister) and J. Lohr (San José); artisanal gifts from esteemed local makers including Alice Frost Designs and Lola x Kenneth Collaboration (San José) and culinary delights from local purveyors such as Mike & Niki's Honey Company (Campbell), Sweetdragon Baking Company (San José), Garlic World (Gilroy) and Lala's Jam Bar (Sonoma County), among many others.

Tech enthusiasts will be captivated by a unique Google shop-in-shop featuring cutting-edge electronics and the newest and most trendy products in an experiential display where travelers can try and play before buying, along with merchandise avail-



Plaza de San José rendering

able only at SJC. SJC will be among the first airports in the nation to feature merchandise directly from Google. Additionally, Hudson will carry a curated selection of best-in-class global electronics brands, including Apple, Bose, Sony and other sought-after technology.

Hudson's program will also include San José-based Nirvana Soul Café and all grab-and-go food products will be

sourced locally from Eatly Silicon Valley. The overall concepts showcase the rich heritage of the San José region, drawing inspiration from iconic local names such as Santana Row and Willow Glen Market.

Paradies Lagardère's program will also reflect the unique character of the San José region by featuring an array of locally sourced goods, showcasing the work of artisans and mak-

ers such as Gooseberry Designs (Los Gatos) and The Capsmith (San José). Local gourmet offerings will include delectables from Nokki Farm (San José), Alice Stick Cookies (Los Altos), Ginger Lab (Santa Clara), Daybreak Coffee (San José) and Greenlee's Bakery (San José), among many others.

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WWII Airman

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sailors patrolling the area. Due to the German occupation of Denmark, the sailors were forced to turn over both crewmen where they spent the rest of WWII in a POW camp.

Subsequent searches for his remains were unsuccessful. In 1948, the American Graves Registration Command (AGRC), which sought to recover fallen American personnel in Europe, investigated the crash, but did not locate the remains of McCollum or his crew. He was declared non-recoverable on

May 12, 1950.

Fast forward more than half a century later, Royal Danish Navy divers on a training mission in 2019 came across McCollum's WWII aircraft in about 60 feet of water at the bottom of the Baltic Sea.

The diving team first recovered a .50 caliber machine gun with a damaged serial number, one that partially matched the gun used in McCollum's missing plane. Two years later, the site was cleared of unexploded ordnance and quickly became an archaeological site due to the presence of human remains and other evidence.

Additional dives conducted

On several occasions in 2022, 2023, and 2024, Trident Archäologie, Wessex Archaeology, volunteers from Project Recover, the Royal Danish Navy, and the Langelands Museum teamed up to conduct excavations and recovery operations. Their endeavor was a success as they were able to recover human remains as well as ID tags from two of the crew members. McCollum's dental records along with his DNA tests were conclusive that the identity on one set of remains belonged to Robert T. McCollum. It was a shock to military and civilians alike that McCollum's remains were successfully recovered, nearly intact, after more than 80 years.

Project Recover

Project Recover is a non-profit organization dedicated to finding the remains of our fallen service members. Moline said his team used underwater vehicles to map the crash site, using high-resolution sonar. The organization is headed by Mark Moline, University of Delaware Professor and Co-Founder of the Project Recover Partnership.

For the folks at Project Recover, it's all about bringing closure for families of service members MIA/KIA.

"My engineer is actually the one who found the first signs of remains,"

Maline said. "We found bits of parachute and the parachute led us to the parachute cords, and then the harness and then the remains," Moline explains. "So yeah, the bone



A piece of Robert McCollum's planes' wreckage recovered from the bottom of the Baltic Sea.

remains were still there."

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McCollum's remains were flown to the (DPAA) Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's Forensics Lab in Hawaii, cross-referencing the bones with military records, pulling DNA from the bones, and eventually cross-matching family members currently living in California and Colorado.

Family DNA sample match

There was a request for family DNA samples and when there is a positive match there, they know who they have. So, it's quite a process that can take around a decade, however McCollum's remains were pushed through the system swiftly, with confirmed recovered status on December 10, 2024. Without the DPAA, none of this would happen.

DNA results

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An engineer with Project Recover spotted bits of a parachute which led to finding the parachute's cords, and then the harness still attached to the remains.

along with my brother and sister in providing DNA samples, but I did not believe a match would be found in my lifetime," said next of kin, Sandy Bellou of San Jose, CA. "When the DNA results came back with a match of 5.87 million to 1, our whole family and everyone involved were astonished. I feel blessed, amazed, and honored to receive the news of Robert's recovery. There are no words that can express the gratitude that I feel for the hundreds of people that worked so hard to accomplish this goal."

Moline said he's proud of the work to repatriate 2nd LT McCollum, and views it as a major victory,

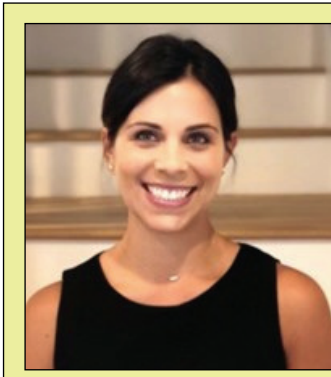
but said there's more work to be done for so many others.

"We need to resolve over 80,000 cases that are of service members that are still missing," he said. "So, we have a daunting task ahead of us. But we do it for the families."

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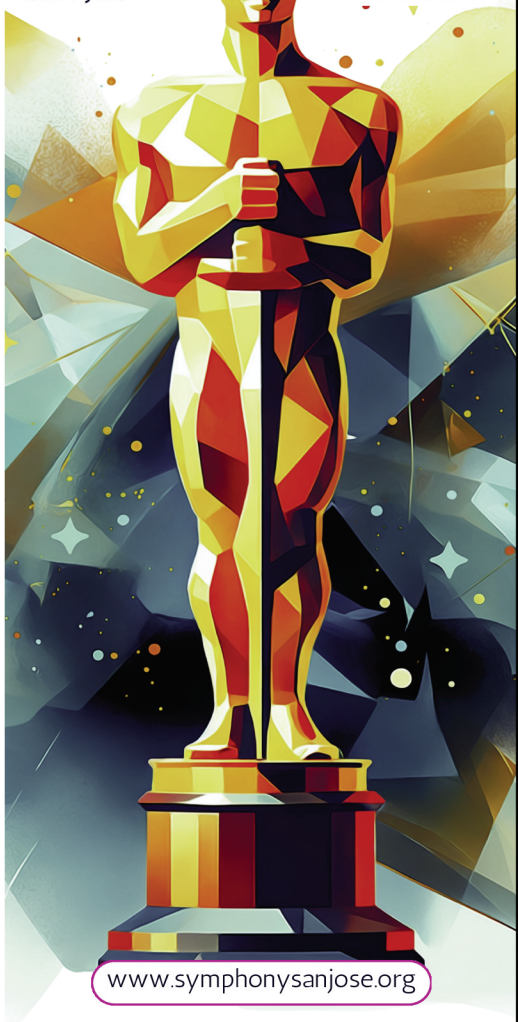
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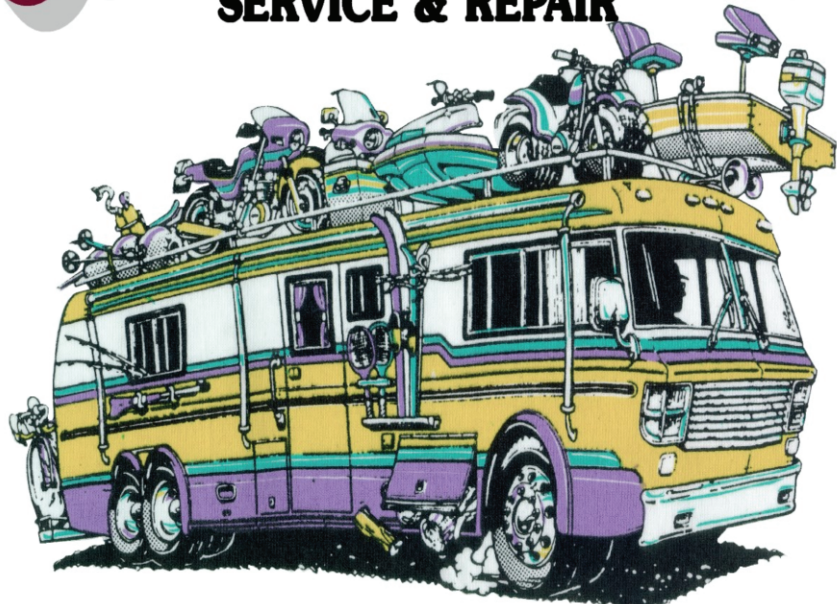
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Maren Sederquist, school site council chair, said the updates have been effective, resulting in a 22.4% increase in attendance and 56% decrease in tardies since last year. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

Safety

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a 22.4% increase in attendance and a 56% decrease in tardies since last year. In January last year, the high school had 44% of seniors on track to graduate, and it's already up to 77% as of January.

"At Willow Glen High, our graduation rates for seniors are always between 92% and 97%," she said, "but getting them up to a higher percentage in January is gonna give more of them a better chance."

How the plan works

Accountability and consistency are the foundations of the updated safety plan. All student searches and suspensions will be equitable. Students are supervised at all times, there are consequences for missed tutorials, gaps are removed from students' schedules, passes are required for leaving class and parents must be present to check their teens out.

"If we walk into a room and it smells like marijuana... every student is going to be searched," Sederquist said. "We're not trying to target certain students. People are being treated fairly."

'Did a gun go off?': San Jose school district parents want answers

For added security, all administrators roam the campus throughout the day and cameras are checked frequently. Speakers in classrooms are tested regularly.

Students are less fearful to use the restrooms, Sederquist said, now that they're supervised. Restrooms are cleaner and have less tagging and drug use, she added.

Sederquist said the Why Wait Project has been an invaluable resource in updating the school's safety plan. Last year, parent Trudi McCanna formed the Why Wait Project to provide school site councils — responsible for creating safety plans for individual campuses — with research-based, best-practice approaches to school safety.

Other school site council parents are following what the school's doing, but they need support from the district to ensure their plans can be implemented, McCanna told San José Spotlight.

At the Feb.12 meeting, she said the district puts overwhelming responsibility on schools dealing with safety issues and called for a safety program director at the district level.

San Jose Unified School District Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo said she par-

ticipated in Simonds Elementary School's site safety plan meeting. She said each school forwarded its safety plan and public comments to the district for evaluation and future planning.

"Although I cannot be at all the school site safety plan committee meetings, I trust that each school is also going through this process which takes into account each individual school's differences," she told San José Spotlight. "This also allows for flexibility of those schools who may want to be more engaged or have other challenging issues to address that are specific to their school site."

Sederquist said SJUSD updated its safety protocols and emergency response and created a seven-page summary for parents. She'd like the district to allow the school to pilot an anonymous reporting system created by the Sandy Hook Promise, where students can report a classmate at risk of harming themselves or others through an app, website or telephone hotline connected to a team of trained counselors.

She said an increase is needed in the availability of naloxone on campus to combat opioid overdoses, as well as trauma kits, battery-powered lights, classroom walkie-talkies and outside lighting.

Parent Holly Gallup said the meeting reassured her about safety on campus. McCanna was also impressed with how much the school site council has accomplished.

"I don't know of any other school in the district that... has looked at the safety plan with such thoroughness," McCanna said. "Willow Glen High School is absolutely leading the way in our district."



Parent Trudi McCanna hopes SJUSD will respond positively to Willow Glen High School's efforts and take them a step further. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

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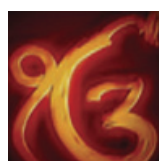


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