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San José to clear one of the last large encampments within city limits, offering shelter to 100 people

One-mile stretch of land along the Coyote Creek set to be abated in 50 days

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

The City of San José is clearing Coyote Meadows, near Story and Senter Roads, starting April 15. Approximately 100 unhoused people currently live at the site.

City staff have begun in-person outreach and distributed materials in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, offering interim housing options.

Mayor Matt Mahan highlighted efforts to expand shelter capacity and restore public spaces, and City Manager Jennifer Maguire emphasized balancing compassion with responsibility, noting daily offers of shelter and support during the area's restoration.

The abatement aims to help individuals experiencing homelessness
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Free Hola Mohalla Festival of Courage and Strength March 22 at Sikh Gurdwara in Evergreen Valley

Free admission and complimentary food served all day at San Jose Gurdwara; a festival of love from the Sikhs

By Kirpal Atwal

Special to the Times

This year's Hola Mohalla Festival of Courage and Strength will be held on Sunday,

March 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at one of America's most beautiful landmarks, San Jose Gurdwara, which makes its home in Evergreen Valley on Quimby Road.

Hola Mohalla Festival is a day where all people of all cultures and religions are invited as guests of honor
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Remembering Colleen Ellen Cortese

August 26, 1934 – February 13, 2026

Resident of Evergreen Valley

Colleen Ellen Cortese passed away peacefully at her family's Elysian Valley Ranch in Janesville, California on February 13, 2026. Colleen's loving family was at her bedside.

She is survived by her daughter Teresa Cortese and three grandchildren, Joe Meyer (Nora), Makaela Shively (Jimmy) and Gino Meyer. Colleen's sunshine was her three great-grandchildren, Vincenzo, Kaelahni and Julian with another child on the way.

Colleen was preceded in death by her beloved husband Vince Cortese, Jr., to whom she was married for nearly 70 years. After living in a modest ranch house in San Jose, Colleen designed a house to meet the family's needs and Vince built it in 1970. Together they hosted seven foreign exchange students in their family home over the years from many countries including Colombia, Switzerland, Germany, Finland, Brazil and Japan.

Colleen and Vince were partners and participants in numerous extended family endeavors



in the Santa Clara Valley such as farming apricots, cherries and prunes, ranching, commercial real estate, philanthropy and public service.

Colleen was recognized as a local historian with special interests in San Jose's Evergreen area and the Bay Area's Native American settlements and contributions. Through a series of articles published in the *Evergreen Times* titled "Evergreen Pathways" she chronicled the region's unique story.

She co-created the Heritage Collection at Evergreen Valley Community College which included more than 100 photographs documenting local people, industries, schools and daily life from the 1800s through the 1900s. The collection was officially donated in 1991,

She was also known as "Mrs."
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Club Pilates opens at Evergreen Village Square

District 8 San Jose Councilmember Domingo Candelas welcomed Club Pilates as a new wellness destination for Evergreen Valley. The new business offers expertly led, low-impact fitness programs that support strength, mobility, and overall well-being. Club Pilates is offering a free class at its 4055 Evergreen Village Square location.

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To get to the event one can park their car and take the shuttle from Evergreen Valley High School on Quimby Road
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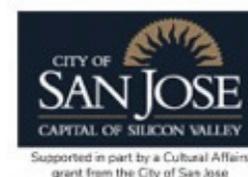
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Times Feature

San Jose Youth Symphony Spring Concert featuring Young Artist Competition Winners perform March 28

The Philharmonic Orchestra to perform Glazunov, Conus, Doppler and Liszt

The San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra, under the artistic leadership of Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, presents its 2025-26 Spring Concert, featuring 2025 Young Artist Competition Winners to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, 2 pm, at the California Theatre, 345 S. 1st Street in San Jose.

The orchestra will open with selections from Glazunov's music for the grand ballet, *Raymonda*, and will close the concert with Liszt's symphonic *Les Préludes*.

This concert will also feature two winners from last season's 2025 Young Artists' Competition, proudly sponsored by the San Jose Symphony Foundation.

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By Domingo Candela

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Once your appointment is confirmed, set out your items on the scheduled day, and let us handle the heavy lifting. A cleaner home and a cleaner community? That's a win-win.

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If you're interested in organizing a beautification event in your community, please reach out to my office by sending us an email district8@sanjoseca.gov or give us a call (408-535-4908).

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Council Report
Domingo Candela,
District 8 Councilmember



The Alum Rock Union School District board of trustees has approved employee layoffs to help cover a budget shortfall for the 2026-27 school year. File photo – San Jose Spotlight.

East San Jose school district cuts jobs to address deficit

By William Bellou
Publisher

An East San Jose school district is undertaking staff reductions resulting from declining enrollment, a significant budget deficit, and recent school closures.

The Alum Rock Union School District

board recently approved the issuance of layoff notices to numerous classified employees, with managerial staff potentially affected pending future board decisions. All impacted personnel will be formally notified by March 15.

According to spokesperson Sergio Diaz Luna, the district currently faces a budget shortfall exceeding \$8 million, which is projected to reach \$9.5 million by the 2027-28 academic year due to the anticipated loss of grant funding. In response to this financial challenge, the administration has recommended layoffs for the 2026-27 school year, with up to 38 employees at risk of losing their positions. Forty-three roles are slated for elimination, five of which are presently vacant.

"The board is faced with a challenging

decision to achieve budgetary balance," Luna said. "Efforts are being made to minimize the impact on classroom instruction by reducing staff at the district office and in ancillary services, necessitating a restructuring of personnel at that level."

Layoffs will affect a variety of positions, including administrative assistants, bus drivers, upholsterers, child nutrition assistants, custodians, health assistants, mechanics, office assistants, printing technicians, school administrative assistants, wellness site specialists, and liaisons. The California School Employees Association, representing some affected staff, indicated that the president of its Alum Rock chapter would not comment on the workforce reductions at this time.

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Festival

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the American Sikhs. Admission is always free.

The annual event provides a unique opportunity for the community to come together which fosters love and understanding for all. The festival includes sport challenges to promote good physical and mental health. Hola Mohalla focuses on building individual personal strength and courage in all you do.

The community experience of *The Festival of Courage and Strength* is a unique gift with thousands of volunteers of many faiths organizing the event which offers complementary specialty recipes of delicious handmade food and beverages, including the popular offering of multi-flavors of ice cream!

Building strength and courage

Families are invited to join in or observe many of the athletic competitions such as tug of war, running races for adults and children, martial arts, volleyball, basketball, and horseback riding. There will also be pony rides for youngsters where they navigate the saddle and ride the circular track, which surely will bring a smile!

"This is a festival where you can come and enjoy events with your family and walk around and enjoy our various activities. We welcome you as our guest and hope you have a wonderful time," said Bob Dhillon, President of the San Jose Gurdwara. "We want everyone to know that this

festival belongs to everyone in the community. It's an event where everyone is welcome to enjoy and build new friendships and understanding.

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

Booths of food & wares

The numerous food booths at the festival will be offering complementary handmade culturally authentic delicious foods. There will also be booths that will feature authentic traditional Indian wares (clothing items, kid's toys, jewelry and more) for purchase. It is like walking through an authentic bazaar in India. Community information booths will feature San Jose agencies and offer the availability to acquire free services.

The Protectors

The Sikhs have many cherished religious tenants which promote goodness in our world and in giving back to those in need. Their beliefs are composed of equality between man and woman and much more. The founder of the Sikh religion Guru Nanak Dev Ji saw the world suffering and urged every person of faith to seek within their hearts that there is one creator which exists everywhere regardless of religion, color or creed.

Sikhs truly care and protect the world and

thus many refer to them as "The Protectors." One of ten great leaders of the Sikh religion, Guru Gobind Singh Sahib Ji believed in teaching all to defend themselves with regard to building up courage and strength in the heart and mind. "Be strong, it is good." His wisdom has carried the Sikhs forward in their quest to share the Festival of *Courage and Strength* annually in Evergreen Valley.

Touring the Gurdwara

While attending the Festival, you are invited to take a tour and learn more about the culture of the San Jose Gurdwara, the largest of its kind in the United States and considered to be among the most beautiful and tranquil places in the world. A tour of the amazing Gurdwara history museum is a must see.

History

More than 300 years ago in the country of India, the revered 10th Guru of the Sikh religion, Guru Gobind Singh Ji decided to create a new festival which would promote strength and courage. Also, beautiful words of poetry combined with traditional music were included with the court poet Bhai Nand Lal. The festival continued year after year worldwide and is celebrated annually in Evergreen Valley.

Spread the word...

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and neighbors to introduce them to the joyous nature of how Evergreen Valley celebrates diversity and promotes respect for all cultures. The complementary items are bestowed with hearty smiles too and include fresh squeezed mouthwatering cane juice, husked ready to serve flame roasted corn on the cob, secret family recipes of tasty Indian fried foods, numerous side dishes, smooth delicious thick frozen ice cream and much more. The large stage presents music and more throughout the entire festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. while all around you is a buzz of sporting events.

If you wish to enter one of the sports team challenges, such as running races, basketball, volleyball or other sports, you can sign up in advance by going to the

Gurdwara website: www.san josegurdwara.org. Don't forget to wear tennis shoes. The philosophy is for everyone to find ways to develop and be proud of each person's individual strength of mind and body.

Editor's Notes: The Sikhs do not proselytize or try to get people to join their religion instead they believe the entire human race is connected and each religion can work in its own way to achieve the virtuousness of God. They believe everyone is special and all of us are equal. The Sikhs work with all churches through communities world-wide.

If you would like to volunteer or donate to the festival, visit San Jose Gurdwara's website: sanjosegurdwara.org. The address of the Gurdwara is 3636 Gurdwara Ave, San Jose, CA 95148. You can also stay connected by downloading the San Jose Gurdwara App.

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Cortese

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Pumpkin” to thousands of school children every October when she dressed as a kind Halloween figure to delight and inform thousands of students who would take school field trips to the Cortese Fruit Stand on San Felipe Road in San Jose.

Colleen and Vince were instrumental benefactors in the formation and construction of the Catholic parish St. Francis of Assisi in Evergreen, working closely with the late former Pastor Monsignor John Sandersfeld, and others. Teresa Cortese says her mother’s true passion project was the parish because of ‘her love for Jesus, community, and family.’

Colleen is also preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Gladys Buckley and brother, Joseph Alan Buckley (Bonnie).

She was born on August 26, 1934 in Bakersfield, CA. Her childhood was spent in a large farmhouse in Wasco, CA. While attending Bakersfield College, Colleen was crowned Miss “Magic Maiden” and represented Kern County at the California State Fair in 1953. She became a professional dancer and performed with the Horace Heidt band.

After moving to San Jose, Colleen worked

at the former downtown Hales department store. Later, she joined the leadership team at the former Emporium department store at Eastridge Mall.

In retirement, Colleen’s hobbies were reading, gardening, walking and visiting with friends and family.

A life so beautifully lived leaves a legacy that time cannot diminish. Colleen will be remembered for her grace, her generosity, and the way she made every person feel welcome — whether at her family table, her parish, the fruit stand, or in the pages of local history she so lovingly preserved.

Her faith guided her, her family grounded her, and her community inspired her. She leaves behind not only children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who were the light of her life, but also a community enriched by her kindness, curiosity, and steadfast devotion.

Though she is now reunited with her beloved Vince, the love they built together continues to flourish in the generations that follow. Colleen’s spirit — warm, joyful, and deeply rooted in faith and family — will live on in every story told, every tradition carried forward, and every life she touched.

Services will be held on March 17th, 10:30am at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church located in Evergreen.

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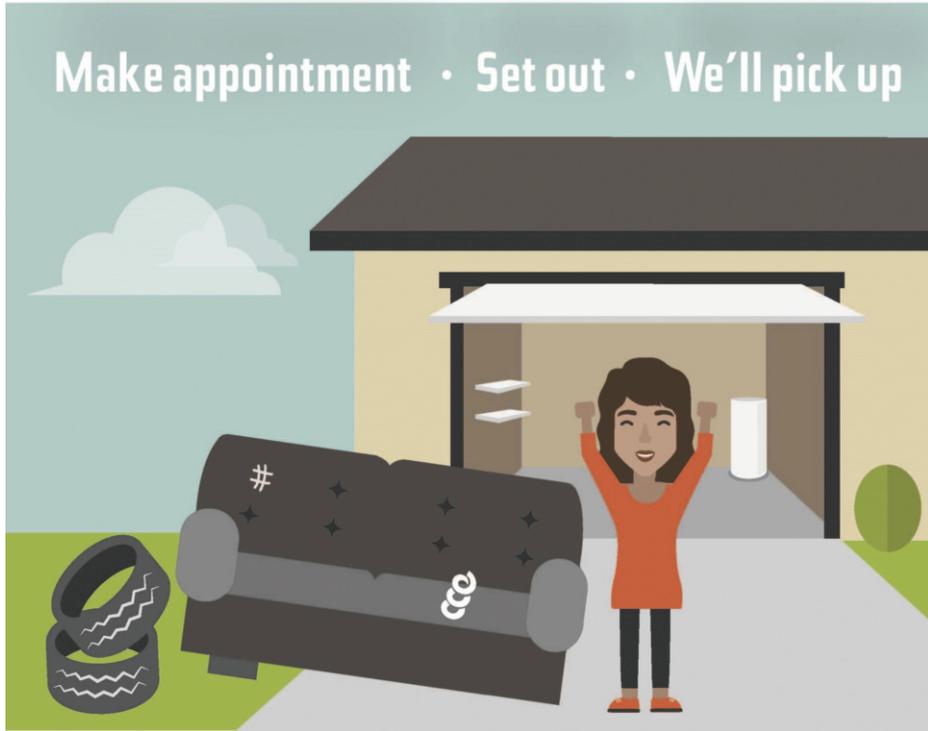
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Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose appoints Linda Tsai as new CEO

By Sean Eastwood
Times Media staff writer

Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose is proud to announce the appointment of Linda Tsai as its new President and Chief Executive Officer.

A seasoned nonprofit executive with deep roots in San Jose and Silicon Valley, Tsai brings more than two decades of leadership experience in museums, philanthropy, and mission-driven organizations.

Tsai most recently served as Senior Vice President and Senior Executive Director at the American Heart Association in Los Angeles, where her team consistently exceeded goals in fundraising, community impact, and brand engagement. Tsai's career also includes senior leadership roles at The Tech Interactive, where she helped lead strategic planning and major fundraising initiatives, as well as executive positions at two national foundations.

"I've dedicated my career to strengthening organizations that open doors for children and families," Tsai said. "Leading this beloved institution is both a professional calling and a personal joy, and I look forward to expanding its reach so more young people can build confidence, think creatively, and see themselves as capable of shaping the world around them."

Tsai was selected following a rigorous national search led by the museum's Board search committee and conducted by Shelli Herman and Associates, Inc., distinguishing

herself among a strong field of candidates. She succeeds Executive Director Marilee Jennings, who is retiring after an extraordinary 35-plus year career serving children and families since the museum's founding.

Deric Do of Evergreen named to Siena University President's List

Deric Do of Evergreen Valley has been named to Siena University President's List for the Fall 2025 Semester.

The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

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NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

- San Jose is committed to celebrating the achievements of girls and young women in sports and expanding their leadership opportunities. Recently, the San Jose City Council celebrated the strength, grit, and greatness of women in sports with National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Pictured above are council members Domingo Candelas and Peter Ortiz along with members of the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative.

Encampments

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lessness while meeting requirements to reduce debris in Coyote Creek and is expected to last 30-60 days depending on conditions.

The recent opening of Cerone Interim Housing adds placement options for residents leaving the encampment, supporting higher rates of shelter acceptance. The City will provide regular updates as the process continues.

Timeline and Process

- Start Date: Clearing will begin on April 15, 2026.
- Outreach Duration: The city will conduct outreach for at least 50 days prior to the clearing.
- Notification: Residents of the encampment have been informed about the upcoming clearance.

Support and Services Offered

- Interim Housing: Approximately 100 individuals will be offered interim housing options.
 - Social Services: City staff will provide social services and support to help residents transition indoors.
 - Multilingual Materials: Information will be distributed in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese to ensure all residents are informed.
- Goals of the Clearance**
- Public Space Restoration: The area will be transformed into a "No Encampment Zone" to prevent future encampments.
 - Environmental Compliance: The city aims to reduce debris and pollutants entering Coyote Creek, complying with stormwater permit requirements.
- This initiative reflects San José's commitment to balancing compassion for the homeless with the responsibility of maintaining public health and safety.

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