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# Willow Glen I mes



"As You Like It" will be performed at Willow Street Park, San Jose, starting June 8. (Photo Credit: Evelyn Huynh)

# **Shakespeare in the park** presents 'As You Like It'

cilicon Valley Shakespeare (SVS) begins its sixth annual production at Willow Street Park in Willow Glen.

SVS presents a fresh take on the Shakespeare classic, As You Like It, starting June 8 and continuing through June 24. The performances are scheduled Thursday thru Sunday at 7 p.m.

Part of their Free Shakespeare in the Park series, this engaging, family-friendly comedy kicks off the summer season for SVS, as they celebrate their 20th season of bringing vibrant and affordable theatrical experiences to a diverse audience of theatregoers.

Step into a pop-up book of fairytale romance and journey into the Forest of Arden, Follow the play's heroine, Rosalind, as she flees persecution in her uncle's court to find safety - and eventually, love. Along the way, she encounters a variety of memorable characters, delighting the audience.

Willow Street Park is located at: 1320 Willow St., San Jose, CA 95125.

"This engaging, family-friendly comedy kicks off the summer season for Silicon Valley Shakespeare."



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## **County Supervisor Ken Yeager presents** commendation to Willow Glen native

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

anta Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager presented Willow Glen native J.T. Service with a County commendation on May 8 for his work in the community in the areas of health and wellness.

At Yeager's urging, the Board of Supervisors commended Service "for his work as an entrepreneur, runner, and non-profit supporter who has encouraged youth and adults alike throughout the County to both improve their own health and help their communities through charity runs."

Service is the founder and CEO of Soul Focus Sports, which organizes and operates numerous fun and charity runs throughout San Jose and Silicon Valley, including the San Jose

408K Race to the Row, benefitting the Pat Tillman Foundation, the Silicon Valley Half Marathon, 10K, and Food Truck 5K, benefitting the ALearn Silicon Valley Education Found-ation, and the Stanford Summer Scamper, benefitting the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

"I've known J.T. for about a decade and he is a remarkable young man. Before he started his company we really didn't have any of these type of fun runs in the area. Other cities in California have them all the time," said Yeager. "I have participated in basically all of the runs that J.T. and his company put on, and they not only raise a lot of money for charity but also encourage health and wellness in young people through the kids' fun runs.'

Races founded, co-founded, or operated by Service and Soul Focus Sports have raised more than \$3.6 million for area nonprofits and charities.

"It's really a team effort and we just love what we do," said Service. "It's really just getting out there and putting on something fun so people don't even know that they are doing something that is good for them and good for their community."

Service was raised in Willow Glen and graduated from Archbishop Mitty High School. He was a NCAA Division 1 runner at UC Santa Barbara, where he led the cross country team to their first-ever appearance in the Division 1 finals in 2001. In 2007, he qualified for the U.S. Olympic marathon trials by running a sub 2:22 time. After graduating from UCSB, he received his law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law.

**Times Feature** 



#### Roberto Granados CD concert at Willow Glen's Hoover Theater

Roberto Granados and his brother, percussionist Ernesto Granados will appear on Saturday, May 19 at 7 p.m.

This talented duo made their debut at the Historic Hoover Theater, more than



eight years ago. Now they're back to celebrate the release of Roberto's latest CD, Soñador (Dreamer).

Granados' original compositions and arrangements are a musical snapshot of his personal vision of flamenco, with songs that evoke a certain person, place, experience, memory or emotion.

The Granados brothers are set to be joined by Flamenco dancers Melissa Cruz and Bianca Rodriguez, and a special guest singer to be announced.

The concert is sponsored by the Flamenco Society of San Jose.

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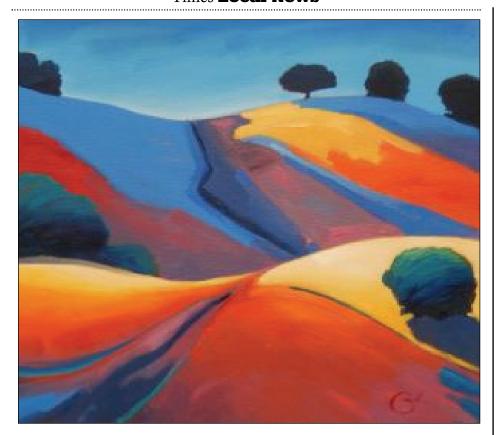
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Times Local News



# **Gary Coleman of Willow Glen among artists in Silicon Valley Open Studio**

ary Coleman, a long-time Willow Glen resident, who has participated in Silicon Valley Open Studio for the past 15 years, will do so again this year on his 80th birthday on May 19-20.

Gary's California roots show in his landscape art, paintings of rhythmic rolling golden hills, dotted with oaks and bathed in warm color. Both his landscapes and his abstracts have been well received, affording him one-person shows at Pacific Art League of Palo Alto, Pacific Grove Art Center, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts to mention a few. He has shown at numerous restaurants, and recently sold an entire

collection to Noah's Bar and Bistro in Morgan Hill.

Over the years he has won a good number of show prizes, the most recent being Best of Show for both the 2014 and 2016 Pacific Art League "All Abstract" annual shows.

Every year Gary looks forward to Open Studio. It gives him a chance to display, mostly in his spacious yard, all the work that he has in his home studio, and to talk with people interested in art. Artists love to show their work.

To view Gary Coleman's website, visit: garycolemanartist.com.



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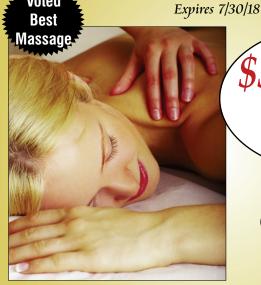


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The funds, managed by the Fire Department, will be distributed to nonprofit organizations to engage directly with the community in these efforts, and oversee installations. The donation will also be used for fire safety and prevention services for residents.

Hoang is a philanthropist who previously donated \$5 million to support victims of the Coyote Creek Flood, as well as a tragic mobile home fire last year.

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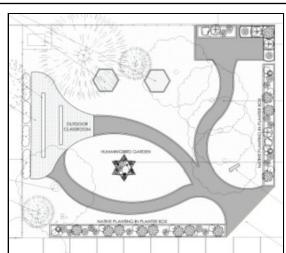
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# Valley Currents

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# 'Meredith's Corner' renovations underway at Schallenberger School

By William Bellou Publisher

enovations are currently underway for Meredith's Corner on the Schallenberger school campus, including a new classroom for students and teachers to enjoy.

The memorial is a tribute to Meredith Blanchard, a sixth-grade student at Schallenberger Elementary in the 1970's. Meredith's family is intimately involved in this renovation, and they're excited about keeping her legacy alive.

Drought tolerant native plants will serve as the foundation for a hummingbird garden, butterfly waystation, mason bee hives and interactive learning zones that demonstrate the vital role nature plays in the lives of Schallenberger students.

The community is encouraged to get involved with renovation program. Personalized engraved bricks are being sold at \$100 each and will be permanently installed in the garden. Sponsorships are available for families and businesses, and monetary and material donations are also welcome and appreciated by the Meredith's family.

For more information, visit: shsa.info/ merediths-corner-renovation.





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Times The Valley

# County's proposed budget reflects investment in services and saving for the future

County

Report

By Dave Cortese

Special to the Times

T's that time of the year again, when I invite you to be a part of the annual Budget process and let you know how the County

plans to invest your tax dollars in the next fiscal year, 2018-2019. And to remind you that now is the time to speak up.

The Budget document – 3,182 pages – was made public on Friday, May 4. It's posted on the Santa Clara County website. (Visit www. sccgov.org and scroll to Hot Topics. Click on Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Information.)

The Budget is a planning document, but also an educational tool. You can learn a lot about the services the County provides through the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, the County Jails and Courts, the Sheriff's Office and Fire Departments, our County Parks and the Social Services Agency. More specifically, the County provides services related to early childhood development, behavioral health, climate and sustainability, immigration, affordable housing and homelessness, roads and airports and agricultural preservation.

For the fifth year in a row, we won't have to trim our \$6.98 billion budget, of which about \$3.5 billion is the General Fund, thanks to a strong local economy and action we took five years ago to cut our costs and increase our cash flow. Over a decade ago, we had to make \$1.8 billion in cuts. So, the County has been working to rebuild its workforce, which is now approximately 20,000.

However, we need to be prepared for the unexpected and the economic downturn that we know will happen. Also, like last year, we face uncertain funding from state proposals and threatened cuts from the federal government. County Executive Jeff Smith has given the 2018-19 Budget this theme: "Prudent spending for an uncertain world with ongoing and expanding client needs."

In short, the County will spend more on some areas, including community outreach, employee support, inmate support, healthcare and social work services and the park system. The County also needs to make a bigger investment in new technology and facilities and will continue to build our reserves for unknown expenses or cuts in revenue.

When you locate the Budget document on line, an index to the left will take you to the section you might be most interested in.

The first item under Contents is the County Executive's Budget Message, which is a good place to start. County Executive Ieff Smith gives an assessment of the County's priorities and the challenges we are likely to face in the year ahead. There also is a Budget Users Guide toward the end of the Contents list, which explains how the budget is put together, timelines used in the

process, a glossary of terms and much more.

The Board of Supervisors conducted Budget workshops on May 21, May 23, and May 24. These are public sessions that allow them to delve deeper into an area, ask questions and hear from residents. You can watch workshop recordings on a computer at sccgov.org. In June, the Board will begin the Budget Hearings, scheduled for June 11, June 12, June 13 and June 15. Those also will be viewable on the Internet, or, of course in person. The hearings will begin at 1:30 p.m. on June 11, 12 and 13, and at 9:30 a.m. on June 15, when the Board will vote on the budget.

If you have questions during or after the budget process, please feel free to call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.



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OP ED

#### Measure B won't help low income veterans or seniors

By Rose Herrera

Former Vice-Mayor and Air Force Veteran

n June 5 don't fall for the phony campaign claiming to help low income Military Veterans and seniors and Vote no on Measure B. Proponents of Measure B on San Jose's June ballot are cynically using the public's concern for Veterans and Seniors to financially benefit a Billionaire developer to the tune of several hundred million dollars, while not guaranteeing one unit of housing for low income Veterans and Seniors. The fact that Veterans have joined a very diverse coalition, which includes the entire San Jose City Council, both political parties and hundreds of civic leaders in opposing Measure B speaks volumes.

Measure B does not address lower income levels, leaving out the lower income Veterans that most need help- a violation of the spirit of the City of San Jose's affordable housing requirements. In fact this measure circumvents the very housing requirements that help guarantee that affordable housing actually gets built by removing a timing requirement that requires a developer to build the affordable housing at the same time as the market rate housing if the development includes the promise of affordable housing. Removing the timing requirement raises the question of whether these developers will ever build the promised affordable housing.

Measure B does not guarantee one single housing unit for veterans and is in a poor location to support low income veterans in need of services. The proposed Evergreen project which spawned this city-wide measure claiming to help Veterans is located far away from services that most Veteran housing provides- another clue that they are not serious about building low income veterans housing. Far away from a Transit center, Veterans health services, and other services, these Veterans would be isolated in the suburbs. By comparison, "The Willows" in Palo Alto is an example of best practice, award winning Veterans affordable housing. Close to transit, near Veterans services (including medical care) and offering deeply affordable rent, the Willows offers a life changing experience for Veterans.

Veterans and Seniors are also being used by the authors of measure B to set a dangerous precedent that will undermine our general plan and allow developers to exempt themselves from fees, threaten job lands and the future of San Jose. Our general plan was developed with substantial participation from the community, and embodies the values and vision of how we want San Jose to develop over the next 20+ years. The General plan aims to improve our quality of life by reducing sprawl and traffic congestion, promoting housing near transit and jobs, and providing city services more economically. It maintains a jobs-housing balance, recognizing that San Jose must provide jobs and housing to meet residents' needs. We need jobs, in particular, to grow our tax base to pay for services. Historically San Jose converted too much of its industrial land to sprawling single family homes and, as a result, has struggled with an anemic tax base unlike Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Moun-tain View and other cities who enjoy more companies, more jobs per employed residents and a healthier tax base. Measure B would exacerbate the jobs-housing imbalance by allowing more conversion of industrial land including converting the Evergreen land which is currently designated as jobs lands with no plan for recouping the loss of these jobs.

Measure B makes an end run around our general plan and the City Council to benefit one developer, which is why The San Jose City Council placed Measure C on the June ballot to codify and protect our General Plan from an irresponsible bal-

lot measure. While not everyone agrees on what should happen to the undeveloped lands on the city outskirts in Ever-green or Coyote valley, a large and diverse coalition of folks agree that giving one developer carte blanche to re-write our general plan for his financial benefit, while misleading the public that this measure is helping Veterans and Seniors, is wrong. Voters should say NO to Measure B and YES to Measure C to protect our general plan and our future.





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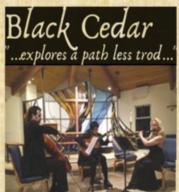
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Times Feature



Host Neil Patrick Harris (center) poses with Apoorva Panidapu (left) and the rest of the finalists on NBC's "Genius Junior" Championship telecast on May 13. Photo courtesy of NBC/Genius Junior.

## **Apoorva wins** the hearts of millions

By William Bellou Publisher

undreds of San Jose viewers joined millions to watch Apoorva Pani-Ldapu compete on the brain-bending "Genius Junior" Championship NBC telecast on May 13.

San Jose's thirteen-year-old super brain Apoorva and her team, The Fast and the Curious competed in four rounds -Human GPS, Number Cruncher, Talking Dictionary, and Memory Master - to secure their team's spot in the finals, and finished runner-up in the final "Genius Junior" Championship episode of the season.

In the Human GPS round, the teams were quizzed on the Titanic. In the number cruncher, the numbers were called out first, then followed by the operation and Apoorva scored the highest of all the semifinalists. In Talking Dictionary, all the vowels were removed and the teams had to identify the word first then spell backwards. The Fast and the Curious team did a tremendous job, getting a score of 11.

The competition finally came down to Memory Master in which the teams had to recall 104 cards in the reverse order. Their opponents, Team 27 yards did a fantastic job, correctly recalling 56 cards, and Apoorva's team, the Fast and the curious finished the game with 61 cards. The team received a total score of 87, the highest score of all the semi-finalists and securing a final spot in the Championship round.

Apoorva commended 27 Yards saying, "Every single one of them did really well, showing how capable and brilliant they each are. It was a great game and definitely a challenging one." The championship round took place right after the semifinals, in which The Dork Side, Geeks on Fleek, and the Fast and the Curious went head to head.

In the finale, the teams were quizzed on several constellations for Human GPS. Based on this round, one team would be eliminated. The Dork Side secured third place, and the Fast and the Curious and

Geeks on Fleek moved on to Number Cruncher and Talking Dictionary before they took on the cortex. Apoorva, once again, was the Super Brain for Number Cruncher, quickly solving equations with squares, cubes, and cube roots. She correctly answered all questions in split seconds, leaving the audience in awe.

During the show, Neil Patrick Harris joked, "It's like you know them faster than I'm actually speaking the words." Apoorva was also featured with her family during the home shoots doing kung fu and sketching her teammates Treasure and Sebastian.

Neil Patrick Harris said, "I was completely awestruck and inspired by these amazing kids. I knew we would be dealing with bright, ambitious youngsters when we began casting, but they exceeded all my expectations. Not only are they off-thecharts smart, but they are incredibly wellrounded and sweet. Meeting these kids filled me with hope for the future."

Apoorva mentioned she had an amazing experience meeting the host, Neil Patrick Harris, and the other kids. "All of us are friends now and we are connected on Instagram," she said.

"One of the priceless moments of Genius Junior happened after we finished the finale, said Apoorva. "As we were walking out, the Genius Junior staff were out there cheering and congratulating me and my team, and I received an invitation from Neil Patrick Harris. I was honored to meet him and get a final hug and autograph from him. I gave him a painting I made for him and we had our photo taken together."

After learning I would be on the show, Apoorva, a talented artist, decided to draw Neil Patrick Harris. "I wanted to thank him for the opportunity and give him something to remember the show by," said Apoorva. "He really was the best host ever!"

What's next for our Genius Junior: Apoorva will be travelling for her competitions and attending Canada/USA Mathcamp. Also she will be giving a couple more talks after the success of her inspirational speech at Tie Inflect 2018.

Apoorva has also received quite a few art requests for her fundraiser to support the Children in Africa and plans to paint as often as she can. If you would like to support her fundraiser, please visit apoorvaartgallery.com.



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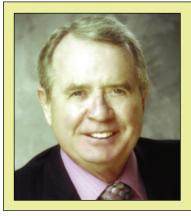
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