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## **Greener energy at a** lower rate for San Jose

By Lorraine Gabbert Senior Staff Writer

an Jose is becoming greener, and not just from the rain or latest startup. San Jose Clean Energy (SJCE) has become San Jose's official electricity provider, offering cleaner, greener electricity at a lower rate than PG&E.

Lori Mitchell, Director of San Jose Department of Clean Energy, recently introduced SJCE at an Almaden Valley Community Association meeting. "This is a community choice energy program," says Mitchell. "We're pretty excited about it."

With an eye towards a more sustainable future, in May 2017, the city council unanimously approved SJCE, offering electricity through the city's new Community Energy Department.

Residents will continue to receive the same delivery and maintenance services from PG&E, but the sources of electricity have changed.

Following state legislation in 2002, Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), also known as Community Choice Energy (CCE), programs have launched across California: there are currently 18 CCAs statewide and eight in the Bay Area.

The first county to launch this program was Marin in 2010, followed by Sonoma and Mendocino. Those living in Santa Clara County are already enrolled in Silicon Valley Clean Energy. "What we're doing in the City of San Jose is very similar," says Mitchell.

In September, all municipal accounts, such as city buildings, San Jose International Airport and City Hall, were enrolled in the program. In February, all San Jose residences and businesses were automatically enrolled in San Jose Clean Energy's Green-Source service. However, small businesses and residential customers with rooftop solar will not be automatically enrolled until 2020. They have the option of enrolling now in TotalGreen, which uses 100 percent renewable electricity.

Although PG&E also offers a 100 percent carbon-free electricity plan, with SJCE customers will See ENERGY, page 10

#### Alcazar **Communication Education Center** relocates to **Almaden Valley**

fter nearly 10 years in down town Sunnyvale, Alcazar Communication Education Center (ACEC) has relocated to provide speech and language services in the Almaden Valley.

The ACEC clinic has an excellent reputation of providing effective services in Speech and Language Therapy and Evaluation to children, adolescents, and adults who have speech and/or language delays and/or disorders as well as providing an Individualized Education Program (IEP) Advocacy.

"After visiting the Almaden community in 2017. I fell in love with the area and decided to relocate my family and business to Almaden Valley to serve the speech and language needs of the community," said lead clinician Noelle Alcazar, M.A., CCC-SLP.

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Lori Mitchell, Director of San Jose Department of Clean Energy.

#### Mimosas Cafe opens at the Almaden Via Valiente Shopping Center

By William Bellou

Publisher imosas Cafe celebrated its official grand opening with a Lribbon cutting ceremony in Almaden on January 28.

Mimosas moved into the former location of Elements Restaurant at the Via Valiente Shopping Center on Almaden Expressway.

On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony was Almaden District 10 Councilman, Johnny Khamis. "I am so pleased that Mimosas has located their second location in Almaden Valley," said Khamis. Hard work and dedication by the owners shows in

the beautiful restaurant with great food offerings and excellent service. I encourage all residents to patronize the family owned establishment for breakfast and lunch."

The newest restaurant in Almaden is owned by Benjamin Ruiz and Suzette Guido, who also own Mimosas Café on Pearl Avenue in San Jose.

Benjamin and Suzette wanted to bring their very popular restaurant operation on Pearl Ave. to a larger facility (2,400 sq. ft.) duplicating the menu offerings within a neighborhood where neighbors could walk solo, push a stroller, or use a walker to

access Mimosas. "We love the spirit here in Almaden," said Suzette.

The extensive number of menu items (nearly 150) is arranged by the following categories: Classic Breakfasts, Skillets, Specialties, Omelettes, Benedicts, Scrambles, Pancakes, French Toast, Waffles, Aged Angus Burgers (1/3 lb.), Sandwiches, Fresh Salads, Fit Snacks, Side Orders, and Soft Drinks. The corned beef is made fresh each morning, as well as many other homemade items on the menu. There is also a kids menu starting at just \$6.50.

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Beniamin Ruiz and Suzette Guido are the owners of Mimosas Cafe which is now open at Via Valiente Shopping Center.

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### **THE WHITE STUFF**

**WHAT DO YOU KNOW, SNOW!** Mt. Hamilton is covered in snow pictured as the clouds parted at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5 to reveal this beautiful scene. Snow levels were as low as 800 feet. *Photo by Chris Allingham* 

## Art & Wine Festival 2019 date and new board announced

The Almaden Valley Women's Club has announced the 2019 date for their annual Art & Wine Festival and installed the new board at their general meeting.

This year's festival will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Almaden Lake Park.

"We are excited to once again bring this great event to our community," said newlyelected 2019 President, Jenny Teixeira. Jenny was installed as the new AVWC President along with the rest of the 2019 Board during a general meeting held earlier this month at the Fish Market. Other board members include 1st Vice President of Fundraising (and Festival Chair), Lisa Boissier; 2nd Vice President of Membership, Jennifer Pearson; 3rd Vice President of Programs, Beth Swartz; Secretary, Kim Nelson; and Treasurer Elfreda Eghan.

Jenny has served as President of the

Almaden Valley Women's Club in the past and brings a wealth of experience with the Club and the community to her new role.

"For over fifty-four years the Almaden Valley Women's Club has been empowering women to make a difference in the Almaden Valley Community and the greater San Jose area," said Jenny. "From organizing our own community project, the 43rd Annual Almaden Valley Art and Wine Festival, to collaborating with other organizations within the San Jose area – our club has utilized the knowledge and skills of our members to continue to address our community's greatest needs. We are an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through effective action and leadership of our members."

The new board and membership look forward to producing the Art & Wine Festival for the Almaden Community in the fall. Area women interested in joining the club are welcome to contact the AVWC at membership@almadenwomen.org. For more information on the Festival and the club, visit www.almadenwomen.org.



Newly installed Almaden Valley Women' Club board members are (I to r): Lisa Bossier, VP of Fundraising; Kim Nelson, Secretary; Jenny Teixeira, President; Alfreda Eghan, Treasurer; Jennifer Pearson, VP of Membership; and Beth Swartz, VP of Programs.

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Community Day: Lunar New Year will feature cultural demonstrations, and live performances.

#### Lunar New Year celebration at San Jose **Museum of Art to be held February 16**

elebrate the Year of the Boar at San Jose Museum of Art's Community Day: Lunar New Year on Saturday, February 16 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

This contemporary celebration honors Lunar New Year traditions around the world and in San Jose. Community Day: Lunar New Year will feature hands-on art activities, cultural demonstrations, and live performances. Admission is free for everyone, and visitors can skip the line by reserving advance tickets online through February 15 at sjmusart.org/community.

Schedule of the event:

• 11am-4pm: Art activities in the Wendel Center will include Make-Your-Own Zodiac Pom Pom Animal and Year of the Boar Bookmarks;

• 11:30am-12:20pm: Series of performances by Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra:

• 11:30am-3:30pm: Chinese Calligraphy by Tuan Vo Calligraphy Donation Team;

• 3:30-4:30pm: Rising Phoenix Lion Dance Association Performance (with photo-ops 4–4:20pm).

Community Day includes free admission to the galleries. Visitors are invited to see the current exhibitions on view:

• Dinh Q. Lê: True Journey is Return: an exhibition of five major video and photography installations that entwines rarely heard narratives of war and migration from people in North Vietnam, the Vietnamese diaspora, and refugees who have returned to live in their home country;

• Other Walks, Other Lines: considers what walking means in a contemporary context, touching upon topics such as urban planning, immigration, and the derive:

• Other Walks: Gabriel Orozco: an indepth look at the photographs and videos of Gabriel Orozco, who since art school has walked the streets and experimented with what he encounters;

• Conversion: Art and Engineering: explore the intersection of art and engineering through artworks selected from SJMA's permanent collection.

Community Day is sponsored by Adobe. Programs at SJMA are made possible by the generous operating support from the City of San José's Cultural Affairs grant.

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### **CHINESE NEW YEAR** Leland Bridge Night 2019 celebrates the bridging of the Chinese-American community with Leland High School

he 2019 Leland Bridge Night celebrating the Chi-

nese New Year (Year of the Pig), held Feb. 2nd at the Leland High School campus, was a great success with approximately 400 people attending.

LBN, the largest annual fundraising event organized by Leland Bridge Parents Group, was a fabulous night of great food and entertainment. Returning guests described the program as increasingly spectacular each year.

Students had the opportunity to showcase their talent and creativity and they also learned how to serve their community in the process. The funds raised from the ticket sales will be utilized for a variety of Leland school programs such as Speech and Debate and Sports

The LBN performances started with a lion dance. Two colorful lions shook their heads and tails playfully with the drum beats, as they jumped and rolled on stage dancing through the aisles of the audience, which was a great photo opportunity.

The festive program continued with Chamber Music presented by a group of nine performers, which took the audience wandering away to a beautiful far land. This year, the ninth grade students showed there is no lack of talent. 'Mozart string Quartet", "Contemporary Dance", "Latin Dance" and "Love of the Prairie Dance" were all performed by freshmen.

In addition to the playing of Mozart, other performances included an artistic "Contemporary Dance", the passion of Latin rhythm, along with a popular Wonder Girls' song and the elegant movement in traditional Chinese Mongolian dance.

As the program sessions progressed, two hilarious highlights of the night go to "Seaweed Dance" and "Synchronized Swimming." When "seaweeds" appeared on stage, the audience began to laugh when they saw hula skirts and one branch of seaweed hanging from the head of each performer. "The synchronized Swimming" mimicked the sport with the exaggerated moves across the stage. Laughter was often heard from the audience.

The LBN audience was surprised when they witnessed a fantastic "Magic Show" performed with the assistance of former Leland principal Mr. Craycroft and current principal Mr. Park, who were both called to the stage to be part of the magic act. After the magic show, the sweet singing of the "Like I'm Gonna Lose You" probably reminded parents in the audience of their memories of youth. The song was followed by the "Chinese Ribbon Dance," a charming dance full of colorful ribbon movements. Toward the end of the program, the short play of "Asian Parent Rhapsody" and a dance of "Coffee Break" are demonstrating observation and deep thinking in school life. Next to the last is the dance "Ilumin8 "on the stage, performed a fantastic light show. The end of the program included student volunteers performing the "Finale Dance."

LBN 2019 would not have been possible without the efforts of numerous people working together: Kathy Xiong, the president of the Leland Bridge Parents Group, the LBN planning committee, student volunteers and parent volunteers. This is the 18th year, the Leland Bridge Parents Group hosted the LBN event. Through eighteen years, the event has evolved into a beloved tradition; a highly-anticipated night of fun that both parents and students of Leland High School look forward to every vear.

Each year dedicated volunteers work to benefit the Leland community through fund raising, informational seminars, managing school activities, and more. Essentially, Leland Bridge symbolizes the "bridge" between the Chinese-American community and the school community.

Because of their excellent service to the community, the City of San Jose recognized Leland Bridge Parent Group's valuable work, the group was presented a service award certificate by Johnny Khamis, Almaden – District 10 City Councilman. The award was presented to Kathy Xiong, the president of the Leland Bridge Parents Group at the event.

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receive net annual surplus energy compensation at a 25 percent higher rate than PG&E offers and monthly, rather than annual billing. Other customers can also upgrade to TotalGreen for an additional monthly cost of \$5 to \$10. Low-income and medical-based program recipients will receive allocations to reduce energy costs.

"We're not paying shareholder returns," says Mitchell. "With 20 city employees, our overhead is much lower than PG&E pays its employees and we're very accountable to our citizens and actively negotiating renewable contracts. PG&E's generation side procures energy and the California Public Utilities Commission approves those generation contracts. The last time it didn't approve a contract was in 1980. Those costs have been passed onto rate payers. They've been a monopoly utility and didn't have to compete. We think competition is a good thing. We're very accountable. Keeping overhead low and operating on the same business model municipal utilities have used for years."

Although PG&E recently filed for Chapter 11 protection due to being \$51.7 billion in debt and facing potential liability of up to \$30 billion following the 2017 Santa Rosa Fire and 2018 Camp Fire, the bankruptcy judge ordered it to continue payments to Community Choice Aggregators.

Both SJCE and PG&E utilize renewable sources. PG&E purchases 33 percent renewable energy, which is 69 percent carbon free, while SJCE GreenSource purchases 45 percent renewable energy, which is 80 percent carbon free, and 35 percent hydroelectric.

Account holders may request to opt out of San Jose Clean Energy and remain entirely with PG&E for free within 60 days of service. These customers will be part of PG&E's Power Mix, which purchases 33 percent renewable energy, 27 percent nuclear, 20 percent natural gas, 18 percent hydrid and 2 percent unspecified. To opt out of SJCE GreenSource and use solely PG&E, visit sanjosecleanenergy.org online or call 833-432-2454.

SJCE's focus on renewable energy aligns with Climate Smart San Jose and the international Paris Agreement's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. SJCE is also striving to develop local clean energy resources, create local jobs and provide lower, stabilized customer costs.

As SJCE's role is buying clean electricity directly from the source, PG&E will continue to deliver energy, maintain lines, serve customers and handle billing. There will simply be a line item for SJCE. Gas will also still come from PG&E. SJCE says the city council agreed to keep their rate one percent less than PG&E, including covering an exit fee from PG&E, for those opting for SJCE's generation service.

The State of California wants high renewable rates and currently requires electricity to include 33 percent renewables. "We want to lead the way," says Mitchell. "The state wants 33 percent, so we have 45." CCAs in California are pushing to get to 55, 60 and eventually 100 percent in using renewable electricity. "We think CCAs are the key to accelerating that goal," she says.

Some people aren't convinced that their rates will drop under the new program. "Now PG&E has losses," says a resident. "PG&E never has losses. They just increase their rates. By doing this, don't we just ensure PG&E will jack up their rates so our costs will go up dramatically in total?"

"PG&E is a monopoly," says Dave Poeschel, Head of Conservation for the Guadalupe Regional Group of the Sierra Club. "Now there's a choice. I applaud Climate Smart and getting cleaner energy. If SJCE can do it cheaper, I think it's wonderful."

"CCAs have proven they can provide a meaningful benefit for the community," says Mitchell, "and that's what we hope we can do here.'

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DOG'S The Things We Don't Sc ROBERTA R. CARR

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Journey. She is also a him director: she produced, directed and co-wrote the film *Cook Off*?, in which she also stars. She co-wrote and directed the film *Muffin Top: A Love Story*, in which she stars. She is a former member of Chicago's Second City, a stand-up comic, and the author of the nationally-bestselling feminist memoir, *The Girl Genius Guide To Life*.

Sully Tuttle) started out as a group of bluegrass festival-going hooligans who loved to hang out and jam. After a while, they decided it was time to become a band and thus Blue Summit was born. Fueled by the powerfully sweet voice of seven-time NCBS award winning vocalist

AJ Lee and the masterful instrumental work of the band, Blue Summit has created an exciting repertoire of originals and covers spanning many genres including Bluegrass, Folk, Americana, Western Swing, Jazz, and Blues.

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Summit (above) on Saturday, February

9th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Foothill Presbyterian

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Church, 5301 McKee Road, San Jose.

Blue Summit combines accomplished instrumental work with powerful vocals and a loose interpretation to traditional bluegrass music. Taking in elements from western swing, soul, folk, jazz, old time, and rock, this band puts their heart into their projects, and through many hours of

work, has been recognized as NCBS (Northern California Bluegrass Society) Band of the Year. At the head of the group is AJ Lee, eight-time winning NCBS Female Vocalist of the Year, and 2018 Mandolin Player of the Year.

The rest of Blue Summit's accomplishments can be accredited to the dedication, persistence, and passion of band members Ĵesse Fichman (guitar), Chad Bowen (bass), and two-time Guitar Player of the Year, Sullivan Tuttle. Blue Summit has played at festivals all around California including the CBA Father's Day Festival, the Kate Wolf Festival, and the Parkfield Bluegrass Festival. They have recently released their first album, "Sweet Company," featuring Isaac Cornelius (bass), and Sam Kemiji (fiddle).

Tickets are available at the door, or online at http://www.foothillpc.org/fccs. Online tickets are available up to 48 hours prior to concert start. Tickets purchased online will be waiting for you at the door. Admission: \$20.00 advance / \$22.50 door. Admission includes a post-concert reception with a chance to meet the artists.

#### Alcazar

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"ACEC provides the best in class speech services and we look forward to serving the people of Almaden Valley.'

Noelle said the Almaden community has been so warm and welcoming. "Neighbors and teachers have been friendly and supportive! The Almaden community is such a wonderful place to live and work!"

Noelle is a Bay Area native and she graduated with honors from San Iose State University, working in the Speech services field for 10 years before founding her own business in Sunnyvale 10 years ago. ACEC has an excellent track record where adults come eager to learn and leave competent, confident communicators, and children come ready to play and leave motivated to learn and talk.

Noelle said the mission of ACEC is to improve the quality of life for individuals with speech and/or language delays and disorders. "The clinic typically approaches most treatment with children using a play based and naturalistic teaching, multimodality, and individualized approaches.'

#### About Noelle Alcazar

Noelle Alcazar, M.A., CCC-SLP received her Masters degree in Communicative Disorders and Sciences with an emphasis



in Speech-Language Pathology, and she received her California license from the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board, her Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Asso-ciation, and her Rehabilitative Services Credential.

Alcazar Communication Education Center (ACEC) is located at 6475 Camden Ave, Suite 103, San Jose, CA 95120. Phone: (408) 731-6186 (office); Phone: (408) 667-2276 (cell); email noelle@ alcazarcec.com.

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Mimosas ribbon cuttting ceremoney. Pictured are **Benjamine Ruiz** (cutting the ribbon) **Suzette Guido** and **Jonny Khamis** with Mimosas staff.





Spicy Omlette is one of 150 menu items offered at Mimosas Cafe.

#### Mimosas

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Alcoholic beverages include the restaurant's famous 17 different Mimosas drinks, such as Strawberry, Pina Colada, and Pomegranate. You can also order a Super Mimosa to share with friends. An assortment of bottled beer is also served as well as sunrise cocktails, including Bloody Mary, Chabela, and Michelada. They also serve a Spicy Jalapeno Bloody Mary. Mimosas features Orchard Grown Coffee.

The Mimosas concept is simple: Benjamin wants his patrons to see his restaurant as an extension of their own kitchen table. Benjamin shared, "I want to be here forever; I want to see my grandkids work here and for neighbors to know this is their spot."

Benjamin said he and Suzette saw an opportunity to serve the Almaden community with its vibrant spirit and friendly neighbors when we found the location at the Via Valiente Shopping Center.

If you are planning to bring a large group for breakfast or lunch with family or friends, the restaurant offers a "party room" that will hold 15 people which can be reserved during our hours of operation. "This is a great room for birthday, anniversary, and graduation parties," said Benjamin. "It can also serve as a meeting room."

Currently Mimosas is open for breakfast and lunch, but plans are in the works to open for dinner 7 days per week starting on Mother's Day, May 12, 2019.

#### Discounts

For Almaden residents there is currently a Mimosas 20 percent discount promotion available by just asking your waiter until March 31, 2019.

Mimosas operating hours are: M-F from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Prices: \$6.50-\$16 .75 Address: 6944 Almaden Expressway (Via Valiente Shopping Center); Phone: (408) 960-8765; Website: www.mimosascafe.com

#### Times Features

#### Annual Senior Winter Walk and Resource Fair at Oakridge Mall to be held on Friday, Feb. 22

If you are over 50, be sure to attend our 12th Annual Senior Winter Walk and Resource Fair at Oakridge Mall on Friday, Feb. 22.

Festivities take place in the Macy's Court of Westfield Oakridge Mall starting at 8:30 a.m., where a light breakfast will be available following on-site registration.

The Resource Fair is a great time of fun, education, and hanging out with friends – and, of course, the ever-popular door prize drawing. More than 50 resource vendors from local government, non-profits, businesses, and interest clubs will be attending this year's event.

Bring a gently used pair of eyeglasses and drop them off at the Lions Club table to receive an extra drawing ticket!

The 12th Annual Senior Winter Walk and Resource Fair is made possible by the following generous sponsors: Almaden Times, Westfield Oakridge, South Valley Family YMCA, Star One Credit Union, Alameda Family, Kaiser Permanente, and El Camino Hospital. For more information, contact Michele Dexter at 408-535-4910 or email: michele.dexter@sanjoseca.gov.

#### Auditions for San Jose Youth Symphony 2019-20 Season schedule announced

The San Jose Youth Symphony, one of the oldest and finest youth orchestras in the West Coast, has announced that auditions will be held at Los Gatos United Methodist Church, 111 Church St., Los Gatos, CA.

Founded six decades ago as part of the former San Jose Symphony, SJYS has a rich tradition of musical performance and education. Online applications to audition for the upcoming 2018-2019 Season are now open through the deadline of March 31, 2019.

Auditions for the upcoming 2019-2020 season are open for all levels of school-age musicians. Interested applicants are encouraged to learn more about SJYS and complete the online application at: www. sjys.org

General Auditions for our upcoming 2019-2020 Season will take place on two Thursdays and Fridays, April 4 & 5 AND 11



San Jose Youth Symphony

& 12 (4-9 pm); and two Saturdays, April 6 & 13, 2019 (all day). Auditions will take place at Los Gatos United Methodist Church.

Percussion Auditions (for younger/less experienced students) will take place on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 (6-9 pm) at Valley Christian High School.

SJYS invites all interested student musicians to visit our website to learn more about the Symphony and to complete the online application at: www.sjys.org.

#### Building height measure for downtown San Jose postponed

The San Jose City Council has postponed passing a measure that would increase building height limits in downtown San Jose.

The decision to defer the height measure vote, prompted by Almaden District 10

Councilmember Johnny Khamis, was to give airlines time to finish negotiating their contract renewals. "Let's see what the airlines say before we make a decision," said Khamis.

If passed in February, the proposed measure would allow the development of taller buildings exceeding up to 35 feet from the current limits in downtown and up to 137 feet in the Diridon Station area.

A study commissioned by the city included four options that would allow for building height increases without jeopardizing safety measures. One observer stated: "We could lose our airline service to Asia and possibly Europe from the San Jose Airport, and on an extremely hot day, possibly lose service to the east coast."

Several members of the San Jose Airport Commission spoke against city's proposal, mentioning serious safety risks and the irreparable damage to the airport's business with foreign airlines.

Allowing a maximum building height limit would help stimulate the city's economy according to supporters of the height measure. They want to increase the number of residents in the downtown and Diridon Station areas. Supporters of the measure site a study that mitigates financial impacts on airline flights that could occur with a Community Air Service Support Fund.



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#### Winter storms cancel blood drives straining Red Cross blood supply

The American Red Cross is reissuing its emergency call for blood and platelet donors to give now after multiple snow storms, frigid temperatures and the government shutdown further reduced lifesaving donations.

In January, more than 4,600 Red Cross blood and platelet donations went uncollected as blood drives were forced to cancel due to severe winter weather blanketing parts of the U.S., and additional cancellations are expected this week. Weather travel advisories may cause even more donors to delay their planned donations.

The federal government shutdown also affected donations as more than 4 percent of Red Cross blood collections come from drives sponsored by military and local, state and federal government agencies. About 30 blood drives hosted by federal offices were canceled across the country due to the shutdown, leaving more than 900 donations uncollected.

"Disruptions to blood and platelet donations jeopardize the availability of blood for patients who depend on transfusions for survival," said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "We're grateful for all those who have come out to give since we issued our emergency call earlier this month and now urge others to come out and give to prevent delays in essential medical care."

Right now, Red Cross blood donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than they are coming in, and there is less than a three-day supply of most blood types on hand. The Red Cross strives to maintain a five-day supply of blood to meet the needs of patients and to be prepared for emergencies that require significant volumes of donated

#### blood products. How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood. org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood. org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Upcoming local donation

#### sites throughout February

 $2/19/2019{:}~9$ a.m. - 3 p.m., Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, 751 South Bascom Ave.

2/23/2019: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., The Episcopal Church of Almaden, 6581 Camden Ave.

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#### Times Feature



The staff of "The Box," as The Thrift Box is loving referred to by its regular customers. Many of their volunteers are retired teachers who have dedicated their lives to children but they have members from many professions like social workers, realtors, banking and those who have worked in high tech.

## The Thrift Box continues to give back to community

**By Frank Shortt** *Times staff writer* 

he Box' as it is lovingly referred to by regular customers and members, is a 501 (c) incorporated thrift store serving Willow Glen and many outlying areas. It was started in 1982.

Kathleen Erdmann in charge of Publicity and Community Outreach quotes the mission statement of Thrift Box "We are here to raise funds to promote, foster, and maintain the welfare of children treated at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford." And so they have been and continue to do!

With a membership of approximately 300 and an active membership of approximately 200 members, these devoted volunteers maintain the day to day activities of making this great organization work. Some are called 'sustainers' which means they have been members for more than 10 years and continue to work at The Box! Some members are in a professional category, which means they still have full-time jobs, but continue to volunteer on a regular basis. The current President is Kelly Burns. Kathleen goes on by saying, "We have managers who manage the store on a single day of the week. So if they are there on Monday, there will be a different manager on, say Tuesday, etc."

Kathleen further states as regarding disbursement of funds to L.P.C.H. "We have monthly luncheon (business) meetings at local restaurants and at the quarterly meetings representatives from the hospital attend and are presented with a check. We also have a semi-annual event (Spring and Fall) called Best of the Box and a separate check for each of those events is presented at the same time. Our next Best of the Box is March 29th from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and March 30th from 9a.m. - 3 p.m. Details and photos are on the website. We have many beautiful things at these sales from Designer Clothing, Jewelry, antiques, collectibles and a wide variety of books for all ages." The Box donated close to a million dollars to the hospital just last year alone! **Major Achievements** 

When asked what she would consider some major achievements of The Box, Kathleen declared, "We have a campaign each year for a special need and year before last we sent some transplant patients to a medically supervised camp which in many cases was the first time away from home in a camp setting. We raised enough to send each child to camp for TWO years. Members as well as some generous businesses and individuals donated and this was over and above what we raised in the store!"

**Outstanding Volunteers** 

The Box has many dedicated workers who have served in several capacities. Many of their volunteers are retired teachers who have dedicated their lives to children but they have members from many professions like social workers, realtors, banking and those who have worked in high tech. It's a wide variety of life experiences and skill sets. All are dedicated volunteers!

#### Interesting items that have been sold

Kathleen proudly says, "We have sold beautiful artwork and antiques and we regularly display and sell what we refer to as "Treasures". They are generally displayed to coincide with the appropriate season. The Box is a great place to find gifts that are collectible. We have sold designer clothing like Escada and Burberry clothing and our designers will many times pair jewelry with clothing."

This reflects the devotion of donors who really care about their fellow citizens!

Great pride is taken in the condition of the Thrift Box! In addition to general housekeeping they close between Christmas and New years for major maintenance that is not possible during store hours or overnight. The last major overhaul was the replacement of carpets among other things. They are very grateful to a generous community who donate and shop with us from all over San Jose. They try very hard to put their best foot forward. In

In lighter vein: Thrift Box now accepts credit cards on a daily basis, not only for special events. This was a major accomplishment for an all-volunteer organization! You may visit them at Address: 1362 Lincoln Ave, San Jose, CA 95125. Hours of Operation: Monday through Saturday; 10 am until 4pm.

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### USA Team Handball National Team tryouts to be held at Castillero Middle School on Saturday, February 16

#### By Marie Johnson

Special to the Times Is this the next 'up-and-coming' sport for our youth?

If Team USA's preparation for the 2028 Olympic games is any indication, then the answer is yes!

USA Team Handball is starting now to identify talented athletes who will contribute and make USA's National Team Handball more competitive on the international stage, and Almaden Valley will host tryouts on Feb. 16.

With the 2028 Olympic Games being held in Los Angeles, USA Team Handball will receive an automatic bid. They posted the official call for Men's Junior (U-21) and Men's Youth (U-19) national team tryouts; and, the West Coast center will be at Castillero Middle School on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is exciting news for the Almaden Valley as handball is a game played throughout five continents by over 180 countries and 19 million people of all ages, worldwide. Here in the Bay Area, Castillero Middle School is one of only five middle schools that is offering this up-and-coming game as a competitive sport.

While the national team tryouts at Castillero on February 16th are targeting high school and college-age athletes, Team Handball is now a fall sport at Castillero Middle School. The middle school league season starts in September and ends in November. This past November, the Castillero Cobras finished their regular season in second place with a 5-3 record. The Cobras then moved on to compete in the Youth California Cup on December 9th to earn a 3rd place medal.

Coach Martin Bilello, who started playing the sport at age 10, said, "When we started the Team Handball program at Castillero two years ago, the goal was always to prepare our young athletes to become the Olympians for the 2028 games. The upcoming national team tryouts are the next step on that trajectory. We intend to continue our middle school program in the coming years as we identify new candidates that will be developed to become national team members. The younger an athlete starts, the better their chances will be to learn the sport and become a world class player."

Castillero Middle School offers a variety of electives and sports that are not found in other schools. Athletic Director Stephanie Lacek added, "My team and I want to expose our students to sports that reflect the international demographics of the Silicon Valley. Right now we are one of the few public schools in the entire Bay Area that can provide this type of opportunity."

Castillero's Athletic Booster Club, with the support of the school's administration and teachers, is committed to promoting leadership, teamwork and a strong work ethic both on the field and in the classrooms among the student athletes.

See next page

#### Times Feature



Above: Muscari "Siberian Tiger." Below; Ranunculus "Pon pon Hermione", Tulipa "Light Pink Prince", Allium "Gladiator", Hyacinthus, Tulipa "Prince of Love", "Pretty Princess." *Photos courtesy of ibulb.org.* 



## **Trend for Valentine's Day: romantic bulb flowers**

This spring, the latest trend is small: pure white grape hyacinths with sturdy green leaves in a slategray pot, pastel pink hyacinths mixed with red tulips, or elegant little Tête-à-Tête daffodils.

The trend also applies to the gifts we give for Valentine's Day. We want to celebrate love with colorful flowers and long-lasting gifts with a soft, gentle touch.

Back to the basics

The throw-away society is a thing of the past. With the world rushing past faster and faster, what we long for are real things that really last. We want to feel safe and secure: back to the basics. This means the development of clear

trends in the gifts and flowers we buy. For this Valentine's Day, it means

beautiful mixed bouquets of tulips in soft colors, in floral gifts composed of small bulb flowers such as grape hyacinths in pots, or slender vases filled with a single deep pink peony.

A gift with added value

Giving gifts that last longer is a clear trend for Valentine's Day. People want something lasting: a gift that keeps on giving. This makes bulb flowers such as tulips, daffodils and hyacinths the perfect choice. These flowers are available in multiple colors and have a look that's both tender and substantial. More information and inspiration about bulb flowers is available at www.ilsysays.com.

#### Handball

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Raising funds to bring sports such as Team Handball to Castillero has been a key focus since the Athletic Booster Club was formed in the fall of 2015. Stephanie Schweizer, President of Castillero's Athletic Booster Club (CABC) explained, "We formed CABC knowing that middle school is a great time for kids to try new sports. We wanted to give students an inviting platform to try sports they would not otherwise try. While our competitive programs allow students to compete against other middle school teams, our intramural programs offer students an opportunity to learn skills and practice in a non-competitive environment."

Team USA's decision to hold their national tryouts at Castillero Middle

School complements the Athletic Booster Club's mission to promote up-and-coming sports such as Team Handball at the school.

Castillero Middle School is home to 1,200 students and a staff of more than 60 teachers. The school has been recognized as a national Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and a California Distinguished School. Additionally, the Castillero Athletic Booster Club relies on the generous contributions of Castillero parents and the community.

For more information about USA Team Handball's upcoming national team tryouts at Castillero, please visit www.teamusa.org/USA-Team-Handball.

For further details about the Castillero Athletic Booster Club and the sports programs at Castillero please visit www. sjusd.org/Castillero.

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#### Almaden community mourns the loss of Robinder Singh Bhurji

he Almaden community is mourning the loss of 57vear-old Robinder "Robin" Singh Bhurji (pictured, right) who was killed by a hit-and-run driver at approximately 6:20 a.m. on Almaden Expressway on Monday, January 28

Bhurji was also struck by vehicles driven by at least four other drivers in the northbound lanes of Almaden Expressway as he walked on Almaden Expressway near Cloverhill Drive, near his Almaden home. The drivers who ran over Bhurji stopped their vehicles and provided information to police.

"The investigation is continuing," said Sgt. Enrique Garcia, a spokesman for the department. Police could not provide any new details about possible suspects.

Authorities initially said they were looking for a red pick-up truck in the case, but have ruled out the vehicle

Robin, as he was affectingly called by his family and friends, was married and had two grown sons. He was born and raised in Northern India where he married his teenage sweetheart, Haru, before immigrating to the U.S.

Bhurji was a teacher for 25 vears in the San Jose Gurdwara Sikh Temple in Evergreen. He also worked as a facilities manager for a medical device company and was a volunteer firefighter. He was also a poet, and loved taking long walks in the Almaden hills.

"He had touched so many lives," said Yadav-Ranjan, a longtime friend of Bhurji.

"We have this function called Duwali, which is our festival of lights. And they wouldn't let us light candles unless we had fire marshals. So Robin became a



volunteer firefighter."

Many members of San Jose's Sikh community paused to reflect on the loss, laying flowers near the spot where Bhurji was killed.

"He was an absolutely amazing human being who helped everybody," said Gurminder Singh, a long-time friend.

Speeding problem

"Speeding on Almaden Expressway is an ongoing problem," said Almaden District 10 councilman Johnny Khamis. "I plan to petition the county to use Prop-B tax funds, passed in 2016, to make safety improvements on Almaden Expressway. "We need to make some permanent fencing along the median, so that people don't get tempted to make shortcuts across the 50mile per hour expressway," said Khamis.

A private funeral was held on Friday, Feb. 1 and a public celebration of life was held on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Gurdwara temple.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting funds be donated on a Gofundme.com page setup by a friend of Robin. The funds collected will be disbursed by his family to the San Jose Fire Fighters, San Jose Gurdwara School, and emergency responders.

Jian Liu named to **Oklahoma City U** Dean's Honor Roll

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#### **Dakota Alspach** named to University of Delaware

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