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Sarah Tuan of Almaden to compete in 2019 Cliburn International Junior **Piano Competition and Festival**

♦he Cliburn has announced that Sarah Tuan (right) from Almaden Valley is among 24 competitors invited to participate in the 2019 Cliburn International Junior Piano Competition and Festival, taking place May 31-June 8, 2019, in Dallas, Texas.

Sarah Tuan, 16, finds the music of Chopin and Rachmaninoff particularly perti-

nent to her life as an Asian-American girl. "Their music expresses a sense of longing and a desire to belong, which reminds me of my two cultural identities and how I belong to both worlds," said Sarah.

A current student of Ning An, she made her concerto debut at 10 and recital debut at 12. Sarah has won several



competitions in California, as well as the Philadelphia International Piano Competition, and has been featured on NPR's From the Topand Philadelphia's WRTI FM 90.1.

The Valley Christian High School junior loves cooking (she specializes in handmade knife-cut noodles), origami, See TUAN, page 8



"The field has been trimmed, the chalk has been precisely painted and the dirt is smooth and ready for playing," said Announcer Jacob Lee, setting the scene for the new season. Photo courtesy of Nick Blozan

Almaden Little League celebrates opening day

By Lorraine Gabbert

Senior Staff Writer

xcitement filled the air as baseball players dressed in uniform eagerly awaited their turn to parade onto the field with their team flags held high. As rousing music played and players and coaches were announced by name, the teams proudly took their places around the baseball diamond. This was Opening Day for Almaden Little League (LL) at Greystone Park.

"Bringing back opening day for Almaden Little League was an amazing experience," says Board member Nick Blozan. "For the first time in over ten years, we brought start of a new chapter for

together every player from T-Ball through Juniors (ages 4 through 15) on our amazing new Majors field. Watching the older players high-five the little ones as they came on the field was very cool. The vibe was electric, and it felt like all of Almaden was there supporting us. What a great way to kick off the 2019 season!"

"It was so exciting to see all the players," says resident Vanessa Fiske. "They're going to have a lot of fun out here, adds Clay Fiske. "It was good to see all the teams gathered at once and to see the whole league."

Opening Day was also the

Almaden Little League. Announcer Jacob Lee, who plays in the Juniors division, set the scene. "The field has been trimmed, the chalk has been precisely painted and the dirt is smooth and ready for playing," he says. "Beyond the center field wall, the American flag stands high as a salute to our great nation and the game that has become America's true pasttime. From youngsters who are swinging the bat for the first time, to grandparents who have coached multiple generations, all are gathered here to welcome a new day for Almaden baseball...Let the ceremonies begin."

See LITTLE LEAGUE, page 10

Johnny Khamis announces his candidacy for State Senate at kickoff rally

By William Bellou Publisher

everal hundred enthusiastic supporters cheer-ed Johnny Khamis as he formally announced his candidacy for California's Senate District 15 at a recent kickoff rally at the Campbell Community Center.

Khamis, who currently represents Almaden Valley and Blossom Valley (District 10) on the San Jose City Council, said he is running for State Senate as an independent



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Entrepreneurship camp hosted for high school students partnering with Silicon Valley industry experts

By William Bellou

Publisher

diverse group of 25 students recruited through college career centers at various Bay Area high schools participated in a week long entrepreneurship camp last month hosted by Ronak Appanagari and Keya Kadakia, both sophomores from Evergreen Valley High School.

Industry speakers from startup companies (VoiceBase and Vimana), fast growing companies (Facebook and Finisar), and well established organizations (Intel and SF 49ers) laid the foundation for the student's entrepreneurship mindset and skillset and prepared them to present business pitches based on their own ideas.

Ronak is working towards creating HI-STEEM learning initiative (high school students STEM with entrepreneurship), teamed up with Keya as volunteer officers to run Shooting Stars non-profit foundation's flagship entrepreneurship camp.

"STEM education with focus on science, technology, engineering, and math skills is a widely known initiative with several programs being integrated into high school classrooms. An equally important area for high school students would be learning an entrepreneurship mindset and skill set, by introducing the HI-STEEM learning initiative (High school STEM with entrepreneurship). This would instill confidence in them to be better prepared for college, empower them to start the application of STEM principles towards creating successful products, and have an impact on our future in the way we live and work," said Ronak. "Another anticipated byproduct of this HI-STEEM initiative would be an increase in the diversity of future company founders and business leaders with more representation from women and underserved communities as demonstrated by this camp with nearly 50 percent girl participants and 20 percent camp participants from low income schools."

"The Entrepreneurship camp enabled us to progress the HI-STEEM learning initiative and at the same time achieve the mission of Shooting Stars non-profit, which is, 'enabling access of educa-



A full tour of Levi's Stadium introduced the students to the business side of football with the San Francisco 49ers organization, such as predictable revenue models, corporate suites, seat licensing, and dynamic pricing strategies.

tion for one generation, we can empower them to break cycle of poverty'," said Keya. "This camp addressed the mission by providing opportunity to students from low income neighborhood schools in San Jose and also raised the funds towards sponsorship of full college education of two first generation students, one from Nakuru, Kenya going to attend Rift Valley College, and another from Maharashtra, India going to attend Sastra Deemed university," said Ronak.

With prior training from Venturelab.org, MIT LaunchX online course, and Shooting Stars volunteer mentors, Ronak and Keya coached the camp participants with topics such as Entrepreneurship mindset, skillset, and various components required for a business pitch (mission, idea generation, design thinking, prototype, test of product, customer, marketing strategies, and revenue model). Students then brainstormed on several ideas ranging from business, non-profit, to problems being faced in the community. Teams were created based on the alignment of their ideas, followed by industry speaker training with presentation slides, workshops, whiteboard lessons, and Q&A interactions in sessions spread across the entire week.

Senior Marketing executive from VoiceBase (AI analytics based Startup) and founder of Vimana (Networking device to enable safe internet access for children) covered end-to-end entrepreneurship topics, from how a real-life problem led to starting a company, hiring talent, and benefits and challenges of a startup. Senior VP executive from Finisar corp covered the fundamentals of Product development cycle (development to manufacturing stages of product). A panel of speakers from Facebook introduced company culture, VR technology, networking lab, data center strategy and how to design to scale

A full tour of Levi's Stadium introduced the students to the business side of football with the San Francisco 49ers organization, such as predictable revenue models, corporate suites, seat licensing, and dynamic pricing strategies. Marketing and community relation executives also covered different marketing strategies, signing of players, and the importance and methods of community customer relations.

Speakers from Intel Venture Capital spoke about financial planning, raising See CAMP, page 12

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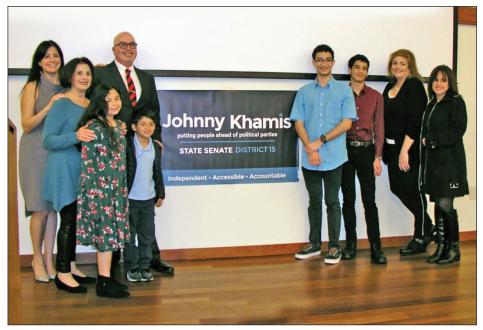
The San Jose City Council City last week unanimously approved height increases of up to 35 feet downtown and up to 150 feet in the Diridon Station.

Airport commissioners and city officials debated the impact of the proposed increase on nearby Mineta San Jose International Airport for months, and proponents of an alternative plan called 'Scenario 10B' –failed to win support, which called for only a 55 ft.

increase for Diridon Station.

The reason for the call for only a 55 ft. increase at Diridon Station was the argument that height limit would be the threshold of the airspace required by airplanes for emergency landings during inclement weather if one engine fails. They also argued it could have a financial impact on the airport. But the Airline Pilot's Association said the financial impact was minimal.

"We want to stop growing out and start growing up," said San Jose City Mayor Sam Liccardo. "We're going to preserve our open spaces, our hillsides and we're going to grow the way cities should grow."



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Khamis

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they have a party solution," said Khamis. "As an independent, I will work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to improve public safety by closing loopholes that have led to a rise in burglaries and car thefts. I will call on my experience as a VTA board member to help find and fund local solutions to our traffic congestion problems."

Fiscal responsibility

Khamis is an advocate of fiscal responsibility. He collaborated with his colleagues on the San Jose City Council on reforms to refinance \$2B in debt and save \$32M in interest per year. While serving on the Board of the Valley Transportation Authority, he insisted on an audit that uncovered \$3M annually in unsubstantiated reimbursement to one vendor.

"I have consistently worked to apply fiscal responsibility to our San Jose budgets as a member of the San Jose City Council, said Khamis. "Although intended as a criticism by some, I take great pride in being labeled The Numbers Guy' on the City Council," said Khamis. "Having grown up in a

low-income family, I came to understand and appreciate the enormous value of sound money management. It's not good enough to throw money at a problem without planning and accountability. New taxes and fees should not be our first and last answer to solve every problem. I have been asked to support many taxes; those that I have supported had welldefined accountability measures. Conversely, many new taxes and fees have been levied that show no results and are placing the affordability of our area out of the reach of middle and lower income earners."

Endorsements

Khamis has received a number of endorsements, including former San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed; Charles "Chappie" Jones, San Jose District 1 Councilmember; Lan Diep, San Jose District 4 Councilmember; Dev Davis, San Jose District 6 Councilmember; Pam Foley, San Jose District 9 Councilmember; Los Gatos Mayor, Steven Leonardis: Howard Miller. Saratoga Councilmember; Kimberley Meek, San Jose Unified District Board Member; Chuck Page, former Mayor of Saratoga; Liang Chao, Vice Mayor Cupertino; and Rowena Turner, Vice Mayor of Monte Sereno.



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Sarah says: "In a world with social standards and expectations of 'containing yourself,' it is hard to express real, raw emotion and tell a story that people can truly accept and feel. That is why music is important to everyone-it doesn't judge, it doesn't criticize, and it will never abandon the people it befriends."

The 2019 Cliburn Junior competitors hail from all over the world, representing 11 countries: the United States (7), China (5), Japan (4), Canada (3), Hong Kong (2), Armenia, Australia, Austria, Russia, South Korea, and Taiwan (includes three dual representations). They range in age from 13 to 17 with two 13-, four 14-, seven 15-, five 16-, and six 17-year-olds. A selection jury chose the 24 competitors from an impressive applicant pool of 230 young pianists from 32 countries, through online applications and video submissions of 15 to 20 minutes.

The first three rounds will be held at Caruth Auditorium at SMU and the Final Round performance with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra conducted by Ruth Reinhardt at the Morton H. Meverson Symphony Center.

About the 2019 Junior Competition and Festival

The 2019 Cliburn International Junior Competition and Festival was established in 2015 as another means for the Cliburn to use its standing and expertise to encourage tomorrow's great artists, to provide a valuable forum for them to express themselves, and to give them an entrance to the next step of their journeys. Key ingredients are top competitors, international jurors, worldwide media coverage and webcast, Final Round performances with orchestra. and festival atmosphere, which includes performance experience and artistic workshops-all put into place to make the program significantly useful for students with aspirations of being professional musicians.

Webcast

All performances will be webcast live and free at Cliburn.org to a large international audience, with hosts providing commentary, interviews, and behindthe-scenes features. The first edition in 2015 have topped 250,000 to date, with over 1.7M minutes watched across 170 countries.

The Prizes

The first-prize winner will receive a cash award of \$15,000; second prize is \$10,000; and third prize is \$5,000. All three top prizes will also include \$2,000 scholarships, and community residency and mentorship opportunities with the Cliburn.

Key dates

May 31-June 1, 2019 - Preliminary Round (SMU)

June 2-3, 2019 - Quarterfinal Round

June 5-6, 2019 - Semifinal Round

June 8, 2019 - Final Round and Awards Ceremony (Meyerson)



Over 200 6th-8th graders perform on stage from Castillero Middle School at the Four Seasons Concert, performed at San Jose State University.

Castillero Middle School Orchestra Four Seasons Concert inspires community

By Mary Cannon

Special to the Times

the concert hall at San Jose State University was lit with a golden glow as over 200 6th-8th graders on stage from Castillero Middle School sat still with bows poised.

Onlookers included a sold out audience, a team of parent and teacher volunteers, a dozen high school musicians and mentors, a local sketch artist, several principal players from the Cambrian Symphony, and Bay Area pros. All were waiting for the cue, a knowing nod and brisk wave of conductor Mr. Scott Krijnen's arms. With that began Castillero Middle School's annual Four Seasons Concert.

Among the players were Indigo Orchestra students, beginners who may have never held an instrument before they arrived in Mr. Krijnen's class. Tackling "Hot Cross Buns" at last year's fall concert, this January they impressively played "Quintus" by Larry Clark, "Tango Mariana" by Joseph Compello, and jazzy "Pink Panther" by Henry Mancini. Second and third year musicians in the Avant Orchestra played whimsical "Powerhouse" by Raymond Scott, Longfeld's "Momenti-um" and Turner's "Funky, Funky, Funky." Musicians with years of experience made up Castillero's Chamber Orchestra, which beautifully played Reznicow's "American Sketches" and Newbold's "Perseus." The Chamber musicians also had a chance to demonstrate their mastery of the first and third movements of Mozart's Dissonance Quartet accompanied by the guest professional players from the Cambrian Symphony. The evening was made complete with three pieces played by the combined orchestras, Richard Stephan's "Vanguard Overture," Thom Sharp's "Shadows in the House," and "Uptown Funk" which ended the concert on a high note with a full audience celebration.

The Four Seasons Concert was not only the largest fundraiser for Cast-

illero's orchestras, it was also an opportunity to witness "what students, parents and educators can do when we work to inspire each other," says Mr. Krijnen. Following his direction, Mr. Krijnen's students learn major life skills including how to collaborate and support one another with kindness in their search for excellence.

Local sketch artist, Suhita Shirodkar was also inspired during the Four Seasons event. She visited backstage and captured special moments for her blog, "Sketch Away: Travels with My Sketchbook."

Whether in concert or in his classroom, a key to Mr. Krijnen's teaching style and to the success of the program is the mentoring opportunities he creates between his students of various levels and within the arts community at large. Castillero's advanced Orchestra students mentor and support new and less experienced students as helpful stand partners. Former Castillero Orchestra students return to support younger students during their concerts by helping fix and tune instruments and even serving younger students dinner. Local principal players bring their artistry and enthusiasm to the classroom and events to motivate, challenge, and guide young musicians. Essential to creating a strong mentoring community is open and equal access.

A core value of Castillero Middle School's music programs is all students who are interested in learning an instrument have access to music education. Further, students will never be denied access to a musical education due to their financial circumstances. Students are provided free access to instruments and most will have one to use in the classroom and another for home practice. Castillero's community support may even come in the form of financial aid for uniforms and other necessities for students.

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The upgraded fields made the ceremony even more meaningful. "It feels amazing to finally be out on the field that Almaden's worked so hard to prepare," says AAA Almaden Dodgers Coach Brian Montali. "They've taken a lot of time to upgrade the AAA and Majors fields. It's important for the youth to feel a part of the community and doing it like this is so crucial to ensuring that."

The renovated fields were the result of concentrated effort by Almaden Little League's Board and community volunteers. "It was Pete's vision and extremely hard work that transformed our fields," says Blozan.

"It makes me feel good knowing current players, past players and families appreciate the new fields," says League Vice President Pete Fuqua. "It's a great feeling when you put a tremendous amount of time and effort into something...seeing people's reaction and smiles. Like I always tell [Almaden resident and coach] Joel Christensen, who donated as much time as I did in helping to renovate these fields, 'We are Men for Others.' This is not about who did the work but who we did the work for. It was for the boys and girls that will be able to use these fields today and for years to come. It is for the community, so that they can have a place to come to and feel proud."

After the teams were fully arrayed, those gathered removed their hats and faced the American flag for the singing of the National Anthem, a baseball tradition. Former Almaden Little League player Vincent Contini had that honor and sang beautifully.

A Special Presentation

The presentation included acknowledgement of Almaden Little League's achievements.

"Each year, District 12—which includes Almaden LL, Willow Glen LL, San Jose American LL, Saratoga LL,

Los Gatos LL, Quito LL, Cambrian Park LL, Branham Hills LL and Union LL—hosts the prestigious Tournament of Champions," says Le. "A fiveday, single-elimination, grueling tournament that tests each team's abilities, pitching and stamina. For the first time in history, both the Majors and AAA District 12 champions hailed

from Almaden. And in fact, our 12-year-old Majors All-Star team took the District All-Stars Championship and went on to take the Section 5 Title and advance to the state championship."

As the teams were mentioned, they promenaded across the diamond, holding their banners aloft and grinning from ear-to-ear.

"It was also really cool that they recognized the two Almaden Tournament of Champions teams, Majors Yankees and AAA Cubs, that won the District 12 tournaments last season," says Blozan, "Plus, the

12s All-Star team that won the District 12 and Section 5 tournaments last year. A bunch of those kids came back for the ceremony, even though some have aged out of the league."

Special Thanks

Blozan took time to thank those who had a great impact on the teams, including Almaden Umpire-in-Chief Mark Houde, Head Player Agent Jim Coffey and Director of Coaching Ron Hallagan. He shared his appreciation for the efforts of new Board Members Rikki Ouevedo and Jen Primmer. "Without these two ladies," he said, "we wouldn't be having this event. We thank them for their organization, effort, and everything they put into it. Rikki is also in charge of organizing our sponsors and Jen is running our snack shack and she's doing some amazing things."

Blozan went on to thank Fuqua for reinvigorating the fields. "I couldn't be more amazed and impressed with how our fields look today," he said. "This is mainly driven by Pete Fuqua. When he talked about getting these fields upgraded, a lot of us wondered how much we could get done, and I think we've all been blown away. I also want to give a huge shout-out to his father-

in-law, Bob Gray, who built and installed the AAA equipment shed and the Majors and AAA score booths. He also installed the bull pen mounds on both fields. He comes out and donates his time to make our fields so transformative and fantastic and I can't thank him enough."

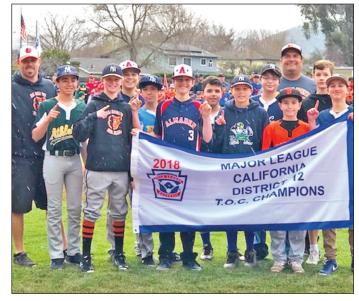
Coach Ryan Laubach was recognized for his company, Legacy Roofing, providing the materials and labor for the roofing of the sheds and scoreboards. "They look great and we appreciate it," said Blozan. League sponsor Elcor Electric donated and installed the new scoreboard on the AAA field. "We never had a sign for AAA before this year," said Blozan. "Now, we have a fantastic electronic scoreboard."

"I'm extremely excited with the new blood we've brought onto our board and I'm super excited about the transformation we've done with the sheds and the fields and equipment," he said. "It's amazing to see what some dedicated volunteers can do. But most of all, I'm excited when I look out here and I see kids from the ages of four-years-old up to 15. We've got a bunch of kids that love baseball and we can't wait to get out and play!"

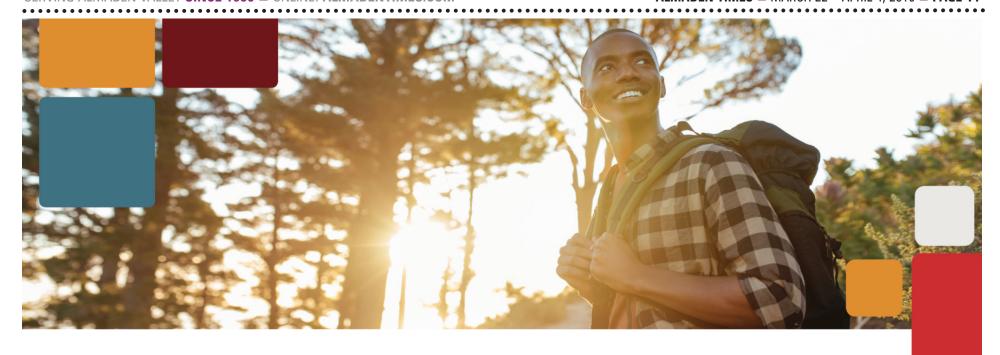
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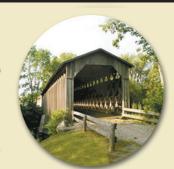
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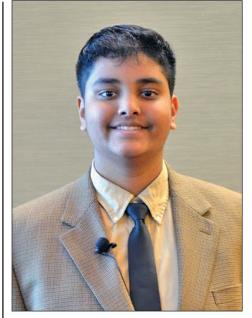
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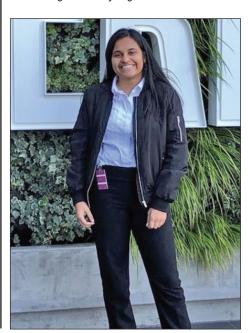
the capital, and branding and marketing, covered by the Intel communications group. An introduction to emerging technologies such as AI covered by Intel AIPG group. Design thinking strategies and leadership topics were covered by architects and leaders from Intel CIG IP technology group. Students had a great time enjoying campus experience and workshops, as well as learning topics related to entrepreneurship, values, and culture to stay as a successful business for more than 50 years.

Students collaborated in teams to refine their ideas with feedback from Intel speakers and camp coaches, did market research, financial modeling, and concluded the camp by presenting their business pitches to judges from Intel Capital venture, CIG groups in areas ranging from business, non-profit, to the problems being faced in the community. Upon successful camp experience, to continue their journey, they left camp with a snapshot of a great quote in Intel Museum by cofounder Robert Noyce, "Don't be encumbered by history. Go off and do something wonderful."

The Entrepreneurship camp is fully documented and scalable. For more information about volunteering or organizing future entrepreneurship camps anywhere in the U.S., visit www.shooting-starsfoundation.org Shooting Stars Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization which enables educational opportunities for underprivileged scholars around the world by mobilizing high school leaders in the United States.



25 students recruited through college career centers at various Bay Area high schools participated in a week long entrepreneurship camp last month hosted by **Ronak Appanagari** (above) and **Keya Kadakia** (below), both sophomores from Evergreen Valley High School.



Concert

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drama, dance, and orchestra) is another element leading to success. For parents who were avid elementary school volunteers, finding a place to share their time and talents in middle school can be daunting. Through the performing arts programs at Castillero Middle School parents can remain a strong presence in their child's education. As an example, Karen Lin joined the Castillero Music Booster Club (CMBC) and actively supports the orchestra. She reminds parents they are "needed all the more [when our children enter middle school], just in different ways." There is room for every parent who is interested in supporting the arts and other programs at Castillero Middle School. If a parent has a few hours to hand out uniforms, a dedicated day to chaperone an event, or even more time to dive in and be a central part of CMBC, they can do a great service for students. Just like the Four Seasons Concert, the Castillero Middle School community is much more fun when it ends with a full audience participation

- Thank you to Principal Players: Nina Han, Vita Year, Sung Choi, and Matt Fredericksen for being integral parts of the Castillero Middle School Community and participating in the Four Seasons Concert.
- Thank you to Bay Area Sketch Artist Suhita Shirodkar (see blog, "Sketch Away: Travels with my Sketchbook" on WordPress.com) for capturing and sharing the event.
- Contact Castillero Music Booster Club (CMBC) cmbcpresident@gmail. com for ways to get involved and support Visual and Performing Arts at Castillero.
- Visit cambriansymphony.org for information regarding Cambrian Symphony's concert March 30, 2019 (7:30pm at SJSU). Free.
- Keep an eye out for next year's Four Seasons Concert, January 2020.

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Times **Feature**

Mayor Sam Liccardo releases March budget message

Mayor's budget message calls for one-time investments in key City services, emphasizes savings and long term fiscal sustainability

ayor Sam Liccardo released his March Budget Message for the upcoming fiscal year--a plan that balances investments in key City services.

The key services identified include public safety, housing, homelessness, and blight, with an emphasis on saving, building reserves, and reducing debt to make San Jose resilient to any looming downturn in the future.

"Through belt-tightening and focused spending, we've made significant strides in restoring our City's fiscal health and core services -- such as rebuilding our police department and funding major road and infrastructure projects," said Mayor Liccardo. "We can build on our progress with additional one-time investments, while also preparing for expected fiscal strains in the years ahead and protecting residents from the severe cuts that characterized the last economic downturn."

While the Budget Office's General Fund Forecast projects a modest \$3.5 million surplus in the coming year, its five-year projection offers a more cautious outlook. Projected future deficits, coupled with growing retirement costs and the possibility of an inevitable recession informed the Mayor's proposal to prioritize savings and focus on one-time strategic investments:

Savings

- Allocate \$3.2 million of our surplus to reserves.
- Boost reserves with one-time funds to protect against likely economic downturn.
- Use one-time funds to pay down up to \$5 million in debt to provide ongoing savings.
- Build up the budget stabilization reserve to protect against the growing budget deficit.

Public Safety

- Fund a "Hire Ahead" Program to accelerate SJPD's ability to hire and train officers.
- Identify permanent sites for a police training facility, and prepare for the transition of the South Substation from a training facility to fully activated substation.
- Embark on analysis to triage nonemergency calls to SJFD to re-focus on life-saving and fire mitigation.

Housing & Living Costs

- Boost supply of affordable childcare by incentivizing construction of facilities and support care provider training.
- Allocate \$10 million to support Governor Newsom's investment in the development of housing for "missing middle" workers earning modest incomes.

• Fund dedicated staff to expedite housing development.

Homelessness

- Use one-time funds to double the capacity of the Transitional Jobs Pilot Program to employ more homeless individuals in cleaning our streets, creeks, and public spaces.
- Direct the City Manager to identify a location for a "navigation center," and return with a proposal to use onetime Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds to construct the project.
- Embark on "Cash-for-Trash" pilot program for homeless individuals who will be incentivized to keep areas clean.
- Explore partnerships with local colleges to help homeless students.

Blight

- Expand our Removing and Preventing Illegal Dumping (RAPID) team to expedite response and engage in more proactive clean-ups.
- Boost enforcement of legal penalties against neglectful owners of blighted and nuisance properties.
- Fill dark, empty retail spaces with Storefront Activation Grant program and a Citywide Retail Attraction Program.
- Continuing support for the neighborhood-led BeautifySJ Grant program.

"We will continue to make strategic investments that offer long-term cost savings, improve efficiency, and fund our residents' highest-priority services," expressed Liccardo. "Adhering to these principles will enable our City to remain resilient amid the challenges we expect in the years ahead."

How happy are people living in San Jose?

With the aim to find out whether money really does buy happiness, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2019's Happiest Cities in America as well as accompanying videos.

In order to determine where people in America are most content with their lives, WalletHub compared more than 180 of the largest U.S. cities across 31 key indicators of happiness. The data set ranges from depression rate to income-growth rate to average leisure time spent per day.

Happiness in San Jose

(1=Happiest, 91=Avg.)

- 32nd Adequate-Sleep Rate
- 1st Unemployment Rate
- 20th Separation & Divorce Rate
- 62nd Hours Worked per Week
- 15th Income Growth Rate For the full report, please visit:

wallethub.com/edu/happiest-places-to-live/32619



A huge unexpected job awaited residents of the Sierra Foothills.

Heavy snowfall takes toll in Sierra Foothills

By Frank Shortt

Times staff writer

To those who have never lived in snow country there is a charm as the snow gathers on limbs of trees, fence posts, and gathers enough to make a snowman.

The foothill towns of the Sierra ranges have not seen the likes of snow for many years as has fallen this winter season which began October first and supposedly will end sometime around April. Old timers have said that this is the worst winter season in the past 50 years.

Not being used to heavy snowfall in the lower foothills, these folks were not ready for three, sometimes four feet of snow that swooped down upon them suddenly in the night. These heavier snowfalls are usually reserved and recorded in the higher elevations, not down to the 4,000 foot level.

Snow gathering in trees will normally fall to the ground as the limbs of pine and cedar become too heavy. This season, the storms have somehow started out with wetter snow, but as temperatures dropped, the snow becoming frozen clung to tops of trees and limbs, causing them to break with a great snap, damaging whatever they hit as they fell.

One poor family in Grizzly Flat, a small settlement in the Sierra

foothills, lost every electrical appliance during one of the latest storms. They could scarcely afford to lose even one. These latest storms will again put the burden upon the beleaguered PG&E Company that is responsible to supply power to these outlying communities. Another family in Grizzly Flat lost their microwave, the transformer for their central heat, and the garage door power supply! Alas! They had no electrical power

surge protectors to prevent electricity from surging to their appliances, only the computer room had this inexpensive device. Power surges can enter a home through several pathways. In the case of lightening, it can take the path of the television cable, or satellite dish cable (which most families have in rural areas of the mountains), through incoming telephone lines, or through existing electrical service lines. However the power surges enter, anything not protected by power surge protectors can be damaged permanently!

The latest storms have wreaked havoc on mountain roads where CalTrans workers were already overloaded keeping Rt. 80 and Rt. 50 open.

Children in the smaller communities will have to make up days of school due to days lost by the unexpected harsh winter. Usually, if the snows are not that harsh, the snowplows can keep the roads open for school buses, delivery trucks, the mail truck, and those who have to take the road down to lower elevations to their jobs.

It is expected that the ones hit hardest by these storms will remember to have things on hand in preparation for the next bad winter when the snow decides to slide lower than usual.

Pictured below: The snow buildup on roofs and railings, and clinging to trees.



Times News Briefs

2019 major street resurfacing and ADA ramps

The City's Department of Transportation (DOT) is planning to surface seal 58 miles of major streets throughout the City of San Jose.

DOT annually schedules streets to be surface sealed as a preventative maintenance measure to extend their useful life and reduce long-term maintenance costs to the City.

In 2019, DOT is planning to surface seal approximately 58 miles of major streets throughout the City. In District 10, the major streets selected for sealing this year are:

- Branham Lane (From Snell Avenue to Battle Dance Drive)
- Coleman Road (From Almaden Expressway to Santa Teresa Boulevard)
- Hillsdale (From Foxworthy Avenue to Vista Park Drive)
- Snell Avenue (From Branham Lane to 85 Overpass N/S)
- Steinbeck Drive (From Allen Avenue to Santa Teresa Boulevard)

Surface sealing is typically performed in two separate phases: preparation and a final surface sealing application. The preparation phase requires the removal of structurally failed areas of pavement and replaces them with new asphalt concrete. The preparation phase also includes concrete work, Americans with Disability Act (ADA) curb ramps, and traffic signal detector repairs and upgrades. The final stage applies a new surface seal over the entire street.

The 2019 Major Streets Concrete & ADA Ramps Project #2 contract will result in the construction of 264 ramps and provide for advance preparation work along 22 miles of major streets.

Please look out for changeable message signs that may be used on selected streets stating the scheduled date and time for work to occur on streets, and potential traffic delays.

Charlie Wedemeyer All Star Game under new management

The Legacy of Charlie Wedemeyer lives on, under new management, in the annual high school all-star football game named in his honor.

For many years the Santa Clara County All Star Game was presented by the Rotary Club of Almaden Valley. A new regime has stepped in to take over the presentation of the game from this year forward. The Charlie Wedemeyer All Star Football Game will be headed by Co-Chairs Jim Guido and Mike Carrozzo assisted by Vice Chairs Mark Krail and Candy Arnold and overseen by Lucy Wedemeyer.

Jim Guido has chaired this annual game for 45 years. Carrozzo, Krail and Arnold have a combined 55 years involvement in the direction of the game as well. The Charlie Wedemeyer All Star Game will focus primarily on developing an outstanding experience for the very best football seniors in Santa Clara County playing in their last High School game. Proceeds from the game will be donated to the Golden West Chapter of ALS Association and Coaches Against Cancer.

Some of the greats that have donned an all-star jersey in this very special event are Doug Cosbie (Dallas Cowboys), John Tuggle (New York Giants), Jeff Garcia (SF 49ers), the late Pat Tillman (Arizona Cardinals), Trent Edwards (Buffalo Bills/Oakland Raiders +) and many, many more.

There are 45 players on each team from 46 Bay Area schools, representing the very best players in the county. The 2019 South squad is led by Coach Ajene Palmer, Head Coach at Santa Teresa High School. Bert Cordero, Head Coach at Santa Clara High School, will take the reins for the North. This year's Charlie Wedemeyer All Star Game will be played at Westmont High School on July 18, 2019.

Jim Guido has been the lone game chairman of this event for more than 30 years "To have seen all of the amazing young men compete in their last high school game over 4 decades has been an unbelievably rewarding experience," said Guido "Having the game honor Charlie Wedemeyer since 1984 has been a very special part of this event. His story is something everyone should be inspired by."

Charlie Wedemeyer was diagnosed with ALS as a young man and given a short time to live. 32 years later, he finally lost his battle. "Never has there been a man who embraced life in the face of extreme odds and positively affected millions of people like Charlie Wedemeyer" Guido remembers.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the gate on game day, at the Almaden Barbers on Almaden Expressway in San Jose, and soon to be online. For more information on the coaching staff, rosters, and details please visit www.santaclaraallstar.com.

Fairmont San Jose debuts new culinary leaders with Chef's Table Dinner Series

There's a new culinary hot spot in downtown San Jose, but you won't find it by looking for a "grand opening" sign.

In fact, the city's freshest and most innovative cuisine can be found in a venue that has been a part of the downtown skyline for over 30 years – Fairmont San Jose.



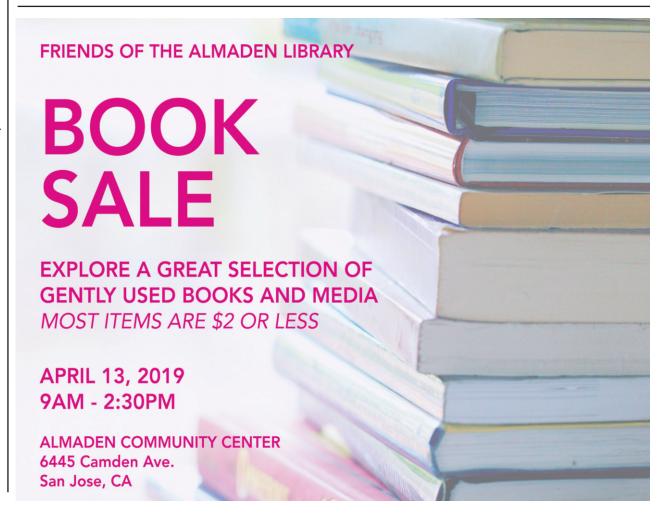
Marcelo Salinas, Executive Chef, Fairmont San Jose

The hotel has recently hired a new Executive Chef, Marcelo Salinas, and Chef de Cuisine, Chaz Brown. Together, they are leading a culinary evolution at the hotel, introducing an elevated food and beverage program that will set the hotel apart as a true destination for foodies.

To celebrate this new era and re-introduce the hotel's culinary offerings to guests and the community, Fairmont San Jose will host seasonal Chef's Table dinner events beginning late this month.

These events will provide an opportunity for guests to not only meet Chef Marcelo and Chef Chaz, but to be the first to taste dishes from their seasonal menus before they are debuted at the hotel's Lobby Lounge and Fountain Restaurant. The dinners will consist of five courses, each with wine pairings from regional vineyards.

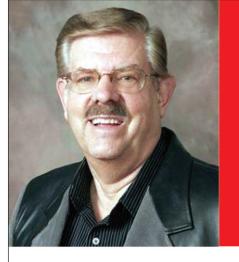
Each Chef's Table dinner will focus on a culinary theme and highlight the finest local, seasonal ingredients. Fairmont San Jose's Chef's Table dinners will be held seasonally in March, June, September and December, with tickets available through the hotel's website: fairmont.com/saniose.





Flauti Dolci & Amici II—Saturday, April 6, 3:00 PM
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Times Community

Good hospitals help build good communities

By Mike Wasserman

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, District 1

any Almaden Valley residents rely on hospitals such

Las Good Samaritan, El Camino, the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, and Kaiser Permanente. These and other hospitals and clinics make up the complex network of health care services for the 1.9 million residents of Santa Clara County. However, if one hospital closes, it can have a devastating effect both for those who rely on it, and also for other hospitals, which must absorb the in-

That is why in August of 2018, the County jumped at the chance to purchase Saint Louise Regional Hospital in Gilroy, the DePaul Health Center in Morgan Hill and O'Connor Hospital in San Jose for \$235 million when the owner -- Verity Health -- filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. There were no other bidders, which means that if the County did not purchase

creased regional health care needs.

them, the hospitals would have closed, effectively eliminating 451 hospital beds and nearly 2,000 hospital jobs.

As straightforward as this transaction might have seemed, these hospitals came dangerously close to closure due to threats from the California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to block their sale to the County because of his desire to regulate the terms. Thankfully, Judge R. Gary Klausner denied the Attorney General's emergency mo-tion to stay (halt) the Bankruptcy Court's order authorizing the sale, and the County assumed ownership on March 1. It is chilling to think how close we came to losing two hospitals and a clinic in our County.

The 358-bed O'Connor Hospital, the 93-bed Saint Louise Regional Hospital, and the De Paul Health Center will continue to operate as they do now with a focus on providing high-quality care and services, as well as improving the health of the community. Changes will include offering financial assistance programs to ensure that the most underserved in the community have access to high-quality care, as well as back-office technology improvements to billing and purchasing.

We have worked hard over the past few months to lay the foundation for transitioning these new facilities into the County family of health care resources. While even positive change can be challenging, we are fully invested in supporting this integration to make sure it is as

smooth as possible for patients and staff. The hospitals, their staff and physicians all share the County's mission to provide high-quality, compassionate and accessible healthcare.

I applaud the many people who worked with me to save the hospitals by speaking up, contacting our elected officials in Sacramento, and attending rallies. I am relieved that we can continue offering high-quality, criti-

cal health care services for all County residents and that our health care services network remains intact.

Visit supervisorwasserman.org for more information.



The City of San José's Police Department and Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services invites the public to provide input on ways to enhance youth sports opportunities through the Police Activities League (PAL) and plan for the future of PAL Stadium and express your vision for PAL Stadium and its programs.

You may take the short survey by visiting: www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019PALsurvey

Free LED Light bulbs at public library

Did you know you'll never pay for LED light bulbs through the San Jose Public Library SJPL?

Head on over to any of SJPL's 24 locations to check out the DIY Home Energy Savings Toolkit. This kit helps your home reduce your energy and water usage, saving you on average \$200/ year.

Visit sjpl.org/energysavingstoolkit for more information.



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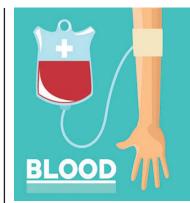
Red Cross: Severe shortage of type 0 blood

The American Red Cross currently has a severe shortage of type O blood. Type O donors – as well as eligible blood and platelet donors of all blood types – are urged to give now to ensure lifesaving patient care isn't impacted this winter.

Type O blood is the most indemand blood type, helping patients facing life-threatening conditions and emergencies every day. Type O negative blood can be transfused to patients with any blood type and is what emergency room personnel reach for when there's no time to determine a patient's blood type. Type O positive blood is also especially needed because it is the most transfused blood type and can be given to Rh-positive patients of any blood type

Having a readily available blood supply is critical for patients like Luna Giles, who at the age of 1 1/2 has already undergone two heart surgeries and required over a dozen transfusions.

"Each time, the nurse would bring in a bag of blood for her transfusion, I noticed a small label on each one that said



'Donation Type: Volunteer," said Luna's mom, Jessie Giles. "It made me think about each individual who donated blood for my daughter. I would never know who those individuals were, and they would never see the effect their donation had. But each of those individuals, strangers to us, absolutely saved my daughter's life. They may never know it, but to me, they are heroes."

Right now, the Red Cross has less than a three-day supply of most blood types, and blood products are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Recent snowstorms and severe weather in many parts of the country have forced hundreds of blood

drive cancellations, causing more than 20,000 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected.

Individuals of all blood types – especially type O – are asked to make an appointment to donate blood or platelets by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.



SHEEP HERDING

There was a great turnout despite the rain, to meet the 400 sheep at Guadalupe Oak Grove Park on Saturday, March 9. "We are experimenting with goats and sheep for vegetation management and for reducing fire fuel," said Johnny Khamis, San Jose City Councilman for District 10. "Turns out there are many more benefits to this strategy including putting a lot of smiles on people's faces."





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Times Feature

Best states to be rich or poor from a tax perspective

With the tax deadline for most Americans fast approaching and low- and middle-income families expected to pay higher effective tax rates than the rich, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2019's Best States to Be Rich or Poor from a Tax Perspective.

In order to identify the states where people in different income brackets spend the most and least on taxes, WalletHub calculated the share of one's income that he or she contributes toward sales and excise taxes, property taxes and income taxes.

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Worst States to Be Rich

from a Tax Perspective Vermont Maryland

> Connecticut New York

Worst States to Be Poor from a Tax Perspective

Pennsylvania

Washington

Illinois

Indiana

Hawaii

Illinois

Best States to Be Rich from a Tax Perspective

1	Alaska
2	Nevada
3	Wyoming
4	Tennessee
5	Florida

Best States to Be Poor from a Tax Perspective

1	Delaware
2	Alaska
3	Montana
4	Utah
5	South Carolina

Key Stats:

The overall tax burden for low-income earners is three times higher in Washington than in Delaware.

The overall tax burden for middle-income earners is three times higher in New York than in Alaska.

The overall tax burden for high-income earners is four times higher in New York than in Alaska.

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- include: · Bible study on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, at 6PM.
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core values:

- · Passionate Faith
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PM - 8:30 PM

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Soloist: Jon Nakamatsu, Piano

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About Tatsuya Shimono

Born in Kagoshima in 1969, Tatsuya Shimono cemented his international reputation as a conductor by winning First Prize at the 47th Besançon International Competition in 2001. Since then he has guest conducted major orchestras in Japan and abroad. He received great acclaim for his debuts in subscription concerts with the Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia and the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra in 2009, and then in March 2010, made his debut with the Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra.

About Jon Nakamatsu

A native of California, Jon Nakamatsu claimed a distinguished place on the international musical scene in June, 1997 when he was named the Gold Medalist of the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the only American to have achieved this distinction since 1981. A former high school German teacher, he became a popular hero overnight in the highly traditional medium of classical music.

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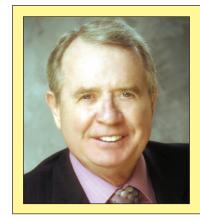


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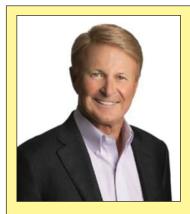
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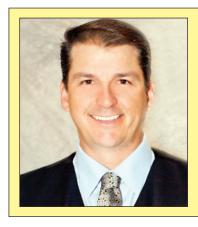
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