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San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo spoke Thursday at the opening of 40 new “tiny homes” on Mabury Road in northeast San Jose, which will temporarily house homeless residents while they find permanent housing.

## Tiny homes community debuts in San Jose

*Interim housing program to help homeless individuals seek permanent housing*

After several years of planning, the first tiny homes community officially opened complete with security and resident services.

Mayor Sam Liccardo was joined by Governor Gavin Newsom at the debut of the Mabury Bridge Housing Community that provides interim housing for homeless individuals on public land and acts as the bridge between homelessness and permanent housing. Joining Liccardo and Newsom were Assemblymembers Kansen Chu and Ash Kalra, state Senator Jim Beall and Home-First CEO Andrea Urton.

The new community includes 40 tiny homes, officially known as “emergency sleeping cabins” as well as community facilities with showers, a kitchen, laundry facilities, a computer room, and space where residents will receive supportive services, including assistance with employment and housing searches. Comcast generously donated site-

wide Wi-Fi, computers for residents to aid in their job searches, and a community room flat-screen TV. The site is currently operated through a partnership with the local nonprofit Home-First.

“The Mabury Bridge Housing Community is a unique approach to getting people off the street and setting them up for success,” said Mayor Sam Liccardo. “The people we’ll serve here are able to work and live on their own. They hit a bump in the road, and we’re helping them get back on their feet. We’ll provide them with supportive services so they can find permanent housing and remain housed.”

The Mabury Bridge Housing Community is the first of its kind, built on land leased from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and funded through the State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). The new unique housing community was built by Habitat for Humanity with an army of volunteers - 1,800 volunteers contributing a total of more than

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## ELECTION 2020



Matt Mahan (right) with Mayor Sam Liccardo who endorsed Mahan's candidacy.

## MAHAN WINS!

By William Bellou | Publisher

Matt Mahan has won the San Jose City Council seat for District 10.

Almaden residents made their voices heard as results from the Super Tuesday election became known shortly after 8 p.m. with a big win for Mahan.

Mahan received nearly 58% of the District 10 vote. With 100% of the precincts reporting, voting percentages for the three San Jose City Council candidates showed Matt Mahan with 57.74%; Helen Wang, 22.78%; and Jenny Higgins Bradanini, 19.49%.

*More than fifty percent of the ballots had  
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## PLAY BALL!

## Almaden Little League opening day, Sunday, March 8

The biggest opening day ceremony in the history of Almaden Little League will take place on Sunday, March 8 from 10:30 am to 2 pm. The event location is Camden Ave & Mt Carmel Dr, San Jose, behind Greystone Park.

The “Parade of Teams” will take place at noon. All the teams (little T-Ball players all the way up to 15 year old Juniors) will be on the field at the same time in full uniform.

“We welcome the entire Almaden community to come out and share some food, see the amazing shape our upgraded fields are in, check out all the Almaden baseball families and enjoy fellowship,” said Almaden Little League president Peter Fuqua.

“This year the league will feature a raffle drawing (12:45 pm), bounce houses, a big BBQ and for the



first time, a petting zoo,” said Almaden Little League Board Member Nick Blozan. “We look forward to the Almaden community joining us to support our athletic organization.”

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Primaries are only preliminary elections

Dear Editor,

A political primary is a preliminary election in which the registered voters of a political party nominate candidates for office. The key word here is preliminary.

The current system allows small states such as Iowa and New Hampshire {assisted by the media} to award front-runner status to the victorious candidate. From there the candidates travel a path determined by which states want to "leap frog" the others by moving up their primary dates. Candidates are whisked across the country without any real ability to distinguish regional issues from national issues. Consequently, party platforms are determined by a make-it-up-as-you-go approach.

If the primary process were organized on a regional basis, candidates would be able to study the regional issues, campaign to confirm those issues and then receive votes based on the solutions they propose. A regional approach would also prevent a premature selection of a front runner because success in one region certainly would not guarantee success in the next region. This would also further validate the process because each state would still have a say all the way down to the end. Finally, the number of delegates awarded in each state should be determined by the percentage of votes won by each candidate.

Accordingly, the political primaries should occur between January and June of each presidential election year. Each of the six regions would be assigned a particular month. A lottery held in June of the previous year would determine which month each region holds its primaries. An example illustrates the format:

#### January

Southern (8):

AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, TN, VA, WV

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# Valley Currents

**cur | rent** (adj.) *Present, topical, timely, newsworthy.* (n.) *Movement in a definite direction, a flow.*



The Spring Garden Market offers an opportunity to pick up gently used tools, pots, books, trellises and more at bargain prices while benefiting the UC Master Gardener program. Guests can attend talks, browse demonstration gardens, visit vendors and eat at food trucks or pack a picnic lunch.

## Spring Garden Market plant sale at Martial Cottle Park: April 18

The Spring Garden Market will be held at Martial Cottle Park on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in conjunction with the Spring Celebration at the park.

There will be a huge number of offerings with a variety of tomato, pepper, herb, and flower seedlings and succulents that are raised in the Santa Clara Valley. These varieties, not readily available elsewhere, are selected for outstanding taste, beauty, and performance in Santa Clara County's soil and climate.

Bring your plant, soil, pest, and tool questions to the Education Booths where you can get your gardening questions answered by UC Master Gardeners. You will also learn about water wise plants, animal pest control, and much more.

Hourly talks have been scheduled by UC Mas-



ter Gardeners, children's activities, a Green Elephant sale, and an "Ask a Master Gardener" booth are available where you can ask questions and bring in plant samples for diagnosis.

Plant Daycare volunteers will watch your purchases while you attend gardening talks, browse our demonstration gardens, visit our

vendors, eat lunch either from a food truck or your own picnic lunch, and enjoy the Spring Celebration taking place throughout Martial Cottle Park.

There will be an opportunity to pick up gently used tools, pots, books, trellises and more at bargain prices while benefiting the UC Master Gardener program.

Admission is free, \$6 parking at Martial Cottle Park. The location for the Garden Market is off Chynoweth Avenue. Plant sales benefit the UC Master Gardener program. Martial Cottle Park is located at: 5283 Snell Ave. San Jose, CA

*Editor's note: Please bring a box, cart or wagon for an easier shopping experience. Sturdy shoes are recommended for walking on some uneven surfaces. No dogs except service dogs in the sales area.*

## Home prices on the rise again amid a lack of inventory, low interest rates

Bay Area home prices are showing an uptick again with buyers coming back into the market amid low inventory and low interest rates.

Zillow is reporting the median sale price in Santa Clara County in January for single-family homes rose 2.7% to \$1.21 million, year over year.

"Buyers have really come back to the table which is a different picture from last year," said Jeff Tucker, Zillow economist. "Inventory is so

low, homes aren't languishing," Tucker said. It was reported by MLS Listings that new listings have dropped 16 percent in Santa Clara County.

Another factor that will bring more buyers to the table are the lower interest rates that are due to the recent drop in the stock market.

## Friends of Almaden Library Book Sale – Saturday, April 4

Don't miss the Almaden Library Book Sale on April 4 from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Almaden Library located at 6445 Camden Avenue in San Jose.



Explore a huge selection of gently used books and media - most priced at \$2 or less.

All proceeds from this sale support various programs and new additions to the Almaden library collection that benefit the whole community.

BYO bags and we'll see you there!

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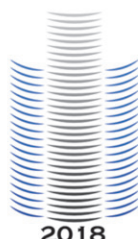
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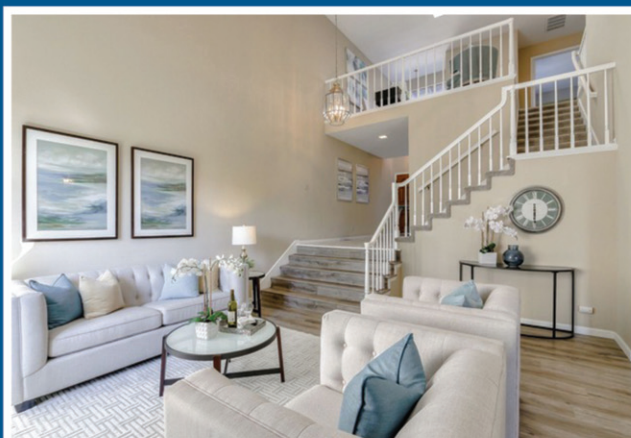
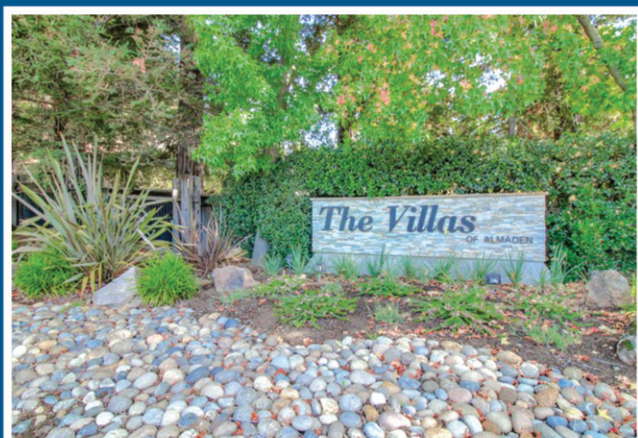
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The 13th Annual Winter Walk and Senior Resource Fair was a great success with more than 600 attending this year's event on Feb. 21. Photo by Queenie Ngo

## Another successful Winter Walk and Senior Resource Fair

The 13th Annual Winter Walk and Senior Resource Fair was a great success with more than 600 attending this year's event on Feb. 21

Guests learned how to hula with the Wesley Ukulele Band; found lots of helpful and useful information from the 55 vendors; received many gifts from generous vendors and sponsors; enjoyed free coffee and a continental breakfast.

Many seniors took a lap around the mall, some took two and many cheered for those

who won the amazing drawing prizes.

There were many donated gently used eye glasses and hearing aids to the Lion's club this year.

The event was sponsored by San Jose City Councilmembers Pam Foley, Johnny Khamis, and Sergio Jimenez.

Sponsors for this year's event were the Almaden Times, Alameda Family Funeral Services, El Camino Health, Kaiser Permanente, Star One Credit Union, and Westfield Oakridge Mall.



Some prominent guests learned how to hula with the Wesley Ukulele Band. Photo by Queenie Ngo

## Letter

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**February**

Southwestern (9):  
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NM, OK, TX, UT

#### March

Atlantic (8):  
DE, DC, FL, GA,  
MD, NJ, NC, SC

#### April

New England (8):  
CT, ME, MA, NH,  
NY, PA, RI, VT,

#### May

Northwestern (9):  
AK, ID, KS, MT, ND,  
OR, SD, WA, WY

#### June

Middle West (9):  
IL, IA, IN, MI, MN,  
MO, NE, OH, WI

– Joe Bialek



# *A Spring Time Reminder*

It's that time of year:

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## Times Community

### Fatal accident near Puerto Vallarta Drive

On Monday, March 2 at approximately 11:51 a.m., San Jose police officers responded to a vehicle traffic collision in the area of Camden Avenue and Puerto Vallarta Drive in San Jose.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a 2010 silver Nissan Versa, driven by a solo occupant adult male, was traveling northbound on Camden Avenue when it struck the center median and rolled onto its side. The victim was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased a short time later.

The Santa Clara County Coroner's Office is responsible for releasing the victim's name after they confirm identity and notify next of kin.

This is the City's 7th fatal collision of 2020.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Michael O'Brien of the San Jose Police Department's Traffic Investigations Unit at 408-277-4654.

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### Low-Cost Microchip Clinic at Pup Plaza on March 14

*Microchip ID can help a lost pet get back to its home*

Silicon Valley Pet Project is inviting pets and their parents to a low-cost microchip clinic on March 14, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Pup Plaza, 14408 Union Ave., San Jose.

For \$20 each, pet owners can get a permanent ID for their dogs and cats. The fee includes insertion and registration with a national pet recovery database. No appointments are needed and walk-ins are welcomed.

Statistics support this life-saving measure. According to the American Kennel Club (AKC), one in three pets is likely to be lost at some time in its life. Studies show that cats are 20 times more likely to be reunited with their families when microchipped and dogs are 2.5 times more likely to be reunited. Without a collar or microchip, shelters have no way of finding a lost pet's owner.

Microchipping is a safe and standard practice. The microchip is the size of a grain of rice and is injected under the loose skin between a dog's or cat's shoulder blades. It carries a unique identification number and when scanned by a vet or shelter, the chip transmits the ID number that corresponds to the owner's contact information in the pet recovery database.

"Collars, while important, can be lost. Microchips are permanent," said Melissa Lisbon, SVPP CEO. "We invite everyone who needs a pet microchip to come and participate. This is truly the best way to make sure a lost pet can get home again."

*Editor's note: Pup Plaza is located in the Cambrian Shopping Center, 14408 Union Ave., San Jose, CA 95124. For more information email: [info@svpetproject.org](mailto:info@svpetproject.org)*



### Flauti Dolci & Amici II to perform at Foothill Presbyterian Church

Experience early music performed on period instruments in the remarkable acoustic space that is the sanctuary of Foothill Presbyterian Church in San Jose.

Foothill Community Concert Series is presenting FLAUTI DOLCI & AMICI II on Saturday, March 7 at 3:00 pm at Foothill Presbyterian Church at 5301 McKee Road.

Ensembles from around the Bay Area will come together to share their love of music – all including at least one flauto dolce (recorder).

Music will include pieces from the Medieval to contemporary including works by Telemann and Vivaldi performed by the talented groups: The Belmont Consort, Seedy Jail, Quartetto Paradiso and the Peralta Consort.

The second concert on April 18th will include: Amaranta, Belmont Consort, Quartetto Paradiso, SDQ, Concerto Celestini, Ensemble Trecento, and Hotte Ayre. This is the second half of the Flauti Dolci series, with more local groups highlighted.

On June 6 Foothill's resident Early Music group, The Peralta Consort will present a program of Baroque favorites.

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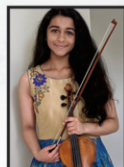
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Times **Feature**



## San Jose council allocates \$6.8M to make city streets safer

By William Bellou  
Publisher

In an effort to reduce traffic deaths, especially pedestrian, the San Jose City Council has unanimously approved \$7 million of funding for Vision Zero plan, which was launched five years ago to improve a variety of pedestrian and cyclist-friendly methods.

The funding will be used to create safer street layouts and bikeways on major city arteries, increase traffic enforcement staff, implement an awareness campaign in areas of the city where there have been major collisions. The money will also be used for radar speed signs that can be reviewed as real-time traffic data by city officials.

Last year, a total of 60 people were killed in a traffic collision in San Jose, an increase of 8 traffic deaths from 2018, matching the

deaths reported in 2014. Seniors are among the highest reported victims. Pedestrians made up nearly half of all deaths, car passengers accounted for 32 percent and bicyclists made up 12 percent.

Nani Lavin, a widow now after her husband was struck and killed while riding his bicycle eight months ago, was one of more than a dozen residents who spoke before the City Council. With tears in her eyes she said, "I don't want you to see 42 or 60. I want you to see fathers and mothers. I know this will not bring Bob back or the other 60 people back, but please help us."

Police Chief Eddie Garcia said the city has increased enforcement with DUI checkpoints, and a crackdown on street racing. "We issued more than 1,200 traffic citations in December 2019 alone. Contributing to the death toll are distracted, fatigued or intoxicated drivers and the increasing number of homeless pedestrians lining city streets."

The city's Vision Zero Task Force will be chaired by City Councilmember Raul Peralez, to oversee the program and create a team to build data-driven safety projects. The task force will meet quarterly starting in March to develop a strategy to improve traffic enforcement.

## FCCS Foothill Community Concert Series COMING NEXT



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### FLAUTI DOLCI & AMICI

Saturday, March 7th, 2020 at 3:00 pm  
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# Recycling the once-unrecyclable

## My push for a Dirty Plastics Recycling Facility

By Johnny Khamis  
Special to the Times

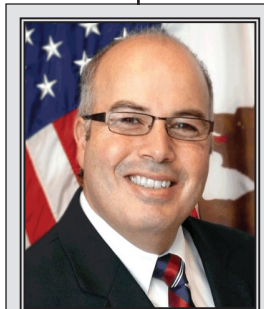
On Tuesday, San José took a large step toward environmental sustainability when my colleagues on the City Council voted to include my recent proposal for attracting a Polypropylene Plastic Purification & Recycling Plant (PRP) to San José on the list of approved City priorities for the coming six months. I am especially grateful to my colleagues Dev Davis and Pam Foley for co-sponsoring the memo to promote this endeavor. The only plant of its kind is presently being built in Ohio and it's our goal to replicate this facility, which would be the first of its kind on the West Coast.

This new plant, if built in San José, will be a game changer in the way we process and dispose of plastics. Its cutting-edge technology has the potential to be a positive disruption in current plastics waste stream. Currently, only 1% of Polypropylene plastic waste – such as chip bags, pump dispensers, utensils, condiment

bottle caps, and the like - can be recycled, since such plastics are contaminated with oil, food residue, dyes, gel, and other currently-non-convertible particles. What does get recycled is degraded into a dark, odorous substance suitable only for industrial uses like car parts and public benches.

Now, however, Proctor & Gamble has patented a new plastics purification technology that will enable us to recycle once-unrecyclable dirty plastics. Using a special chemical cleaning process, contaminants can now be removed from Polypropylene, converting it back into near-virgin-quality plastic suitable for reuse. The waste cycle is then transformed: dirty plastics can now be recycled into the same product over and over instead of piling up in our landfills.

The projected reduction in plastic waste is remarkable. The under-construction facility in Ohio, when in operation, will process and filter 119 million pounds of dirty plastic into 105 million pounds of near-virgin-quality plastic in its first year. That is an 88% reduction in plastic waste – enough pounds to equal the weight of a large ocean-going cargo ship! Furthermore, by reducing



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Johnny Khamis,  
City Councilmember



our dependence on virgin plastic production, we reduce our dependence on the oil and natural gas used in the creation of the plastic, making for cleaner air and oceans.

The need for this technology, on a global scale, has increased exponentially in the past two years as China, India, and Southeast Asian countries have banned importation of all but the cleanest plastic waste. We cannot and should not export an enormous volume of waste overseas, especially if we burn fossil fuels doing so and can't guarantee it will be disposed of properly. In the meantime, plastic waste that we once expected would be exported is instead accumulating in warehouses and landfills. In contrast, the Ohio facility has already pre-sold 20 years' worth of processing capacity to Nestlé, so the demand exists and we have the potential to dramatically increase the scope of Polypropy-

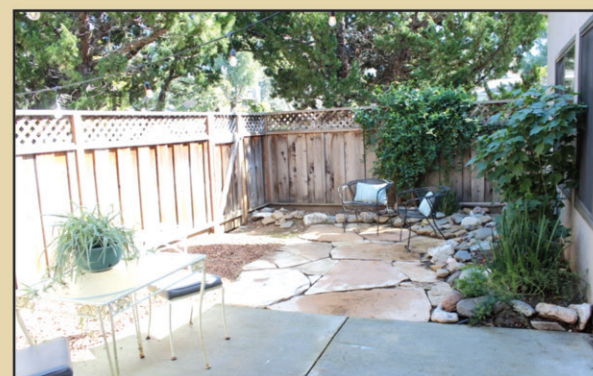
lene recycling to help offset our increasingly problematic plastic waste situation.

According to the San José Department of Environmental Services, 10% of the City's waste stream is plastics and we discard an estimated 1,000 tons of it, yearly. That is equivalent to the weight of eight blue whales! San José has always been a leader in environmental sustainability and we must continue to lead. Our local waste and recycling companies agree and stand ready to support this enterprise. California Waste Solutions, Zanker Recycling, GreenWaste Recovery, and Republic Services joined me for the press conference on Tuesday and shared their commitment to the application of innovative technological solutions to our pressing environmental challenges.

The need is here, the solution is here, the time to act is now!

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Times **Community News**

## The Philharmonic Orchestra to performs Dvorák, Kodály, Krommer, Mendelssohn and Liszt: March 21

Leland High School's Luke Nam to perform Krommer Clarinet Concerto No. 1

The San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra, under the artistic leadership of Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, presents its 2020 Spring Concert to be held on Saturday, March 21, 4 pm, at the California Theatre.

The concert opens with one of Dvorák's lively and most popular works—a selection from his Slavonic Dances, and will conclude with Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2.

This concert will also feature winners from the 2019 Young Artists' Competition, proudly sponsored by the San Jose Symphony Foun-

dation. Outstanding young soloists, Luke Nam, clarinet, will perform Krommer Clarinet Concerto No. 1; and Khushi Parikh, violin, will perform Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor.

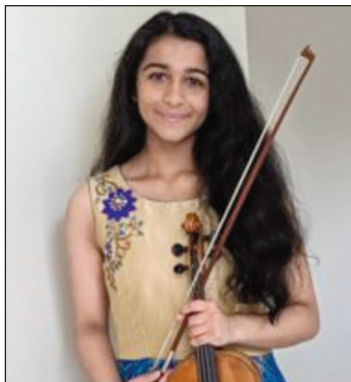
Luke Nam, a junior at Leland High School, will perform Krommer's Clarinet Concerto No. 1

Luke Nam is a high school junior at Leland High School and has been playing clarinet since age 9. He has been with the San Jose Youth Symphony for several years, having also been part of the Chamber Orchestra.

Khushi Parikh, 16, is a junior at



Luke Nam (above) and Khushi Parikh



Archbishop Mitty High School. She has studied violin since age 4, currently studying with Debra Fong. Khushi has been a member of the San Jose Youth Symphony for four years.

The San Jose Youth Symphony (SJYS) is one of the oldest and finest youth orchestras on the West Coast of the U.S. Founded over six decades ago as part of the former San Jose Symphony, SJYS has a rich tradition of musical performance and education.

The musicians of SJYS, all school-age youth, are chosen from more than 650 applicants through our annual auditions. The SJYS com-

prises 12 distinct performing ensembles: two full orchestras, a Chamber orchestra, two flute choirs, two string ensembles, as well as winds, harp, saxophone, percussion and jazz ensembles.

Tickets are available at the box office, starting from 3 pm the day of the concert.

Prices: (Orchestra: adults – \$15; students/seniors – \$10; children 12 & under – \$5);

(Balcony: adults – \$20; students/seniors – \$15; children 12 & under – \$10).

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The radar, located on top of the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant in San Jose, is the cornerstone in a new network of high-resolution, low-elevation radars that will improve weather forecasting of atmospheric rivers and extreme

weather events across the region.

"Today marks a great milestone in a collaboration that will provide vital information during storms," said Valley Water CEO Norma Camacho. "We and our partners across the region are committed to helping keep our communities safe from floods."

Forecasting rainfall from powerful Pacific storms can be a challenge for meteorologists due to the complex terrain of the San Francisco Bay Area. Precipitation from these storms often forms at low levels, well below the range of existing radars. Once complete, the AQPI network will consist of four X-Band Radars and one C-Band Radar

See *WEATHER*, page 23

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Times **Community News**

# Symphony Silicon Valley presents 'Nakamatsu Plays Beethoven' March 21 - 22

*Symphony orchestra celebrates Beethoven's 250th anniversary*

Symphony Silicon Valley presents Nakamatsu Plays Beethoven to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Beethoven on Saturday, March 21 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose.

With this concert the Symphony joins the world-wide celebration of Beethoven's 250th anniversary. Over three seasons, pianist **Jon Nakamatsu** (right) and the orchestra will perform all of Beethoven's piano concertos. Featured will be the Second piano concerto, which the young virtuoso used as a display piece to make his way in Vienna. Schumann's heartfelt Symphony No. 4 concludes, bridging the worlds of Beethoven and Brahms.

#### PROGRAM:

- \* Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 2
- \* Beethoven: Choral Fantasy
- \* Schumann: Symphony No. 4

Conductor: John Nelson

Soloists: Jon Nakamatsu, piano  
Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale



To order tickets, visit [www.symphonysiliconvalley.org](http://www.symphonysiliconvalley.org) or call the Box Office: 408.286.2600; Or visit the Box Office between 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 325 South First Street in downtown San Jose, between San Carlos and San Salvador Streets just one-half block from the California Theatre.

Easy, inexpensive parking is just one block away at San Jose City Garage on San Carlos Street with entrances on 2nd and 3rd Streets for \$5.

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Meet them all at the new special exhibition, Viva Baja! Life on the Edge, featuring animals from Baja's deserts, mangrove forest and coral reef.

Arrive: 8:15 am

Depart: 8:30 am

Return: 4:30 approximately

Price: \$70.00

Optional: Special Access Tour, \$20.00 additional.

A tour of the aquarium with a guide. You will be able to see some areas behind the scenes.

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M, T, W 9:30-11:30 am

Questions call: Sally @ 408 826-9619 or Rich 408 219-8641

## Almaden Senior Association Wine Tasting & Buffet Event

Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 11:30 am-3:00 pm

Join us for an enjoyable day @ Clos LeChance Winery in San Martin. Enjoy tasting five Reserve wines, a tour of the winery and a buffet lunch. Menu includes, a platter of cold cuts, fresh bread, garden vegetables, caesar salad, pasta salad, chips & cookies.

Optional tour of winery & cellars, "includes stairs"  
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Transportation by bus.

Price: \$59.00 members, \$65.00 non-members

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## Coronavirus concerns impacting Chinese owned businesses in Almaden

Traffic at some Chinese-American businesses is down due to fears about the virus.

As concerns increase daily regarding the coronavirus there have been some reports of discrimination against Chinese immigrants and Chinese-American neighbors in Almaden Valley.

"I encourage everyone to be sensitive to what they may be feeling or saying at this critical time," said San Jose City Councilmember Johnny Khamis. "I encourage everyone to take this opportunity to stand with our Chinese-American community and patronize their businesses."

## Coronavirus prevention tips

It is suggested that everyone practice preventative hygiene to keep yourselves and others from becoming sick with COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Here are some tips to protect yourself and your family from infection and prevent the spread of respiratory viruses.

■ Avoid close contact with sick people.

■ While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible.

■ Stay home if you are sick.

■ Get your flu shot to protect against flu or symptom's similar to COVID-19.

■ If you feel sick, please call your primary care physician or the nurse advice line.

■ Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

■ Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.

■ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.

■ The CDC is not recommending the use of facemasks for the general public at this time.

■ Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.

**Answers to your most common coronavirus questions:**

**What is a coronavirus?**

It is a novel virus named for the crown-like spikes that protrude from its surface. The coronavirus can infect both animals and people and can cause a range of respiratory illnesses from the common cold to more dangerous conditions like Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS.

**How worried should I be?**

New outbreaks in Asia, Europe and the Middle East are renewing fears of a global pandemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned this week that Americans should brace for the likelihood that the virus will spread to the United States.

**How do I keep myself and others safe?**

Washing your hands frequently is the most important thing you can do, along with staying at home when you're sick.

**What if I'm traveling?**

The C.D.C. has warned older and at-risk travelers to avoid Japan, Italy and Iran. The agency also has advised against all nonessential travel to South Korea and China.

**How can I prepare for a possible out-**

**break?**

Keep a 30-day supply of essential medicines. Get a flu shot. Have essential household items on hand. Have a support system in place for elderly family members.

**Where has the virus spread?**

The virus, which originated in Wuhan, China, has sickened more than 80,000 people in at least 33 countries, including Italy, Iran and South Korea.

**How contagious is the virus?**

According to preliminary research, it seems moderately infectious, similar to SARS, and is probably transmitted through sneezes, coughs and contaminated surfaces. Scientists have estimated that each infected person could spread it to somewhere between 1.5 and 3.5 people without effective containment measures.

**Who is working to contain the virus?**

World Health Organization officials have been working with officials in China, where growth has slowed. But this week, as confirmed cases spiked on two continents, experts warned that the world was not ready for a major outbreak.

Please visit the CDC website for the most recent information about COVID-19: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html).

## \$13.2 million available to help California homeowners prepare for 'the big one'

Today, there are more than 1.2 million vulnerable homes in California that reside in high-seismic-hazard areas.

Many homeowners know that their homes are at-risk when an earthquake occurs but are unaware that they can protect their homes with a seismic retrofit.

California's Earthquake Brace + Bolt grant program provides homeowners in eligible ZIP Codes with \$3,000 to help offset the cost of completing a seismic retrofit.

"By undergoing a seismic retrofit, older houses that were not built to withstand an earthquake are braced and bolted into their foundation," said Janiele Maffei, Chief Mitigation Officer for the California Earthquake Authority. "This helps to prevent the home from sliding off its foundation in the event of an earthquake and reduces the amount of damage a house can incur."

With \$13.2 million in funding, EBB will offer over 4,400 retrofit grants in 2020. To date, almost 10,000 Californians have strengthened their homes by successfully completing the retrofitting process with EBB.

Registration for the 2020 EBB program continues through March 19.

To register, visit: [www.earthquakebracebolt.com/HomeownerRegistration](http://www.earthquakebracebolt.com/HomeownerRegistration)



Times **Community News**

Boys spin circles as they perform Gatka at a previous Hola Mohalla festival.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EXCITING FESTIVAL OF COURAGE AND STRENGTH****Sunday, March 15 marks the return of the 9th annual Hola Mohalla festival at the San Jose Sikh Gurdwara**

*Celebrated worldwide, this event marks the Sikh New Year*

Say hello to the Sikhs and honor their depth of kindness in what they do and believe in. These gatherings build community!

Everyone is invited to this completely complimentary festival meaning; free parking, free entrance to all, free events to observe and or participate in, complimentary beverages and delicious handmade foods with plenty of smiles and joyful camaraderie for all to revel in.

Did you know the San Jose Gurdwara is the largest of its kind in the United States and it acts as a community asset. Also it is one of the most beautiful landmarks to walk around and take your family to.

Bob Dhillon, President of the San Jose Sikh Gurdwara states, "With great dedication and devotion we are hosting one of the largest family festivals in all of California. We gladly invite you to our festival. It is a safe and fun place for you to take your family. We hope you will come and enjoy the complimentary tasty food and refreshments we take pride in making for you by hand. Also, it is a joyful experience for you to walk around with your family and enjoy yourself at our annual Festival of Strength and Courage which we refer to as the Hola Mohalla."

The festival is held outdoors and you will see many sports competitions to view and also you can, if you like, participate in some too. Competitions are created for people of all ages. Free pony rides are offered for the little ones so that they too can build their own personal courage and strength inside themselves.

This festival brings many cultures together and all are welcome. There will be booths which will sell wares from India and much

more. You will see foot races and displays of martial arts, tug of war challenges, along with many other competitions in sports you may not have witnessed before.

The day builds strength in all for it awakens our understanding of how we too can individually advance and enhance our own personal strength and courage.

**Sikhs care about all cultures**

The Sikhs care about humanity and honor it. They do not try to proselytize others by trying to change their religions. They honor equality between man and woman and consider all of us brothers and sisters. Believ-



ing the entire human race is connected they embrace each religion working in its own way to achieve the virtuosity of God.

*Editor's Note: Kindly look for the informational ad in this issue of the Almaden Times. To get to this event from Almaden, go Highway 101 north. Take the Capital Expressway exit. Turn right on Quimby Road and follow it up a mile to the foothills. You can park at Evergreen High school and take a shuttle or Carolyn Clark Elementary School. Shuttles run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival is outdoors on the large field. You can also park anywhere you wish and walk in. Get ready for a wonderful day of engagement in seeing and experiencing strength and courage. For more information visit: [sanjosegurdwara.org](http://sanjosegurdwara.org) or contact Kirpal Atwal (408) 835-7712. Sign up for the Gurdwara App.*

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**Matt Mahan** addresses his supporters at his election watch party at Amato's Pizza in Almaden on Super Tuesday.

## Election

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*been counted as the Almaden Times went to press and the results were not expected to change significantly.*

Tech entrepreneur Matt Mahan has served as part of the Almaden Valley Community Association, the District 10 Leadership Coalition and the city's Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission.

"I'm extremely grateful to our campaign team, our volunteers and all of our supporters in the community who opened their homes and engaged their neighbors across Almaden, Santa Teresa, Blossom Valley and the rest of our district," Mahan said.

Mahan conducted a smoothly run grassroots campaign. "Our campaign knocked on more than 15,000 doors across every precinct in the district and organized over 20 events at supporters' homes and local businesses," Mahan said. "I believe that the grassroots nature of our campaign gave us a really strong foundation heading into the election."

Mahan succeeds term-limited Councilmember Johnny Khamis, who ran unsuccessfully for state Senate District 15. District 10 represents southeast San Jose, stretching from Almaden and Blossom Valley to the Santa Teresa Foothills. Khamis will continue to represent District 10 through the remainder of this year.

### State Senate vote

State Senator District 15 candidates Dave Cortese and Ann Ravel will advance to the November runoff. Cortese's percentage of the vote was 32.98% and Ann Ravel garnered 20.06%.

Cortese and Ravel ran against San Jose Councilmember Johnny Khamis, former California Assemblymember Nora Campos, paratransit operator Tim Gildersleeve, Army Staff Sgt. Ken Del Valle and mechanical equipment manufacturer Robert Howell.

### Cortese

Cortese, 63, who raised more than \$1 million for his campaign, has long served as a Santa Clara County supervisor. He has served on multiple transportation boards and committees. Cortese also serves on the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Cortese's campaign was built around funding public safety, promoting equal pay and a



Candidates for State Senate Dist. 15 runoff are attorney **Ann Ravel** (left) and Santa Clara County Supervisor **Dave Cortese**.

living wage, expanding education to support teachers and students and ensuring that everyone can afford health care.

"I'm very excited to move on to the November general election and beyond that, to the state Senate," Cortese said. "I am extremely grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who have come out since last year to make calls and knock on doors, and to the voters who have entrusted me to continue to represent them."

### Ravel

Ann Ravel, 70, who raised nearly \$750,000, is an attorney who served as the Santa Clara County counsel for more than a decade before becoming the deputy assistant attorney general in the U.S. Department of Justice and was a former Federal Election Commission Chair.

Ravel's campaign focused on protections for renters and creating homes and shelters, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, fighting global warming, raising teacher pay and making community college free.

"I am so proud of the campaign because it represents my values, ethics, and integrity," Ravel said. "All my life I have focused on making a difference in the lives of people and I will continue to fight for justice and equal rights for all. As State Senator, government transparency, affordable healthcare, child-care and housing, combatting climate change, and holding wrongdoers accountable will be my top priorities."

This year, for the first time, voters were able to cast a ballot at any of the 110 vote centers as opposed to assigned precincts. Voters also received a vote-by-mail ballot as part of the county's shift to comply with the Voter's Choice Act. Additionally, the California Legislature approved same-day voting, which means you can change your party status, register or re-register to vote at any voting center.

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**Measure E**

Measure E, a San Jose initiative passed 53%-46%. The measure will enact a permanent transfer tax on property sales of \$2 million or more in the city for affordable housing.

Mayor Sam Liccardo said, "Last night, San Jose showed the world our heart. I am proud to serve a compassionate community, committed to ensuring that we don't leave our neighbors behind." The measure will go into effect July 1.

San Jose City Councilmember Johnny Khamis was an early opponent of Measure E. "Measure E is a General Fund tax measure, which means the city council can spend the funds it generates on whatever they deem necessary. When the housing crisis is eventually solved,

the use of the General Fund dollars by subsequent city councils cannot be restricted," Khamis said.

**Proposition 13**

California's statewide ballot measure Proposition 13, a \$15 billion bond measure to fund modernization and construction of new K-12, community college, CSU and UC classrooms and other facilities, is losing statewide 56%.- 44% The measure, which needs a simple majority to pass, was opposed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

*Santa Clara County elections officials reported a 45 to 55 percent turnout for Super Tuesday. It will likely take days to finalize election results because of vote-by-mail, conditional and provisional ballots.*

## Sharks Ice complex wants to add two new rinks

Sharks Ice complex in San Jose may expand to nearly 400,000-square-feet under a proposal under review at San Jose City Hall.

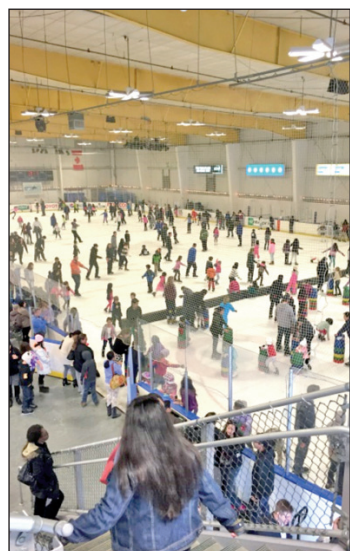
The expansion project would add two ice rinks and more than double the size on the 21.2-acre facility at 1500 South 10th Street.

To make room for the expansion, the project developers need demolish the firing range and a portion of the existing parking lot. At present, the ice center totals roughly 180,000 square feet.

The expansion project will include a community and practice ice rink, Rink 5; and a competition rink, Rink 6, for the San Jose Barracuda. The Barracuda is the AHL affiliate of the Sharks and an estimated 34 events a year would be staged at Rink 6.

The expansion would not just include new rinks, but also 20,000 square feet of medical offices would be built as part of the project. These could be used for the treatment or training of athletes.

"A reception and lobby area,



The expansion project would add two ice rinks and more than double the size on the 21.2-acre facility at 1500 South 10th Street.

restrooms, offices, exam rooms, and support services" would be part of the medical offices, according to city documents.

The San Jose City Council is slated to vote on the project next week. The proposed expansion in the most recent version of the proposal is significantly larger than a preliminary proposal that the San Jose Sharks company had floated nearly two years ago. At that time, an expansion of 178,000 square feet was envisioned, with no mention of a rink for the San Jose Barracuda.



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Times **Community News****MOVIE REVIEW****Call of the Wild (2020)**By **Joshua Kim***Special to the Times*

**C**all of the Wild (2020) is the latest film adaptation of the beloved 1903 novel by Jack London that remains a touchstone in the teaching of American literature.

The movie follows essentially the same story beats as the novel, albeit in a more family friendly manner, and tells the story of Buck, a dog who is taken from his comfy home in Santa Clara, California, and a sympathetic prospector named John Thornton (played by Harrison Ford) and the adventures they have in the wilderness of the Yukon Territory.

There are many things that are to like about this film adaptation. First, the portrayal of the vast expanse of the Yukon Territory is a visual delight. Whether it is the barren and snow-laden hilltops during the winter, or the lush forests during the spring, there is so much color and texture in the film that looks gorgeous on the big screen. In addition, the film has some genuinely great

moments of excitement and heartfelt emotion, undoubtedly made better by the grizzled, yet terrific performance by Harrison Ford.

These positive aspects, however, were sometimes overshadowed by the glaring overuse of distracting CGI throughout the film. While we have had stunning advancements in photorealistic CG animals in recent years such as in the newest adaptations of The Lion King, The Jungle Book and Life of Pi, the CGI used in this film falls short. The digitally constructed animals always seemed painfully out of place with their environments and moved and acted in ways that aren't typical of their real life counterparts. The use of CG animals had some benefits, however, such as allowing for a more sympathetic and emotive portrayal of our animal protagonist, Buck.

Overall, Call of the Wild is a competently made family friendly film that has a lot to love. While the use of CGI is distracting at times, that shouldn't stop fans of the novel from enjoying this new adaptation and what it has to offer, especially in its beautiful portrayal of the Yukon Territory and a great performance by Harrison Ford

Score: 6.5/10

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## Opera San José unveils new season; supporters welcome new General Director Khorri Dastoor

Opera San José supporters gathered at the historic California Theatre Jan. 21 to welcome its new General Director **Khorri Dastoor** (above) and hear her unveil the company's new strategic vision and ground-breaking line-up for the 2020-21 Season.

Dastoor presented the company's new productions, company premieres, artist debuts, and cultural collaborations in four mainstage productions – including one with Broadway roots, a San José Opera first.

Dastoor succeeds retiring general director Larry Hancock. She becomes one of only six women, and the only woman of color, leading a major opera company in the US (budget over \$3 million). Dastoor has been affiliated with Opera San José since joining its resident ensemble of principal artists in 2007.

Since then she has been overseeing all aspects of artistic planning and business operations, and now announces her first

season to be staged September 2020 through May 2021 at the beautifully restored California Theatre in downtown San Jose.

Dastoor went on to enthusiastically describe her vision for the future, noting, "In its next chapter, Opera San José is committed to expanding access to the art form for more residents of our region, expanding and developing our programmatic offerings to better serve the diverse community of the valley, and incubating the next generation of singers, musicians, designers, composers, directors and craftspeople that will engine the future of operatic expression in America."

Also announced were new curtain times: in the 2020-21 season evening performances will begin at 7:30 pm, and matinees move to 2:00 pm Dastoor said. "We heard from many patrons that they would prefer to get home earlier, and were happy to respond with earlier show times."

For more information or to purchase subscriptions (\$140-\$550 for four operas), the public can visit [operasj.org](http://operasj.org) or call (408) 437-4450 (open Monday through Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm). Subscriptions are on sale now; single tickets will go on sale in June 2020.

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Mabury Bridge Housing Community is expected to serve 120 residents in its first-ever year, with 40 residents rotating to permanent housing every 4 months.

## Tiny Homes

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11,900 volunteer hours from 49 private and community organizations.

"When it comes to homelessness no part of our state is immune, no community untouched and too often no one wants to take responsibility. That has to change and across California it is. Local leaders like Mayor Liccardo are stepping up and offering real partnership and solutions," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "It's that spirit of collaboration — and San Jose's example — that will help us through this crisis and, more importantly, help move Californians off the streets and into supportive housing."

Newsom recently announced that he will focus on creating a streamlined process to get these types of projects up and running, such as providing California Environmental Quality Act exemptions and fewer obstacles with state agencies.

The creation of the Mabury Bridge Housing Community is part of a larger regional plan, the Community Plan to End Homelessness, including efforts in prevention, intervention, and construction of interim housing and permanent supportive housing. Multiple non-profit, private, and public partners have stepped up to collectively commit to ending the homelessness crisis in Silicon Valley.

The goal of Bridge Housing Communities is to rapidly rehouse residents that have recently fallen into homelessness, are at great risk of homelessness, or waiting for permanent supportive housing. Rapid Rehousing Program participants' average time searching for permanent housing in the County after receiving assistance is 120 days. Mabury Bridge Housing Community is expected to serve 120 residents in its first-ever year, with 40 residents rotating to permanent housing every 4 months. The program has already seen two formerly homeless residents successfully graduate to permanent housing.

Community is just one of the many ways we are working to end homelessness," said Andrea Urton, CEO of HomeFirst. "We thank Mayor Liccardo and his team for their leadership."

HomeFirst provides onsite sup-

portive services to residents including creating housing plans for residents and helping them find and apply to permanent housing, connection to mental health services, and other supportive resources. They also host workshops and training sessions catered to the residents such as financial literacy, employment training, and life skills. There is onsite private security 24/7.

The Mabury Bridge Housing Community is the first of two bridge housing communities in San Jose. The second community is under development on State-owned Caltrans land adjacent to Felipe Ct and the intersection of Highways 280, 680, and 101.

## Weather

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placed at strategic locations across nine counties in the Bay Area.

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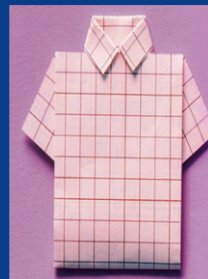
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