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Performer **Karen Lin** on Traditional Pipa or Chinese Lute

Chinese culture showcased at 2021 Leland Bridge Night

By **Ansh Dhakalia and Hongbo Wei**

Special to the Times

In order to showcase Chinese culture and commence the New Year, Leland Bridge Club hosted the annual Bridge Night on February 20th, 2021.

This year's celebration marked the 20th anniversary of Bridge Night at Leland High School since its start in 2001. The number of guests has more than doubled since the first event.

In past Bridge Nights, the Leland cafeteria was decorated with zodiac signs and brilliant colors, as parents and volunteers gave warm welcomes to guests entering, who were then served food as they watched the show in the cafeteria packed with people. For the first time, the event was hosted on a different venue than years prior, guests showed their support by watching the festivities via Facebook live stream.

In accordance with the global pandemic, the live stream was composed of numerous segments filmed

in separate locations by volunteers and performers to safely present the Bridge Night experience. To kick off the show, guests witnessed the Lion Dance skits over the years, edited by Curtis Luu to fully display the enthusiasm of performers in two Golden Dragon costumes dancing to the melody from the cymbal and tanggu being played.

To commemorate the evolution of Bridge Night over the years, the 20 years review mapped the growth of the program in size and splendor while maintaining the same cultural themes and values. Although this year's circumstances are unusual, Bridge Night still unites teachers, parents and the community to stand against hardships and still dedicate time and effort to continue the show. Every Bridge Night is constructed to aid the student experience at Leland High School, spread Chinese culture and celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Through careful planning and humorous commentary, the masters

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Councilmember Matt Mahan focuses on pandemic in State of the District address

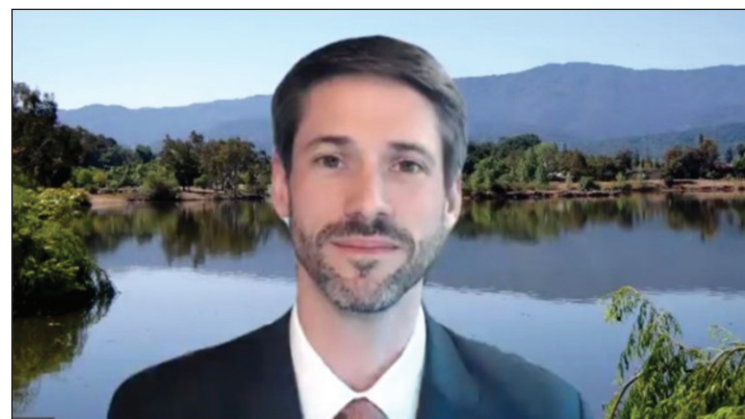
By **Lorraine Gabbert**
Senior Staff Writer

The coronavirus pandemic, public safety and attempts to make the city council more accountable were the focus of Councilmember Matt Mahan's State of the District address on Feb. 27.

This first-ever State of the District address also looked at community priorities, such as addressing homelessness and a new inclusive playground for Almaden Lake Park.

Mahan said the coronavirus pandemic left many without work and income for basic necessities like food.

"The pandemic has upended life as we knew it and evolved from being a public health crisis ... to being a larger economic and social



Matt Mahan presented District 10's first State of the District address, focused on the coronavirus pandemic, public safety and the homeless.

crisis," Mahan said.

Mahan said partnering with Silicon Valley Strong and a coalition of nonprofits and faith-based groups, the city has worked to com-

bat food insecurity, ensuring residents don't go hungry and connecting those who need work with potential jobs.

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Holy Spirit School Almaden offering safe Pre-K in-person Open House: March 21

Holy Spirit School in Almaden Valley is offering a safe opportunity to visit its campus and learn about their Pre-K program. The school which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, gradually reopened for in-person learning starting with Pre-K in August

through 8th grade in early November.

The Open House, which will be held on March 21, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., will include an opportunity to meet and chat with Holy Spirit Pre-K Director, Debbie D'Amico, visit the Pre-K classroom and tour the main campus with a student ambassador.

All visitors will be required to wear a mask, complete a health screening and make an appointment before coming on campus. Families should call the school office to schedule their visit for the March 21 open house; 408.268.0794.

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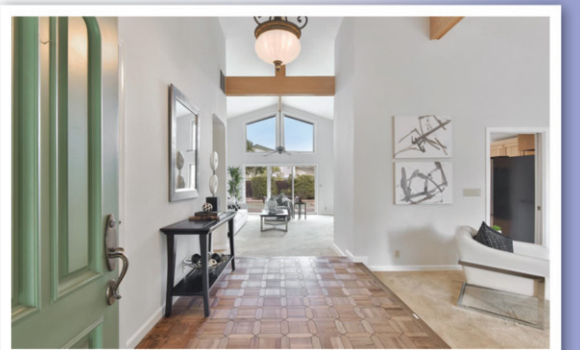


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LETTER

Educators want state's assurance

Dear Editor,
No one wants to be back in the classroom more than educators. I want to welcome every one of my students back to my classrooms in a way that keeps everyone safe; students, their families and staff.

As California continues to struggle to control the pandemic, which is still impacting many communities disproportionately, a phased-in approach that responds to local conditions and transmission rates has to be part of a responsible return to in-person instruction.

Any path to bringing students back to campuses will require implementing multi-layered mitigation strategies that consider community conditions and include

robust cleaning and updated ventilation systems, asymptomatic testing of students and school employees, six-foot social distancing and enforcement.

To reopen schools for in-person instruction, the state must ensure all employees required to report in person have been provided the opportunity to be vaccinated before students return to campus.

The vaccine distribution should prioritize educators in schools already open and schools in communities with high transmission rates.

We must take a comprehensive and data-driven approach to reopening schools that includes addressing community spread. After all, no matter how safe of a bubble we put around our schools, the students and staff inside go home at the end of the day. If mitigation efforts are inadequate in the community, the risk of it being brought back to school increases significantly.

Khristine Stock

LOCAL NEWS

Affordable homes eyed at former Chuck E. Cheese site

Many residents of Almaden Valley have fond memories of family celebrations and get-togethers at the Kooser Rd. Chuck E. Cheese.

Now, nearly 200 affordable homes could pop up on the site, according to preliminary plans being reviewed by city planners. They believe the size of the property makes it suitable for the new project. Developers are ready to submit a purchase contract.

Affirmed Housing is planning a 100 percent affordable residential development on Kooser Road between Blossom Hill Road and Meridian Avenue, the plans show, which San Jose officials believe is a "great spot" for affordable housing.

Chuck E. Cheese shuttered its 1.6-acre site at 1371 Kooser Rd. last year



Pictured is a preliminary site plan concept being reviewed by city planners for affordable housing development in South San Jose at 1371 Kooser Rd. Nearly 200 affordable homes could sprout on the former site of Chuck E. Cheese family restaurant.



amid the economic consequences unleashed by the sometimes lethal coronavirus.

Another Coronavirus casualty, the once popular Fish Market Restaurant on Blossom Hill Rd., is also under consideration for affordable development, which could be as high as six stories and might include ground-floor retail.

Nearby resident feedback could delay or stop the project depending on how the project is received during the City's community outreach program.

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Times **Feature**

Community-led 'working groups' to focus on D19 challenges, opportunities

By Matt Mahan
Special to the Times

Thank you to the nearly 600 people who either tuned in live or have now watched our District 10 State of the District event online. Your interest and engagement is incredible and gives me great hope for our neighborhoods.

For those who were not able to make it, we covered the City's response to COVID-19,

the local priorities you shared with my team via our District 10 survey, and how our office is starting to respond to your input. If you'd like to see a video recording of the event, please visit my Facebook page (www.facebook.com/MattMahanSJ) or email my team to request a video file.

We had one big announcement at the event that I'd like to highlight here: our office is partnering with the D10 Leadership Coal-

tion to support community-led "working groups" that are focused on the challenges and opportunities facing our neighborhoods. Anytime 5 or more residents come together to work on a local issue, our office will provide staff support to help you gather information, scope your project, and ultimately carry it out.

We've already had community working groups organically come together around

water rates, street racing, leaf-blowers, encampments and residential zoning policy. These groups will pursue many different types of solutions, which might include policy change at City Hall, advocacy to government agencies for better service and accountability, and direct service projects, such as beautification events.



District 10 Report
Matt Mahan
Councilmember,
District 10

If you'd like to hear from the organizers of these working groups or propose a new one, please join us for the quarterly meeting of the District 10 Leadership Coalition on Saturday, March 13th at 9 am (please pre-register for the Zoom link here: <http://bit.ly/D10-LCMarch2021>).

Government, especially local government, should be a platform for people to come together, identify problems, propose solutions and, to the extent practicable, participate in the process of implementing and evaluating them. Our team is looking forward to working with many of you through these new working groups as we make our corner of San Jose safer, stronger and even more beautiful.

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Heera Raj of Almaden selected to University of Minnesota Twin Cities Dean's List

Heera Raj of Almaden Valley (inset) has been named to the 2020 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Raj, a senior, is an Industrial Design major. She is a graduate of Leland High School.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

The University of Minnesota is a public land-grant research university in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota. The Twin Cities campus is the oldest and largest in the University of Minnesota system and has the sixth-largest main campus student body in the United States, with 51,327 students in 2019–20. It is the flagship institution of the University of Minnesota System, and is organized into 19 colleges, schools, and other major academic units.



SJ Police Chief finalists are named; some say too quickly

By William Bellou
Publisher

San Jose city officials have announced the four final candidates for police chief last week, raising questions whether there has been enough input from local groups.

San Jose's Police Chief position is open following former Chief Eddie Garcia's announcement last summer that he was retiring. Garcia has since become Dallas' first Latino Police Chief.

San Jose-Silicon Valley NAACP President Rev. Jethroe Moore, who participated in a panel last week to interview the initial selection of candidates, said "I have a real fear that nothing's going to change. The speed the city is moving in the hiring process does not provide the confidence that the community's preferences have been given any weight."

Moore was one of more than 50 participants convened to interview the first round of seven candidates. The interviewers were summoned from community groups, including Sacred Heart Community Service, SOMOS Mayfair, Black Kitchen Cabinet and La Raza Roundtable. Each selected their first, second and third choices for Police Chief.

The finalists include Assistant Chief Anthony Mata, Deputy Chief Heather Randol and interim Chief David Tindall—all from the San Jose Police Department. Larry Sciroto, a retired police chief of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the only external candidate to make it to the final round.

Nobody knows how the community groups voted on the candidates, since panelists were required to sign non-disclosure agreements preventing them from revealing their participation.

Vice Mayor Chappie Jones said he believes the process has been transparent enough, however, he agrees that the city could share how community members' opinions will weigh in the decision.

The decision on the "Top Cop" position will be made between mid to late March.

Meet the finalists:

Anthony Mata – Deputy Chief of Police, San Jose, CA

Deputy Chief Mata serves as the San Jose Police Department's Executive Officer and has 30 years of police experience. He has been a Deputy Chief for over four years and is bilingual in Spanish and English.

Heather Randol – Deputy Chief of Police, San Jose, CA

Deputy Chief Randol has 23 years of experience with the San Jose Police Department. She currently leads the Bureau of Field Operations.

David Tindall – Acting Chief of Police, San Jose, CA

Acting Chief Tindall has 26 years of experience with the San

Jose Police Department. For the past six months, Tindall has served as the Acting Assistant Chief of Police and was recently named Acting Chief of Police.

Larry Sciroto – Retired Assistant Chief, Pittsburgh, PA

Retired Assistant Chief Larry Sciroto served with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police for 23 years. He was one of three Assistant Chiefs and the youngest Assistant Chief in the history of the department. Assistant Chief Sciroto is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command.



From left: Anthony Mata, Heather Randol, David Tindall, and Larry Sciroto are finalists for the Police Chief position.



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The new Janssen COVID-19 vaccine has been approved this week by the FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee last week and four million units of the vaccine are now being shipped.

While not quite as effective as existing Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, the new J&J drug has two huge advantages. It's not only easy to store and ship, but it's a simple one-dose shot, which is a definite advantage when it comes to vaccinating millions of people. It is also more convenient to ship and store because it doesn't need ultra-cold storage, like the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Instead, it can be kept at standard refrigerator temperatures for as many as three months.

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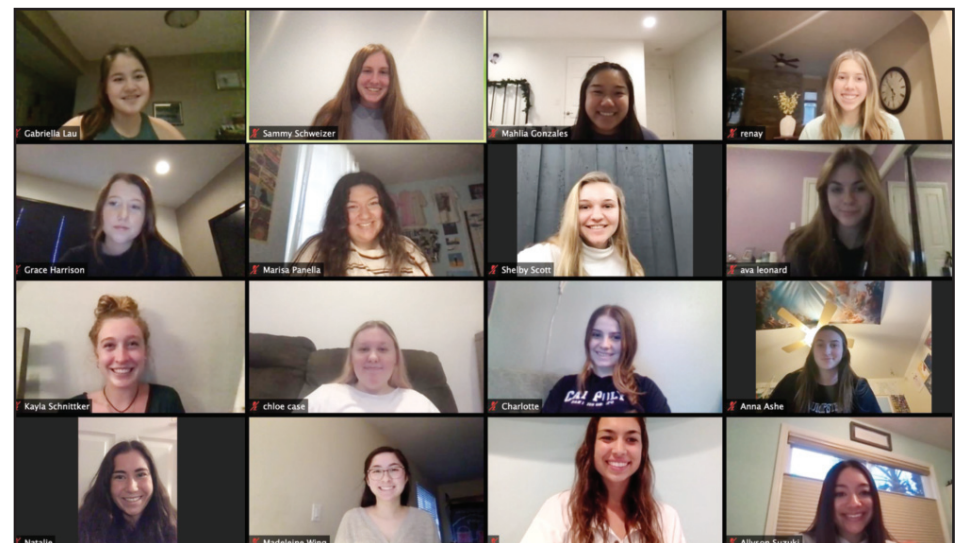
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Almaden-Blossom Valley Chapter of National Charity League graduating class of 2021 on a recent Zoom meeting. Pictured top row (left to right) are: Top Row (left to right): **Ella Lau, Sammy Schweizer, Mahlia Gonzales, and Paige Rosckes**. Second Row (left to right): **Grace Harrison, Marisa Panella, Shelby Scott, and Ava Leonard**. Third Row (left to right): **Kayla Schnittker, Chloe Case, Charlotte Martinson, and Anna Ashe**. Bottom Row (left to right): **Natalie Clark, Madeleine Wing, Mariana Villalovoz, and Ally Suzuki**.

Almaden-Blossom Valley Chapter of National Charity League recognizes its graduating class of 2021

Each year local mothers and daughters volunteer countless hours through the National Charity League (NCL), a non-profit organization for mothers and daughters, grades 7 through 12, to improve the community around them.

The Almaden-Blossom Valley Chapter of NCL encourages community service, leadership development and cultural awareness and members can be found preparing food for the homeless, packing supplies for and writing letters to troops overseas, making signs to recognize the work of first responders, helping to care for farm animals and serving in many other capacities both prior to and during COVID-19.

The Almaden-Blossom Valley Chapter is proud to introduce its graduating Class of 2021, representing seven different high schools including Branham, Leigh, Leland, Lincoln, Mitty, Notre Dame and Pioneer.

The 19 senior girls in this class are: Anna Ashe, Alyssa Blodgett, Chloe Case, Natalie Clark, Mahlia Gonzales, Grace Harrison, Ella Lau, Ava Leonard, Charlotte Martinson, Kaylee Ness, Marisa Panella, Madison Phan, Paige Rosckes, Kayla Schnittker, Sammy Schweizer, Shelby Scott, Ally Suzuki, Mari-

ana Villalovoz and Madeleine Wing.

The senior class is required to complete a significant community service leadership project where they work together, using skills they have acquired over the past six years. This Class of 2021 has chosen the Heritage Home as its focus for this year's senior project.

The Heritage Home

The Heritage Home provides housing, food and support to pregnant women in need of shelter. Residents of the Heritage Home are given the opportunity to participate in many different programs, such as life skills and parenting classes. The senior girls are working together to redesign a room, which will include a desk and sitting area, within the Heritage Home that will be used as a comfortable and quiet space for the women to relax in.

In keeping with NCL tradition and working within COVID-19 guidelines, the Class of 2021 will be honored at a Senior Recognition event in April. At this event they will be recognized for their years of service and celebrate the relationships and camaraderie they have built through NCL over the past six years.

5.7M California residents to receive \$600 stimulus payments

California lawmakers have cleared the way for 5.7 million people to get at least \$600 in one-time payments.

The relief package, signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Tuesday, February 23, is aimed at helping lower-income people weather what they hope are the last days of the pandemic.

Individuals who are eligible for the money

should get it in as early as 45 days and no later than 60 days after receiving their state tax refunds, according to the Franchise Tax Board.

The stimulus payments are part of a broader aid package the state Legislature approved worth \$7.6 billion. It includes more than \$2 billion in grants for small businesses, waives about \$25.6 million worth of business fees for restaurants and hair salons and provides \$30 million in aid for food banks and another \$5 million for diaper banks. \$470 million will go to people who earn a maximum of \$75,000 per year after deductions and use an individual taxpayer identification number to file their income taxes.

Times **Feature**

High school freshman Reyzblat raising funds for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Noa Reyzblat (above), a 14-year-old high school freshman, is dedicating many working hours on a program called Student of the Year.

The project is a philanthropic leadership development program during which students foster professional skills such as entrepreneurship, marketing, and project management in order to raise funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), the world's largest nonprofit fighting blood cancer.

The Student of the Year is awarded to the candidate or co-candidates in each community who raise the most funds during the competition.

Leukemia is a cancer of the blood and marrow, which is the spongy center inside of the bones where blood cells are made. LLS has changed 1.2 million lives through their research. LLS helped advance 60 of the 71 blood cancer treatment options approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration since 2017.

Not only does LLS give patients free information, education, and support, but they also help patients navigate their cancer treatment and ensures they have access to quality, affordable and coordinated care.

Student of the Year recognizes teenagers like Reyzblat, and her "My Team's Goal" is 50 thousand dollars. This program is changing the world and that is why Reyzblat wanted to be a part of it.

"I am so grateful for what I have and this was my opportunity to give back," said Reyzblat. "So many people have been touched by cancer; a family member, a friend, or even themselves. This is why this program is so important. They are really making a difference in the world."

Reyzblat has set up a fundraising page for those who are in a position to donate : <https://events.lls.org/svmb/svmbsoy21/nreyzblat>

Los Gatos Vice Mayor Rennie to face off with Khamis for Santa Clara County's D1 Supervisor Seat

By William Bellou
Publisher

The 2024 general election will see a head-to-head battle for Santa Clara County's District 1 Supervisor seat between Los Gatos Vice Mayor Rod Rennie and Johnny Khamis, former San Jose District 10 Councilmember.

San Jose's current District 1 seat is represented by Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Mike Wasserman, who terms out in 2023. The district covers parts of San Jose, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Gilroy and unincorporated areas in the county.

Though the District 1 supervisor seat is technically nonpartisan, it



Khamis

has been held by a Republican for more than two decades, which is

an advantage for Khamis, a one-time well-known Republican, who now identifies as having No Party Preference, a switch he made due to disagreeing with President Donald Trump's immigration policies.

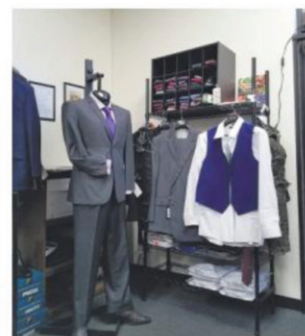
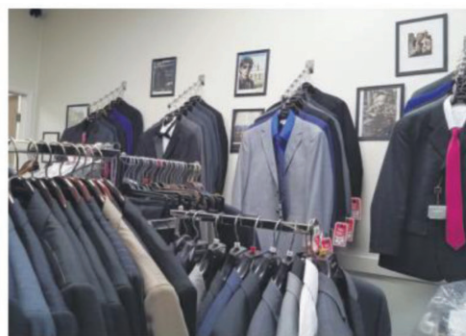
Khamis served 8 years on the San Jose City Council, representing District 10. Rennie, was first elected to the Los Gatos Town Council in 2014. He received the local Democratic Party endorsement in his last bid for the council seat and was also endorsed by Khamis and business groups in that campaign, a sign Rennie may be able to woo the local business community.

So far, Khamis has raised more than \$60,000 while information on



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Rennie's fundraising efforts is not yet available.



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Times **In Memory**

Alison Takaki

October 10, 1961 - February 5, 2021
Former Leland High School Coach

Alison Takaki passed away at age 59 after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born and raised in San Jose, the oldest of two daughters to Clifford and Takako Sugimoto. After graduating from San Jose State with a degree in Education, Alison went on to become a high school PE teacher and coach.

While raising her family was always her priority, Alison also had a passion for sports and coaching. Through the years she coached multiple sports at schools such as



Blackford, Gunderson, Leland, and Westmont, touching the lives of so many young student athletes. She also coached for many youth sports organizations including Campbell Bobby Sox, Quito Little League, San Jose CYS, and the San Jose Ninjas.

Although she spent countless hours coaching and competing in gyms, Alison enjoyed being outdoors. She loved family vacations to the mountains and to Hawaii, and golf

vacations with her husband Greg. Alison's warm, caring, and outgoing nature, along with her sense of humor, allowed her to make friends easily. Always with a smile on her face, Alison's positive attitude and willingness to help others were traits that came naturally to her.

Alison is survived by her husband of 35 years Greg, daughter Lynley (Huy), son Ryan, son Collin, grandsons Brooks and Jace, mother Takako Sugimoto, sister Stacy Berg, niece Mia Berg, and nephew Landon Berg.

Alison will be inurned at Oak Hill

Memorial Park in a private family service. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

David Crannell

Sept. 17, 1952 - Feb. 1, 2021
Resident of Almaden Valley

David Crannell passed away February 1, 2021, at home in San Jose at the age of 68. David moved to San Jose when he was five years old along with his parents and seven siblings from Iowa. He graduated with the class of 1970 from Pioneer High School.

David had worked for Safeway since 1974, working at various stores, until taking the position of Liquor Manager for the Los Gatos Safeway over twenty years ago. This led him to one of his joys in life, working with the wine industry, often traveling to local winer-



ies throughout California to gain experience and build up his knowledge of wine through tastings, tours, seminars, and trade events.

He was proud that his departmental sales were often in the top five of Northern California Safeways. In addition, David loved to travel and was a frequent visitor to Hawaii as well as trips to Canada, Mexico, England, Ireland, France and the Caribbean Islands. His humor and unassuming nature will be missed. David was preceded in death by his parents, George and Irene, sister Mary Jo, eldest brother Charles and Brother-in-law Starr.

Dave is survived by his husband, Gary Marshall; siblings and spouses: Mary Ann, Bob and DeAnna, Donna, Ann and Tim, Caryn and Kichi, Gary and Eloise; Parents-in-law Tom and Joan; Siblings-in-law Karen and John; and many nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces.

A celebration of his life will take place at some later date. Donations in his memory may be made to the Kaiser Hospice Program or Sacred Heart Community Service.

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Times **Community News****Heritage Theatre and the National Dance Company of Ireland present 'Rhythm of the Dance' March 14-20**

Rhythm of the Dance is one of the two best known and most booked Irish dance productions of the past decades, performing before huge audiences.

The National Dance Company of Ireland, which produces Rhythm of the Dance, has teamed with the service Watch-Live and created a fresh new production which will be made available throughout the world over the Irish celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

This virtual event is recorded in front of a live audience and features award-winning dancers, excellent musicians, and foot-tapping passion.

In partnership with The National Dance Company of Ireland, Campbell's Heritage Theatre presents this virtual performance, bringing the passion and excitement of Rhythm of the Dance to your homes Sunday, March 14–Saturday, March 20, 2021. A portion of each ticket purchased will directly benefit the Heritage Theatre.

Tickets are available at HeritageTheatre.org and are priced at \$17.50 plus a \$3.00 service charge per household, total of \$20.50. A special link will be emailed to you to view the event anytime between March 14–March 20.

What a great way to have fun family time, learn about different cultures and support artists of the dance.

About Rhythm of Dance

Like a sheet of lightening the pulsating rhythms, pure energy, and melodic music in the Rhythm of the Dance show, has hit 50 countries around the world with audience figures of over seven million fans during the past 23 years. Now in 2021, this global toe-tapping success continues from China to South America and from sunny Spain to snowy Siberia.

Fans everywhere are enjoying 2,000 years and more of dance, music, songs, and culture from pre-Celtic times to modern day sounds all compacted into a two-hour concert. Its full of flailing feet and fiddles, futuristic dances, eye-catching lighting and costumes, sensational sound effects, and is now one of the top three Irish step dance shows in the world.

Apart from having World and Irish champion dancers, this show also has some of the finest Traditional musicians and singers who are a big hit everywhere. Perhaps it's the combination of having the crème de la crème of live performers, intertwined with the latest technology, that takes audiences on an exhilarating and exciting, energy packed two-hour time-trip through the ages and makes it so successful.

With what can best be described as akin to the speed of lightning, the dancers sometimes have literally just seconds to make 25 costume changes during the show. The live band consists of top-class musicians who play a vast array of musical instruments which include the Traditional Uilleann pipes, Irish Bodhran, fiddles, flutes, accordions, banjo, and whistles.

Tickets available at HeritageTheatre.org. A portion of each ticket purchased to this event will benefit Campbell's historic Heritage Theatre. Price: \$20.50.



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In partnership with The National Dance Company of Ireland, Campbell's Heritage Theatre presents a virtual performance of Rhythm of the Dance, March 14-20.

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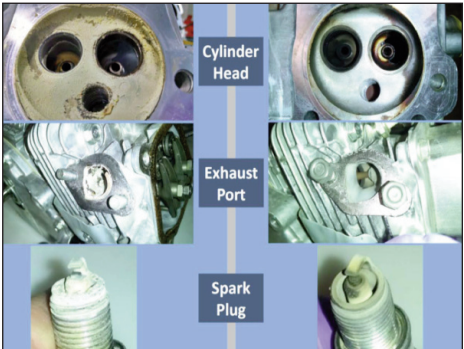
Local pilots lead effort to bring unleaded fuel to area airports

The Unleaded Fuel Initiative seeks new partnership with County

A group of pilots is hoping to first work with Santa Clara County to bring unleaded fuel to the two county owned airports. The Unleaded Fuel Initiative, a combined group of local pilots and aviation professionals based primarily at Reid Hillview

and San Martin airports, is leading an effort to make unleaded aviation fuel available. “Even though aviation related activities contribute an extremely small amount of lead to the environment, we have a strong desire to reduce even that as much as possible” explained Walt Gyger, a member of the group. “We have done a great deal of research on at least one viable source of unleaded aviation fuel and are finding a great deal of interest in these new fuels

from other Bay Area airports and an ever growing group of pilots” added Gyger. The initiative is a joint effort by The Community and Airport Partnership for Safe Operation (CAAPSO), the South County Airport Pilots Association, the California Pilots Association and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. More information on the Unleaded Fuel Initiative can be found through a link on the home page at savereidhillview.org



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Times **Community News**

Community of new single-family homes to be built on San Jose school district property

Housing development to generate estimated \$500K per year for educational programs

A vacant property owned by San Jose's Cambrian School District at 1975 Cambrianna Drive will soon be transformed into a development with 35 new homes.

An underutilized property owned by San Jose's Cambrian School District will soon be transformed into a site for 17 new start-of-the-art homes and 18 accompanying granny units.

The site, consisting of a grass field used for recreational activities, converted into a residential site could generate more than 500,000 a year for student programs.

The San Jose City Council voted 9-2 Tuesday night to rezone a 2.7-acre vacant district-owned property at 1975 Cambrianna Drive from "quasi-public land" to residential, paving the way for the construction of 35 new housing units.

Cambrian School District, serving 3,500 K-8 students across four elementary schools, one middle school, and a K-8 specialty school for STEAM, is currently facing an estimated \$1.7 million budget shortfall in the coming years.

Cambrian School District plans to use the revenue generated from selling the land to address its deficits and fund important education programs at-risk of getting cut, according to Superintendent Carrie Andrews."

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Police conduct large-scale operation and apprehension in order to target a violent criminal street gang

Victims include a number of local gardeners and landscapers

The San Jose Police Department, in conjunction with the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office conducted a large-scale operation and apprehension effort between February 17th and February 24th to target a violent criminal street gang responsible for a series of crimes including, attempted murder, armed robberies, kidnappings, criminal threats, assaults, and possession of firearms.

In response to this escalating violence, SJPD's Gang Investigations Unit, Robbery Unit, and Violent Crime Enforcement Team (VCET) collaborated with the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office Crime Strategies Unit and Gang Unit to identify over a dozen gang members responsible for a multitude of violent crimes which occurred throughout Santa Clara County.

Among the multiple victims a number of local gardeners and landscapers were targeted. These crimes occurred while the vic-

tims were away from their vehicles. The thefts of their equipment became robberies when the suspect's used force or brandished weapons prior to fleeing the scene.

Officers from the department's Gang Investigations Unit, Robbery Unit, Covert Response Unit, VCET, and METRO Unit executed multiple search warrants throughout the City of San Jose. Eleven adults and two juveniles (ages 14 and 17) were arrested for warrants and other on-view offenses. Searches at these residences yielded multiple firearms, gang indicia, narcotics, and dozens of items of stolen property.

The adults were subsequently booked into the Santa Clara County Jail and the juveniles were booked into the Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Weber or Detective Estantino of the San Jose Police Department at 408-277-3835. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), or click the "Submit a Tip" link below.

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How local company Snapology rose during the COVID-19 pandemic

It's been exactly one year since Snapology Los Gatos co-owners Amita Dhingra and Vaishali Dubal launched their company full-scale with expectations to implement hands-on STEM learning programs through in-person classes, birthday parties, field trips, themed camps, and more.

Snapology activities, catering to children ages 4-14, primarily utilize LEGO bricks and technology. The services are all teaching-based and hands-on learning. Kids will participate in the activities using LEGO bricks and technology to engineer, code, design and build.

Snapology's three prong approach of educational enrichment, social development and fun are the perfect fit for all families.

In March of 2020, Snapology began its first contract process to partner with Los Gatos Recreation Center to initiate classes and programs for the students, allowing them to work through more bonding hands on activities and projects with their own classmates. They were all set to start their After School Program with Williams Elementary March 30th. However, when the county declared an official city-wide shut down on March 13th, Vaishali and Amita had to quickly adapt to the circumstances and redirect their resources – as any small business had to.

"It was new to all of us. We just started to learn about the business, finance, and marketing, while quickly adapting to the online curriculum and ironing out all the technology issues at the same time," said Amita.

One of the first options they initially made available was an independent LEGO building challenge, which received tremendous positive feedback from the community. The challenges allowed anyone to participate at no cost. Kids just had to make their own LEGO creations and upload them to Snapology of Los Gatos Facebook, where they would then be judged, and a weekly winner was awarded with a small build kit.

"Snapology has been a great outlet to engage my kids on and off the screen, such as with the weekly building challenges that took place during quarantine," Elise Katz Marks said.

Amita and Vaishali modeled philosophy with training and hiring new employees for the teaching team and established their online classes and camps for the remainder of the Spring, and into Summer.

Camps were typically week-long and had themes, such as Minecraft, Harry Potter, or STEM-



Snapology Los Gatos caters to children ages 4-14, primarily utilizes LEGO bricks and technology.

related lessons. Additionally, the company also helped families organize Virtual Birthday Parties during the lockdown, where one instructor would host a themed birthday party with an itinerary equipped with different building projects for the kids to complete with family and friends.

"Thanks for helping with hosting and organizing a virtual birthday bash. The instructor was great with kids aged 3-8 and very patient with them. My child had a lovely time building Lego creations with Snapology," said Prutha Parikh.

As the Fall approached, they looked to bring things back to a state of normalcy by opening up in-person, COVID safe, camps through their local partnership with "Pump it Up" kids indoor bounce house. However with schools shut down, it was hard to implement any after school programs, and working with schools was troublesome because they had their own set of challenges to work on.

Moreover, with the start of a new school year and kids were spending their days entirely online, there was a huge drop in online classes, because parents did not want to put their kids in anymore online instruction. Snapology of Los Gatos decided to alleviate some of the parental stress associated with homeschooling by partnering with CD art studio in San Jose to run homework assistance and STEM classes after school. Along with that, they were able to run a few in-person classes at Los Gatos recreation center, Cupertino Parks and recreation, and a couple of Home School communities. Low enrollment was always a struggle, but their focus was to support the parents and kids prevailed throughout.

"The smile and joy we saw on the kids' faces after they completed their project kept us motivated. We had to make sure we were following all the COVID guidelines and had to keep ourselves updat-

ed with any changes the county would announce," said Vaishali.

"My son participated in a Lego camp and he absolutely loved it. The instructor was amazing and kept him engaged! All the classes are educational and very fun, totally recommend it," said Norma Yost.

For Dhingra and Dubal transitioning to a fully online environment did not mean that their company was going to limit their amenities available for kids. If anything, it was an opportunity to collaborate with different schools

in the county and make their platform available for young kids to become comfortably immersed in the throes of online instruction, during this pandemic.

They began to partner with PTA's and teachers of local schools like Williams Elementary, Simonds Elementary, Castillero Middle School, Graystone Middle School, and Bret Harte Middle School and others. Their PTA organizations have kindly lent their support to the small business by bringing attention to the company through exposure to students and families at school, while Snapology has offered their services, such as hosting virtual field trips and helping the school's PTA systems raise funds to organize family game nights.

"We had a delightful experience with everyone at Snapology of Los Gatos for our two Skype rooms over the holiday break. Communication was great and everything was professionally run in advance," said a Castillero PTA member.

They have also made a partnership with the Jewish Community Center in Los Gatos, where they intend to bring their in per-

son classes using the resources and space the center has to offer. Furthermore, the company is now preparing for Summer Camps 2021, which are expected to be held primarily in person, and are really looking forward to providing kids with a fun-filled summer.

"We are grateful to all our instructors and partners who have been super helpful and flexible. We want to thank all the parents who believed in us and brought us this far. So blessed to be part of the community who always supported us," Amita and Vaishali said.

While the pandemic did present unforeseeable circumstances for businesses, Amita and Vaishali were quickly able to realign their company to fit the new technological standards. By enabling a plethora of activities and programs for students to engage in, they granted kids an educational yet entertaining avenue to be a part of during this pandemic.

"We are so proud to be part of the Snapology team who was recently ranked in Entrepreneur magazine's Franchise 500®, the world's first, best and most comprehensive franchise ranking," said Amita and Vaishali.



Snapology Los Gatos co-owners Amita Dhingra (left) and Vaishali Dubal launched their company in Feb. 2020 with full-scale expectations to implement hands-on STEM learning programs until Covid-19 restrictions required them to quickly adapt and redirect their resources along with other small businesses.

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Lucky Shamrock Cookies

(Culinary.net) It's your lucky day because you don't have to search for the pot of gold under the rainbow for this winning recipe. Throw out the old Irish classics and sweeten things up this year with some mint chocolate chip fun.

If you're in a crunch for St. Patrick's Day and need something glowing with green, here is a dessert that is sure to have everyone coming back for seconds (and more).

These Mint Chocolate Chip Cookies are as green as four-leaf clovers and have delicious chocolate chips mixed throughout for some extra sweet flavor. Served beside a big glass of milk, they are perfect treats for any St. Patrick's Day party or virtual gathering.

To start the recipe, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt in a large mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, add butter, sugar, eggs, green food coloring and peppermint extract for that crisp mint flavor. Beat with a hand mixture and combine the ingredients in both bowls together.

Add chocolate chips to the mixed cookie batter. Scoop onto a baking sheet and bake at 375 F for 11-24 minutes until the edges of the cookies are light brown. Cool on a wire rack before devouring.

With so much mixing and scooping to be done, this is a great recipe for kids to get involved in the kitchen, too. One of the best parts is the eye-catching color. Watch children's smiling little faces as the batter turns from light brown to dark green for a priceless reaction.

After being perfectly baked, these cookies are bright, fun and will be the hit of any



celebration. Soft in the middle, a little crisp on the edges and as green as can be. You can't ask for much more on St. Patrick's Day.

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Mint Chocolate Chip Cookies

Servings: 24-32

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 30 drops green food coloring
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1 package (12 ounces) chocolate chips

Heat oven to 375 F.

In large bowl, mix flour, baking soda and salt until blended. Set aside.

In medium bowl, beat butter and sugar until combined. Add eggs, food coloring and peppermint extract; beat until combined.

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients; beat until combined. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop spoonfuls of cookie dough onto baking sheet.

Bake 11-14 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned.

Cool on wire racks.



MOUNTAIN LION VISIT

A mountain lion was caught on video at an Almaden resident's home on Tuesday, March 2. The mountain lion wandered onto Joshua Sample's driveway located near Almaden Quicksilver Park, on Leyland Park Drive, between Gillis and Golf Creek Dr. A still shot from the security camera video shows the Mt. Lion turning his head to check out a car passing on Leyland Park Drive just before 9:26 p.m.

Times **Feature**

Totally Irish in London.
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St. Patrick's Day: The one day of the year everyone calls themselves 'Irish'

Unless you've been living under the Blarney Stone you already know that March 17th is St. Patrick's Day.

It's the one day each year that everyone and anyone calls themselves Irish – if not by birthright, then in spirit.

If you have been living under the Blarney Stone, lucky you! We bet you can share a thing or two about how a religious feast day commemorating the famed Irish Patron Saint who brought Christianity to Ireland ended up being a day celebrated almost globally, usually involving copious amounts of green beer and whisky shooters.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries around the world than any other

single-day national festival, largely due to America's enthusiasm for what many consider a holiday, although it is not an official holiday in America.

Parades are the heartbeat of St. Patrick's Day festivities in America. This is not surprising, since the first parade held in St. Patrick's honor took place in America, not Ireland, in 1601 in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. And the first actual St. Patrick's Day parade also took place in America, in 1737, although it was pretty much just a stroll down the middle of a street in Boston by a few Irish Protestants to honor the Patron saint of their motherland. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City was held in 1762, fourteen years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence and was organized by Irish troops serving in British colonies. Today the world's biggest St. Patrick's Day celebration is the annual parade in New York City, where more than two million spectators line the parade route, all claiming to be Irish, at least for the day.

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Piano for 8 Hands performing "All Hands on Deck."

Bridge Night

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of the ceremony Vincent Zhu, Devon Shao, Janice Shih and Audrey Lui masterfully wove an unforgettable event.

The first performance was by Karen Lin, who skillfully played Three Six on the traditional pipa or Chinese lute to provide a serene and tranquil listening experience. Next up was a speech by the Bridge Club president, Ms. Annie Huang who acknowledged the arduous situation students persevered through as well as the support and problem-solving mindsets from parents, former presidents and alumni who contributed to the show in over 2 months of planning.

By way of narration, Leland High Principal Peter Park walked guests through the Leland grounds and reminded viewers that although we may not be together under one roof, Bridge Night is still as unique and special as before. As fitting of the Year of the Ox, the Bridge Night planners and volunteers showed strength and determination and displayed hope and optimism for the New Year.

Bringing viewers to tears, the 2nd performance was conveyed by Nancy Zheng, who played her soundtrack, Colorful Clouds Chasing the Moon, on the piano. Adding to the excitement of guests, Devon Shao performed the Cardistry Show by flipping, dropping and spinning playing cards in imaginative and visually pleasing arrangements that do justice to card artistry. Keeping in shape, Victor Man and Maxwell Zhao shared their daily routines and activities such as exercise and kung fu in order to lead an active and productive lifestyle at home.

Sharing thoughts on Bridge Night, District 10 councilmember Matt Mahan stated that the show serves the shining purpose of bridging the gap between families and schools, as parent involvement is critical in their children's school, wishing a happy Chinese New Year.

Bridge Night could not have been possible without the support of many former presidents of Bridge Club who offered leadership and guidance to adapt to this year's changes. Former first president, Mrs. Wenlin Chen remarked, "Bridge Club was initially conceived to be a parent group for Asian families to better the school and improve the societal view of the Chinese community." On the topic of funds, former second president Mrs. Eleanor said, "Donations are an opportunity to do good for a noble cause and volunteering solidifies community bonds."

The animation Virus in My House by Alice Mao gave a funny reaction to the coronavirus and dealing with it. For the fifth performance, Sophia He performed a Latin dance to

Jenny of Oldstones and Toxic, smoothly transforming from soothing and graceful to energetic and engaging motions. Managing Their Time Before it Slips Away, Greg Chu and Oliver Wang displayed their wholesome and diligent practices such as sports, Cinnabon preparation, cycling and studying. Performing the song Rumba by Carlos Salzedo, Hailey Tan played the harp or an old and very popular instrument from ancient Egypt dating back to 3000 B.C. to deliver a rhythmic and beautiful musical segment.

Remarking on the significance of Bridge Night behind the scenes, several former presidents said that once students started helping, they did not want to leave due to the fun they had working with others to construct the show. One of the most treasured memories of all staff and performers is the Friday night just before the actual show, where they reflect on all their work and eagerly anticipate giving the guests an experience of a lifetime. Directly after the event, Vincent Zhu called upon magic to change the color of the card deck from blue to red to blank and then transform the cards back to normal. Offering more COVID-19 clips, Shane King enjoyed time cuddling with his 2 kittens, Shadow and Snowball and William Huang made time to help out in his family's bakery stand. Electrifying the stage, Daniel Xu performed Kung Fu or Chinese martial arts through a variety of rapid kicks and weapon maneuvers. For the 12th performance, Yudi Li and Alice Mao prepared an animation, Things about Chinese New Year, to touch back on the ancestral celebration of Lunar New Year. This consisted of guests getting lost on the way to the main festivities and reconnected with extended family, elders giving wise speeches before eating and relatives going through five cycles of rejection before reluctantly accepting red envelopes of money. Taking guests to the high seas, Alexander Lee, Ethan Chang, Andrea Kuo and Janice Shih gave a piano performance to, All Hands on Deck, set on a pirate ship.

As part of the finale, all 16 volunteers danced in multiple clips edited together and choreographed by Kailyn Xu, with the master of ceremonies ending the show with their dance.

All of the guests were left with a sensational experience, both reminiscing on the development of Bridge Night and community involvement as well as the performances made possible by staff, parents, teachers, performers and volunteers.

Overcoming changes in venue and schedule, Leland Bridge Night 2021 delivered the tale of student perseverance and cultural acceptance to viewers already eager for next year's show.

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Waste bins line a neighborhood street on trash day in North San Jose. Photo by Lloyd Alaban.

San Jose considers rate hike for garbage service

By Carly Wipf

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

San Jose residents may be facing another unexpected consequence of the pandemic: Higher garbage bills.

The city is working double time to collect weekly trash, which has only increased since people became more confined to their homes. As a result, residential garbage and recycling rates could increase up to \$8.21 per month or \$98.52 per year, according to a recent city report.

"This is just one of the many things that go up in terms of household expenses when your family is forced to quarantine," Kerrie Romanow, director of the Environmental Services Department, said. "The same is true for electricity — people are paying more for that because they are home more. People are paying more for water because they are home all day using water."

The proposed increases will give San Jose residents a higher bill than some other cities in the region, including Santa Clara and Fremont. Rates for the 32-gallon garbage bin, used by 90% of households, could jump to \$47.33 a month from \$39.12 now.

But the rates are not set in stone. On Tuesday, the San Jose City Council asked staff to look into ways they can lower rates for residents who are already struggling to pay

their bills during COVID-19.

"We ought to be trying very hard not to be passing on these huge increases in a time like this," Councilmember David Cohen said.

More than half a million tons of waste are collected each year from more than 320,000 San Jose households, the report states. Contracted garbage collectors have handled 10% more waste during the pandemic while giving San Jose a one-time 1% break on costs, saving the city \$1.15 million, according to the report.

City waste services also include yard trimming collection, composting, used oil collection and processing waste to remove organics and recyclables — which gives San Jose one of the highest recycling rates in the country. Romanow said the city already has thought of a few ways to keep garbage bills from climbing.

Potential federal relief funds may be available to help in coming months but in the meantime Romanow proposed limiting junk pickup services — where residents can have large items such as mattresses, sofas, refrigerators and tires hauled away — to two, three-item pickups per year. Currently, there is no limit to these pickups. Residents can schedule them year-round.

But use of junk collection services is up by a record-breaking 400% since the pandemic started. Romanow said cutting these services could be expensive if residents have to pay separately to get rid of extra items.

Another option is to reduce filtering trash to separate recyclables but Cohen pushed back against lowering environmental standards and asked Romanow not to consider such an option.

"I just wanted to emphasize the need for really investing in a deep understanding of every possible lever we might have to mitigate cost increases," Councilmember Matt Mahan said. "It's critical we communicate to the public that the rates are not final and we are working to try to mitigate these impacts."

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During the pandemic, the city and its partners have distributed more than 2 million meals a week to residents, he said. In addition, Mahan said parts of the city, including neighborhoods in District 10, face unemployment rates higher than 20 percent.

"Too many members of our community are forced to choose between staying housed and staying fed," Mahan said.

The digital divide has increased educational and economic disparities during sheltering in place, impacting access to learning, employment and resources.

To help about 67,000 students who were without connectivity at the start of the pandemic, the city, schools and libraries stepped up. About 8,300 hotspots were provided by schools, 3,000 through libraries and 4,500 hotspots were purchased, Mahan said.

In addition, the city council approved \$8.3 million in funding for connectivity for residents, Mahan said, and the city has deployed broadband in underserved neighborhoods, connecting about 100,000 residents. It plans to connect 200,000 more within the next few years.

In responding to the pandemic, Mahan said the city acted faster, more efficiently and with a greater emphasis on tangible outcomes than ever before.

"Crises have a way of focusing our attention on results," Mahan said.

Mahan said residents want a city government that is transparent, communicative and responsive.

"As a city with limited resources, we must focus on what matters most and we must deliver results," Mahan said. "By focusing on measurable outcomes ... by measuring and analyzing the results, and by being willing to adjust when our strategies aren't working ... I know we can deliver much more value to our neighborhoods."

More than 78 percent of District 10 residents said improving public safety and reducing homelessness were top priorities. Improving public infrastructure of roads, parks and trails was also cited as important for the city to address.

"These three big priorities ... will continue to be core to my legislative focus at city hall," Mahan said.

Street racing

Mahan revealed that District 10 residents

have expressed concerns with street racing and speeding.

"This recklessness is unacceptable," Mahan said. "It's dangerous and it needs to stop."

Although the San Jose Police Department's traffic enforcement unit had dropped in size from 50 officers to six, in the last year it gained six more officers and an additional 18 officers will soon be added.

Mahan said despite public cries to defund the police, he thinks most residents want better policing and greater accountability, rather than fewer police.

In partnership with the District 10 Leadership Coalition, Mahan created community working groups to help the community problem-solve with access to city staff. Groups have already formed focused on leaf blowers, street racing and speeding, water rates, trash, clean creeks and opportunity housing. Additional groups can be formed with four or more neighbors focused on local issues.

Housing the homeless

Mahan said the coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated homelessness and that housing individuals is necessary before unemployment and addiction can be addressed.

The City of San Jose's homeless census and survey counted 6,097 individuals experiencing homelessness in 2019. About 5,117 live on the street, in parks, tents, encampments and vehicles.

To improve lives for the homeless community and limit impacts on creeks and trails, Mahan recommends employing homeless encampment management strategies beyond sweeps. While some abatement will continue to be required, he said, he would like to see more effort through public works such as deploying dumpsters, porta potties and portable sinks to large encampments for basic hygiene and servicing them weekly.

He would also like to have social services support for mental health care, addiction treatment and job training and placement.

"Our city and county need to come together to take a more pragmatic, more hands-on and more humane approach to the reality we see on the streets every day," Mahan said. "... We must do more to address the conditions in which our homeless neighbors live, as well as the impacts of encampments on the broader community."

"To house the homeless, the city has built more than 850 emergency housing units, reducing red tape and partnering with Habitat for Humanity," Mahan said. "It also used



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state funding for California’s Project Homekey to purchase a hotel to house the homeless; more needs to be done to battle the homeless crisis. We’ll all be better off when our most vulnerable neighbors are supported, invested in and able to thrive,” Mahan said.

Mahan said the county and state government “need to get serious about long-term mental health care facilities and services” for those both housed and unhoused who are unable to care for themselves.

“There is a better way,” he said, “one that reduces human suffering and reduces costs for our entire community in the long run.”

Affordable Housing

Mahan also said the city needs to remove barriers to building housing in the urban core, near infrastructure and in urban villages to better balance the housing supply with demand.

“While subsidized affordable housing is necessary for the most vulnerable residents ... our government does not have the resources to build sufficient housing for our growing population,” Mahan said. “We have to reduce costs and barriers ... simplify housing development fees, streamline permitting ... and encourage transit-oriented, infill development.”

Mahan said every city district needs to share the burden of building affordable housing.

“We also need to not concentrate it and ... make sure it’s beautiful, has onsite services ... and integrates with the community,” he said. “We need a lot more housing... and mixed income neighborhoods ... and the city has to make it easier to build market rate housing to keep up with growth and demand.”

Almaden Lake Playgarden

Santa Clara County awarded the City of San Jose with a matching grant to create an all-inclusive playground accessible to people of all ages and abilities at Almaden Lake Park. With their contributions, they reached a budget of \$1,342,500.

Through its capital campaign, the Playgarden task force aims to build on the \$1.3 million budget, raising an additional \$3.7 million by March 31. The additional funds would go towards safety surfacing, a nature play area, hillside slide zone, musical elements and new restroom facilities. The projected completion date is spring 2023.

“With the additional funding, the Almaden

Lake Playgarden could include art, educational components, a hillside slide an entire family can slide down and an inclusive zipline people of all abilities can enjoy,” Mahan said. “We have the chance to build something unique and valuable for our entire community for generations to come,” Mahan said. “We, residents of San Jose, do not wait for solutions to be handed to us. We seize opportunities to make change happen.”



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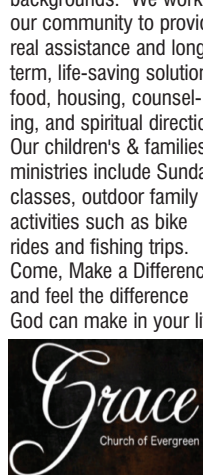
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