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## Alamitos Vineyards brings wine back to Almaden Valley

The only San Jose winery with an onsite vineyard has opened its gates and offers a chance to sample wines while enjoying the gorgeous surroundings.

The new winery is located on Alamitos Road just past New Almaden. The majestic property backs up to New Almaden Quicksilver County Park.

Proprietors Shaun Coleman and Chris Maune, tech entrepreneurs, purchased their 9-acre property in 2014 and started planting Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah and Touriga Nacional just one year later.

The winery is currently tasting three wines for \$15 and six for \$25, pouring



Alamitos Vineyards proprietors **Shaun Coleman** (left) and **Chris Maune**.

from a bar built of reclaimed wood from a 150-year-old barn in Gilroy.

"It has been a long six years since we planted our vines, and an even longer period of time it seems for us to be able to share our hard work and passion with others," Shaun said. "We are truly excited to finally open and provide a unique experience and great wine."

Both Shaun and Chris have farming and/or winemaking in their genes.

Chris' grandfather and father are and were Iowa soybean and wheat farmers. "When I told my dad we were planting a vineyard and were going to be

farmers, he said 'I can write a book right now about what you already don't know about farming!'"

Shaun's grandfather made Sauvignon Blanc for the wineries he worked for in Livermore; working for Cresta Blanca, Concannon and Wente. "We still have some old bottles of Cresta Blanca. It turns out he also made Sauvignon Blanc for Almaden Winery, which used to operate on Blossom Hill Road," Shaun said.

Chris said that each wine produced at Alamitos Vineyards sports a label derived from an original painting of one

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A VTA bus is pictured at Diridon Station in this file photo.

## San Jose Unified School District cuts bus service at numerous schools

By Tran Nguyen

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

Many San Jose students will be left behind this upcoming school year as officials cut critical bus services.

The San Jose Unified School District, the largest district in the city, decided to cut bus service to more than a dozen elementary campuses as well as Willow Glen Middle School and Willow Glen High School to accommodate a new state law on school start times, officials said.

San José Spotlight estimated 17 elementary schools will lose bus services under this change. The schools previously offered bus services but are excluded from this year's list. There are 41 total schools in the district.

**Kids to get VTA bus passes**

Education leaders plan to give students—including

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## 44th Annual 2021 VMOA Car Show to be held at Branham High School: Sept. 11

The 44th Annual 2021 Vintage Mustang Owners Association (VMOA) Car Show will be held this year at Branham High School in San Jose on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. The event is free for spectators.

Sponsors for the event include: House of Miracles, Campbell Ford Performance, Big Daddy Motor Cars, Mustang Fever, and Custom Alignment.

**Scheduled events**

• 8:00 - 10:00 AM Registration & car check in (Enter on Meridian Ave.)



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- 10:00 AM Peer judging commences
- 11:00 AM Deadline for T-shirt redemption at the VMOA Club table
- 12:00 PM Peer Judging concludes. (Drop ballots at the VMOA club table.)
- 1:00 PM Best sounding engine contest
- 2:00 PM Awards presentation

To register your car for the Sept. 11 VMOA Car Show, visit: [www.vintagemustang.org/44th-annual-vmoa-car-show](http://www.vintagemustang.org/44th-annual-vmoa-car-show)

Branham High School is located at: 1570 Branham Lane, San Jose, CA.



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**JUST LISTED****2885 Buena Crest Court, San Jose**

2BD/2BA, 1050 sf. Part of the quiet Yerba Buena Villas community in a spectacular Evergreen neighborhood, this lovely modern townhome is perfect for both entertaining and everyday living. Its open concept floor-plan and soaring vaulted ceilings create a comfortable, light-filled atmosphere. The owners' suite features a luxurious attached bathroom while the gourmet kitchen has been fitted with stainless steel appliances and plenty of cooking space. Both the extra bedroom and spacious loft can be easily be converted into any type of room you wish, making this home the ultimate source for letting your imagination run wild. Close to

major thoroughfares, lush parks, marvelous schools, shopping, dining, and more, this home will let you experience South Bay living at its finest. \$785,000

**1442 Carnot Drive, San Jose**

3BD/2BA, 1441 sf. Just a short walk from Downtown Willow Glen, this lovely two-story Colonial Style townhome is a dream! Inside, its open concept floor plan and bright, airy atmosphere make for comfortable home living and remote work, while the private backyard is perfect for entertaining friends and family. The home, which overlooks a lush greenbelt zone, is part of a wonderful community that features numerous amenities, including a pool. Its central location close to major thoroughfares makes commuting a breeze, while also giving you the ability to take advantage of all the spectacular dining, parks, and entertainment that Willow Glen has to offer. \$910,000

**JUST LISTED****JUST LISTED****6418 Menlo Drive, San Jose**

3BD/2BA, 1468 sf. Not far from the Almaden Foothills sits this lovely single-level home. A dream for entertainers and gardeners, the home has stunning curb appeal with mature landscaping and a private, spacious backyard. Its open concept floor plan and bright, airy atmosphere throughout make for comfortable home living and remote work. Multiple guest rooms can be easily be converted into any type of room you wish—the perfect outlet for letting your imagination run wild. Close to major

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## Free COVID-19 testing bus returns to Valley Water Headquarters in Almaden; free items offered

By John L. Varela  
Director, District 1

Valley Water Board of Directors

I am pleased to announce the state-of-the-art mobile coronavirus testing bus is coming back to Valley Water headquarters at 5750 Almaden Expressway.

The mobile bus will provide free COVID-19 tests on Wednesday, August 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The free, voluntary tests will be available to any Santa Clara County resident. Proof of insurance or immigration status is not required to participate in the testing.

To register, please visit the website [lhi.care/covidtesting](https://lhi.care/covidtesting). Walk-ups are also welcome, although appointments are preferred. Please be aware there are a limited number of slots available. Valley Water will be providing free shower timers or water-saving flappers to all testing participants to promote saving water at home as we enter this extreme drought. If you are interested in other resources to help you save water

inside and outside your home, we encourage you to check out our Conservation Tips.

This mobile testing bus is not offering vaccines. Please visit the county website for vaccine information at [www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Page%20s/COVID19-vaccine-information-for-public.aspx](https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Page%20s/COVID19-vaccine-information-for-public.aspx).

Valley Water is partnering with Santa Clara County Public Health Department to support local water industry employees and our community neighbors by providing free COVID-19 testing at the Valley Water headquarters. Although Valley Water is glad to partner with the county by offering our facility as a mobile testing site to benefit our community, please note that the Santa Clara County Public Health Department is managing the testing site.

We will continue to update you of any additional opportunities for COVID-19 testing on Valley Water sites.

If you have any questions, please contact [CRU@valleywater.org](mailto:CRU@valleywater.org).

## McCahan and Pelino of Almaden Valley named to NEWMAC Academic All-Conference Teams

Ryan McCahan and Carla Pelino (L-R) of Almaden Valley have been named to New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) teams. Both athletes attend Everson College.

Honorees must have met the following criteria: earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5/4.0 scale or 4.35/5.0 scale after the 2021 spring semester, achieved second year academic status at their institution, and been a member of the varsity team for the entire semester.



McCahan was a member of the Men's Baseball team for the Spring season and is pursuing a degree in Communication Studies and is a member of the Emerson College Class of 2021.

Pelino was a member of the Women's Basketball team for the Winter season and is pursuing a degree in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Emerson College Class of 2023.

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Mayor Sam Liccardo was joined last week by Councilmember Raul Perez, Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA), and San José city staff to announce the groundbreaking of Arya, an affordable housing development.

## Arya Affordable Housing Development breaks ground in San José's SoFA district

*Project will add 87 new units and bring transit improvements to area*

Mayor Sam Liccardo was joined last week by Councilmember Raul Perez, Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA), and San José city staff to announce the groundbreaking of Arya, an affordable housing development that will add 87 rental units in SoFA district. Arya is the product of an exciting partnership between the City, SAHA, and other regional agencies.

The project's units will be available to households earning between 30% and 60% AMI in San José, and all income eligible households are encouraged to apply when SAHA begins the application process in Summer, 2022. The development will provide affordable housing on City-owned land, serve as a model for addressing climate change through emission-reduction strategies, and add transit and pedestrian improvements to serve the surrounding area.

"We are seeing an acceleration of affordable housing developments with new and innovative approaches. It's heartening to see the traction we are making, despite the pandemic, in building not just affordable housing, but great communities," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. "I am extremely grateful to SAHA, their financiers and city staff



for their efforts to alleviate our housing crisis and provide livable, affordable units."

The City provided the land — formerly a city parking lot — for the project's location, along with more than \$15 million for the construction. SAHA also utilized State funds, secured in partnership with the city and VTA, through an AHSC grant, among the first projects in San Jose to do so. AHSC supports developments that work to reduce GHG emissions, and will fund the

purchase of two electric VTA busses for routes near Arya.

San José also will use grant funds to construct pedestrian safety improvements, including protected bike lanes to increase connectivity to resources, work and leisure activities. Improvements to the area also include lighting, urban greening, and pedestrian and bicyclist wayfinding signage. SAHA will also purchase VTA passes and bike-share memberships for all households living at Arya for up to three years.

The proposed development will be an 8-story building with 19 studios, 54 one-bedrooms, 14 two-bedrooms and a manager's unit. Amenities include a common space, resident artist studios and classroom, management office, car and bike parking spaces, community room with a kitchen, multipurpose room, laundry facility, and outdoor courtyard.



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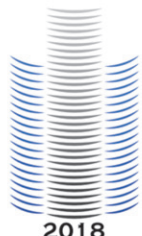
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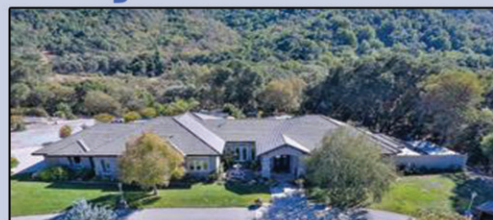
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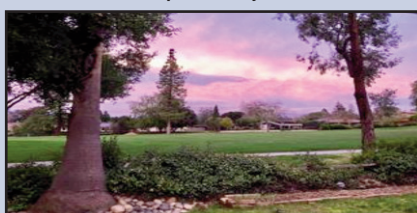
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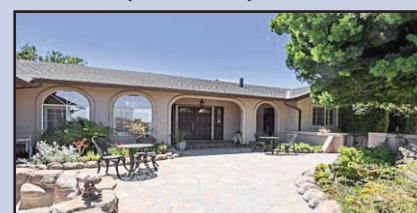
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Starting August 14th we will be open for on-site tasting Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 am-4:00 pm.

Wine tasting is BY RESERVATION ONLY and space is limited.

To reserve your spot, visit: [www.alamosvineyards.com/visit](http://www.alamosvineyards.com/visit)

## CDPH launches new campaign to combat teen vaping

*Teens that vape are more likely to test positive for COVID-19; 'Tell Your Story' campaign builds awareness in teens trying to quit*

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) launched a new advertising campaign called "Tell Your Story," in response to the latest high school vaping data from its 2019-20 California Student Tobacco Survey.

California has made progress in combating the youth vaping epidemic, but with kids going back to in-person learning, it is crucial we continue making progress.

The survey, which includes data from September 2019 to March 2020, revealed that California's high school vaping rate is at its lowest in four years (8.2%) while the number of California teens trying to quit vaping more than doubled since 2018. During the same time, numerous youth and young adults were hospitalized due to the e-cigarette, or vaping product use-associated lung injury (EVALI) outbreak, sending a warning to young people across the state. California was the first state in the nation to respond to the deadly EVALI outbreak with a large-scale public awareness advertising campaign to protect young people, launched by Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order on September 16, 2019.

As California was responding to the EVALI epidemic, the COVID-19 pandemic created another public health crisis that attacks the lungs, reinforcing lung health as a top priority. Smoking and vaping harms the lungs, putting Californians who vape at greater risk from COVID-19. Research has shown teens who have tried vaping are five times more likely to test positive for COVID-19.

"By addressing the dangers of vaping as part of our preparation for schools reopening, California is taking an even more proactive approach in protecting youth health," said Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer. "Returning to in-person learning could mean a spike in teen vaping use at exactly the wrong time. It's critical young people know the facts about the dangers of vaping and have the support and resources they need to avoid use or quit."

The "Tell Your Story" campaign features real stories from young people and highlights their journey to quit vaping. The campaign educates youth and young adults about the harmful health effects of vapes and connects them with evidenced-based resources to quit, especially as they're exposed to increased social pressure in school environments.

"Seeing the impact vaping had on my health and my family, after I got out of the hospital, I knew I had to focus on living a healthier lifestyle, and that started with quitting vaping," said Blake Gray, a 20-year-old content creator and "Tell Your Story" campaign ambassador from Los Angeles. Gray underwent emergency surgery in 2019 when he was diagnosed with pneumomediastinum, caused by a vaping injury that burned a hole in his esophagus. "I'd tried quitting before, and it was easy to fall back into old habits. But with the support of friends and family, I



was able to get into the best shape of my life and found myself in a much better place mentally as well without needing to vape."

Recognizing the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health, the new campaign uses empathy and understanding for the difficult journey young people face when they quit vaping, rather than emphasizing the negative health impacts of using tobacco.

The "Tell Your Story" campaign promotes the "I Can Quit" text message program, an evidenced-based quit vaping effort that helps support the quitting process and emphasizes how to develop and successfully practice coping strategies. The program is centered on a desired quit date and then adjusts the content and timing of the texts, so they are relevant to the users' phase of quitting. The text program covers topics including motivation, planning, goal setting, seeking support, self-talk, withdrawal management, recovering from slips and much more.

The annual student tobacco survey conducted by CDPH, in partnership with University of California, San Diego, assessed the use of and attitudes toward tobacco products among middle and high school students along with social and environmental exposure to various tobacco products and advertisements. Additional key findings from the report include:

- Overall tobacco use (9.7%) among high school students was mainly driven by the rate of vape use (8.2%). Vape products were the most used tobacco product among students across gender, race/ethnicity, and grade.
  - In 2020, 11.6% of LGBTQ+ identifying high school students in California vaped, compared to the overall California high school vaping rate of 8.2%.
  - High school students who rated their mental health as poor had higher current tobacco use prevalence (16.1%) compared to those who rated their mental health as good to excellent (7.9%).
  - The vast majority of teens who vape use flavored vapes (96.2%).
- Californians looking to quit can text "I Can Quit" to 66819 or visit [NoVapes.org](http://NoVapes.org) to join the free, confidential text message program.



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Times **Community News**

## California orders all teachers and school staff to get vaccinated or be tested

### Union leaders announce support of new rules

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued a new public health order requiring all school staff to either show proof of full vaccination or be tested at least once per week.

"To give parents confidence that their children are safe as schools return to full, in-person learning, we are urging all school staff to get vaccinated. Vaccinations are how we will end this pandemic," Gov. Gavin Newsom said at a press conference. "As a father, I look forward to the start of the school year and seeing all California kids back in the classroom."

The new policy for school staff, which took effect last Thursday, mandates that schools must be in full compliance by Oct. 15. Free testing resources are available to K-

12 schools through the CA K-12 schools testing program.

"There's no substitute for in-person instruction, and California will continue to lead the nation in keeping students and staff safe while ensuring fully open classrooms," said Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer. "Today's order will help the state's continued efforts to increase vaccinations, similar to the orders encouraging state and health care workers and businesses to get vaccinated."

Despite California leading the nation in vaccinations, with more than 46 million doses administered and over 77 percent of those eligible having received at least one dose, the state is seeing increasing numbers of people who refused to get the vaccine being admitted to the ICU and dying. This increase is heavily due to the Delta variant, health officials said.

In recent weeks, California has led the nation in implementing measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Vaccine verification for state workers. Requires all state workers to either show proof of full vaccination or be tested at least once per week, and encourages local governments and other employers to adopt a similar protocol. Following California's announcement, some of the largest California businesses and local governments followed suit, as

did the federal government.

- Vaccinations for health care workers. Requires workers in health care settings to be fully vaccinated or receive their second dose by September 30, 2021.

- Universal masking in K-12 settings. Aligned with guidance from the CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics, California was the first state to implement universal masking in school settings to keep students and staff safe while optimizing fully in-person instruction.

- Medi-Cal vaccination incentives. \$350 million in incentive payments to help close the vaccination gap between Medi-Cal beneficiaries and Californians as a whole, significantly stepping up outreach in underserved communities.

- Statewide mask recommendation. In response to the spike in COVID-19 hospitalizations and new CDC guidance calling for masking, the state recommended mask use for indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status.

Union leaders announced their support of the new rules.

"Educators want to be in classrooms with their students, and the best way to make sure that happens is for everyone who is medically eligible to be vaccinated, with robust testing and multi-tiered safety measures," said California Teachers Association President E. Toby Boyd.

## Silicon Valley pet project awarded grant to care for rescued senior dogs

Silicon Valley Pet Project (SVPP) has been awarded a grant by the Grey Muzzle Organization to care for its rescued senior dogs. The grant funds will be used for the medical and foster care of this vulnerable pet community.

SVPP rescues dogs and cats of all ages from the San Jose Animal Care Center and the Tri-City Animal Shelter. Senior dogs, found as strays or surrendered to the shelter, initially can need the most support — medical care and more time in foster care to find the right forever family. SVPP rescued more than 300 pets in 2020 — including 83 dogs and 20 senior dogs. The organization has already rescued more than 20 senior dogs this year.

"We think senior dogs make wonderful companion pets," said SVPP CEO Melissa Lisbon. "They are grateful, sweet and low-key and don't have the same training challenges as younger pups. They are happy with a cuddle, some love and time, and a warm bed."

SVPP is one of 77 animal welfare groups chosen from 266 applicants to receive a grant to help local senior dogs. The winning groups received a total of more than \$616,000 in grants to help save or improve the lives of at-risk old dogs in their communities.

Over the past 13 years, the national nonprofit Grey Muzzle Organization has provided more than \$3.1 million in grants to support its vision of "a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid."

"Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we're delighted to help deserving organizations like Silicon Valley Pet Project make a difference in the lives of dogs and people in their communities," Grey Muzzle's Executive Director Lisa Lunghofer said. "Many senior dogs are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of SVPP."



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Times **Local News****'Smart Growth San Jose' proposal will build homes without traffic, displacement issues**By **Matt Mahan***Special to the Times*

**O**n Wednesday, August 4th, community leaders from across the city joined me at a press conference to promote Smart Growth San Jose, my alternative to "Opportunity Housing," a proposal which would legalize four-plexes in all single-family neighborhoods.

Unlike the four-plex plan, Smart Growth San Jose will build the homes we need without unnecessarily worsening traffic congestion, accelerating climate change and encouraging displacement of low-income residents.

The four-plex plan will come before the Council in October, and will be one of the most important decisions we make for years to come. It is critical that you learn about the decision we face and make your voice heard before the Council takes up this issue.

**District 10 Report**

**Matt Mahan**  
Councilmember-elect, District 10

I want to be clear that we have a regional housing supply crisis and we do need to build more housing. In fact, San Jose's General Plan assumes the construction of another 120,000 housing units between now and 2040, primarily downtown and in "urban villages" near significant transit infrastructure. To truly address our housing crisis, we will also need all other Bay Area cities to execute equally ambitious plans.

But so far, City Hall has failed to execute the General Plan. We have maintained and even created new barriers to homebuilding in San Jose, including incredibly slow and unpredictable permitting processes, overzealous regulations and fees, and outright restrictions on building housing in many of our planned urban villages. In fact, of the 68 urban villages the City iden-



tified 10 years ago, it has only approved high-level plans for 13 of them.

I've written a detailed blog post explaining what the City must do to facilitate homebuilding where we want it, and laying out why I think the fourplex plan will cause more harm than good. I hope you'll take a few minutes to read it at [bit.ly/smartgrowthsjblog](http://bit.ly/smartgrowthsjblog).

At the end of the day, a one-size-fits-all up-zoning of an expansive, sprawling city like San Jose that already has

some of the worst traffic and least effective transit in the country, is a flawed approach. For every additional person it houses, it will put another car on the road, more time on our collective commutes and more pollution in our air. It will incentivize redevelopment and gentrification of lower income neighborhoods without yielding the level of housing production we need. Ultimately, it will distract our Planning Department from executing on a sustainable, transit-oriented strategy that can work at scale and improve our collective quality of life. We need real solutions that both work and bring people together.

The four-plex plan fails on both fronts, but there is a better pro-housing path forward. The new path will make room

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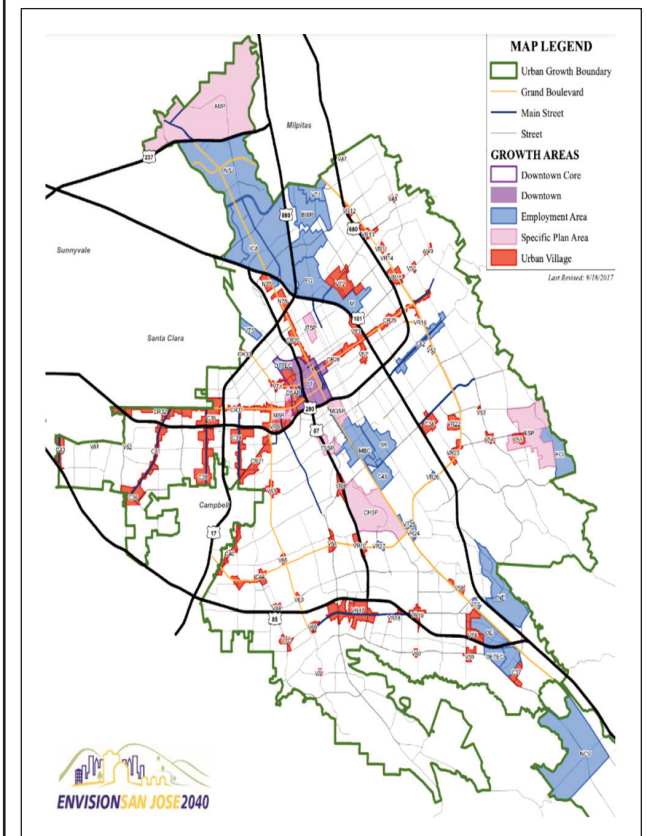
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# Helping victims of the earthquake in Haiti

By Bennett Weiner

Executive VP, Give.org

The recent 7.2 earthquake has devastated Haiti resulting in over 1,000 deaths and a multitude of injuries. As relief efforts rush to the scene to help, generous donors also want to help by supporting various charities that are raising funds for assistance.

BBB Wise Giving Alliance offers the following tips for donors to consider along with a list of BBB Accredited Charities that have announced Haiti related activities on their websites.

We certainly encourage generosity to help the victims in Haiti but caution donors to avoid questionable appeals by keeping the following tips in mind:

- **Does the disaster relief charity meet BBB Charity Standards?** You can verify a charity's trustworthiness by viewing an evaluative report completed by BBB Wise Giving Alliance. See the list provided below of charities that are soliciting for relief assistance for Haiti and that also meet the BBB Standards for Charity Accountability.

- **Is the charity experienced in providing disaster relief?** Experienced disaster relief charities are the best bet to help deliver aid quickly and effectively. New entrants may have difficulty in following through even if they have good intentions.

- **Does the appeal make exaggerated financial claims?** (Such as "100% will be spent on relief.") Charities have fundraising and administrative expenses. Any charity claiming otherwise is potentially misleading the donating public. Even a credit card donation will have a processing fee.

- **Can the charity get to the impacted area?** Not all disaster relief organizations will be positioned to provide relief quickly. See if the charity already has a presence in Haiti.

- **Should you send clothing and food?** Local drives to collect clothing and food to send overseas are not practical. Disaster

relief organizations are better equipped to obtain what is needed, distribute it and avoid duplication of effort.

The following is a list of BBB Accredited Charities (i.e., organizations that meet the 20 BBB Standards for Charity Accountability) raising funds for disaster relief in Haiti. This list will be updated as additional efforts come to the BBB's attention. The first link shows the BBB Wise Giving Alliance Report on the charity. The second is a link to the page on the charity's website that describes its Haiti Earthquake activities or fundraising.

Americares, CARE USA, Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, Cross International, Food for the Poor Direct Relief, GlobalGiving, Global Impact, Heart to Heart, International Medical Teams International Operation, USAProject HOPE, Save the Children, and World Vision.

## About BBB wise giving alliance

BBB Wise Giving Alliance (BBB's Give.org) is a standards-based charity evaluator that seeks to verify the trustworthiness of nationally soliciting charities by completing rigorous evaluations based on 20 holistic standards that address charity governance, results reporting, finances, fundraising, appeal accuracy and other issues. National charity reports are produced by BBB's Give.org and local charity reports are produced by local Better Business Bureaus – all reports are available at Give.org.

## About BBB

For more than 100 years, the Better Business Bureau has been helping people find businesses, brands, and charities they can trust. In 2020, people turned to BBB more than 220 million times for BBB Business Profiles on 6.2 million businesses and Charity Reports on 11,000 charities, all available for free at BBB.org. The International Association of Better Business Bureaus is the umbrella organization for the local, independent BBBs in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

## TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK

# Delivery Drones

Have you ever stumbled into a conversation where everyone is speaking around this "techie" word – and even after you've broken in, it is difficult to understand the unfamiliar jargon and acronyms? Well, there's no need to sweat it. Let me teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

## Delivery Drones: "Transforming the way goods are transported"

Imagine ordering a pizza or takeout dinner, and instead of it arriving in under an hour via scooter or sedan, they arrive in under 15 minutes, from the sky? How long until that happens?

For many of us, the idea of a swarm of drones buzzing overhead, delivering everything from clothes to groceries still seems like

a pie in the sky. However, the consumer market is growing by the day. After all, it only takes the touch of a button to order an item, why shouldn't delivery be equally instantaneous?

## Project Wing by Google

Google has been working on Project Wing, which is an autonomous delivery drone service aiming to increase access to goods, reduce traffic congestion in cities, and help ease the CO2 emissions attributable to the transportation of goods. Wing is also developing an unmanned traffic management platform that will allow unmanned aircraft to navigate around other drones, manned aircraft, and other obstacles like trees, building and power lines.

The Wing has a light energy-efficient design that enables the drones to fly up to 120 km/hr, driven by an all-electric power system with zero carbon emissions. Also, it is designed to fly up to 400 ft above the ground and can safely

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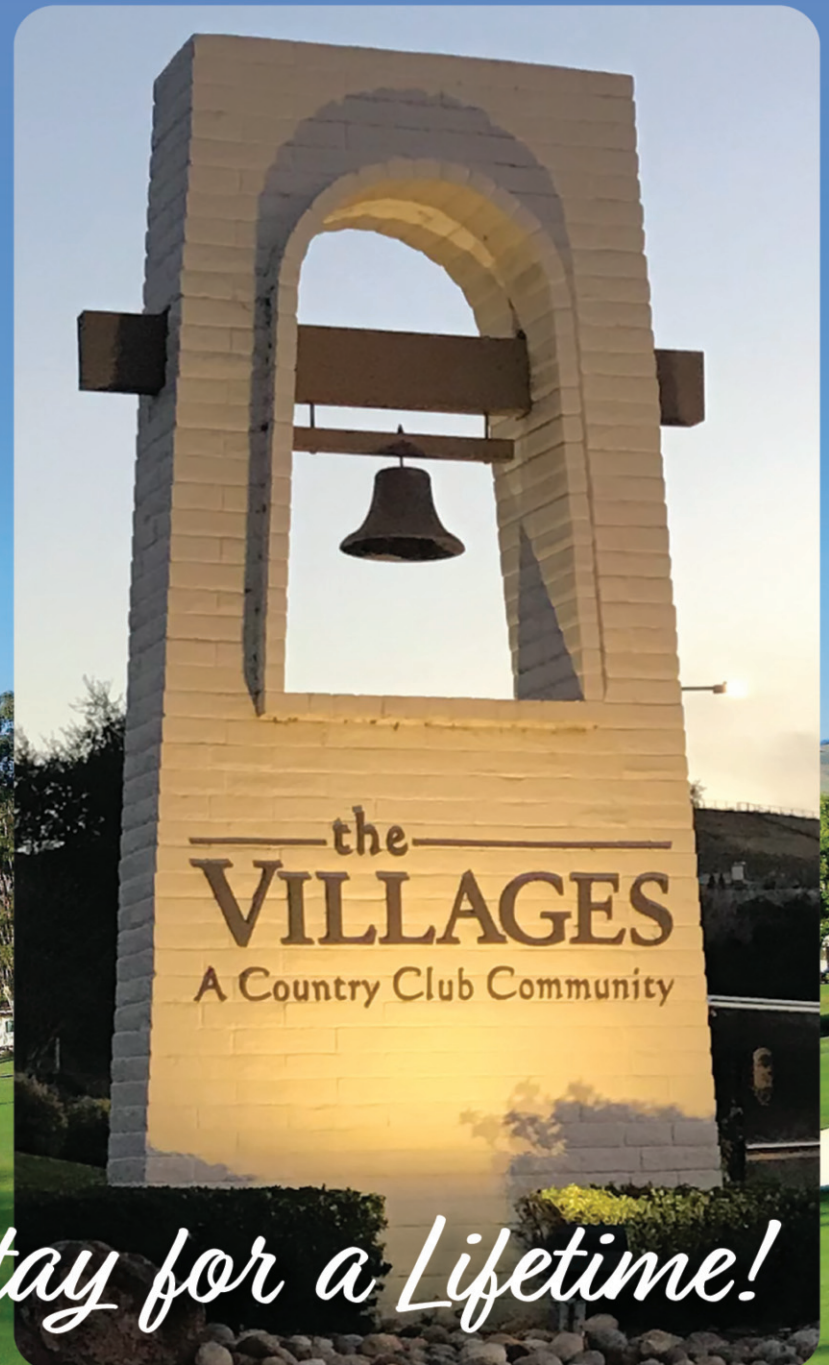
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Times **Feature**

4 tips to prepare a pet-friendly fire safety plan

(Family Features) After more than a year of nearly constant companionship, many pet parents are preparing to leave their pets at home while they transition back to the office. With more time away from home, it's important for families to be prepared in the event of a fire.

As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, a vast majority of pet owners (91%) said they will leave pets home alone more often, according to a survey commissioned by Kidde and conducted online by The Harris Poll. Of those, more than 1 in 3 (35%) said they are nervous about doing so.

According to the American Veterinary Med-

ical Foundation, 500,000 pets suffer from smoke inhalation and 40,000 die due to home fires.

"We know people will do anything to keep their furry family safe," said Sharon Cooksey, fire safety educator for Kidde. "We're committed to ensuring pet owners are equipped with the right products, resources, tools and confidence to prepare their family members – both two- and four-legged – in the event of an emergency as we transition to more time out of the home."

To help protect your pets from the dangers of home fires and train them to respond posi-



tively to the sound of smoke or carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, consider these tips from Kidde.

Include pets in fire escape plans: Pets should always be included in a family's evacuation plan. Stay aware of their typical hiding spots or locations where they often nap in case you must

evacuate quickly. When you are not home, keep pets in areas near entrances where firefighters can easily find them.

Train pets to appropriately respond to alarms. In the event of an emergency, ensure your pets are familiar with the sound of smoke alarms. According to celebrity pet trainer Sara Carson, you should pair the sound with a command that instructs your pets to proceed "outside" or whichever term you use to identify the best way for them to exit the home. As you practice the routine, reward your pets for positive responses.

"As a proud dog mom of five super collies, I know pets are like our family, so it's important

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Times **Feature**

Amazon Delivery Drone

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deliver packages to a location the size of a doorstep. Additionally, machine learning algorithms can help the drone find a safe and convenient location for delivery amongst obstacles like trees etc.

**Amazon tests delivery drones**

Amazon has also been actively working on an ambitious program aiming to use delivery drones to deliver your Amazon order within 30 minutes or less. Amazon's on-going testing includes several different drone models and types, so the final look and design continues to evolve over time. Automated collision avoidance technology will allow the drones to avoid crashing into objects or animals while in flight. Current testing is restricted to daytime operations when visibility is good, and winds are low. Future testing for delivery in icy, rainy, and snowy conditions may result in different drone designs for different types of weather

conditions.

**On demand drone delivery currently blocked by restrictions**

However there have been some blockers in making this a reality. Current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules restrict commercial use of drones and Amazon is seeking an exemption from those rules so the company can conduct additional research and development of their delivery drones' concept. The shopping giant wants the ability to safely innovate and to do, in their words "what thousands of hobbyists and manufacturers of model aircraft do every day."

With the clear advantages of on-demand drone deliveries, don't be surprised if that pizza arrives via the friendly skies far sooner than you might expect.

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Times **Community News**

**Second Story Duo of Almaden releases enchanting new song: 'Voices In The Dark'**

On their newest single “Voices In The Dark,” *Second Story Duo* explores the inner dialogue and voices that can tip toe into our minds just before we slumber.

Sometimes not being able to sleep can lead to interesting song ideas. For Lynn Case and Doug Bloomquist, residents of Almaden Valley; this was the case for “Voices In The Dark,” which was released last week and can be downloaded wherever you stream music.

Speaking with friends and family to explore their late night voices as well, they realized that everyone seems to be wrestling with something different, but the common theme was that it was a frequent visitor.

Identifying the power our words have over us, was the first step in finding the song’s unified voice. Lynn states “When we bring light to the darkness we take away their power.” The emotional blues influenced track showcases Lynn’s tender vocals, surrounded by Doug’s harmonies and guitar-driven twang, as she gracefully sings and touches the listener’s heartstrings.

“These voices in the dark / Say I’m not worthy or deserving / These voices in the dark / Taunt me with their hurtful ways....” In a society where we all question our worth, value, or place in this world, *Second Story Duo* makes us all feel less alone.

“Our voices can help us grow, once we identify the words they are saying and stop believing them,” Lynn said. “We believe this song will resonate with most people as we all tend to have these thoughts, particularly when we lie down to go to sleep at night.”

Here are the copyrighted lyrics for the new song.

*These voices in the dark  
Say I’m not worthy or deserving  
These voices in the dark  
Taunt me with their hurtful ways  
These voices in the dark  
Repeating what I fear most  
These voices in the dark  
Say I will never be the one*

*When the lights go out, I hear you  
When the lights go out the comparisons start  
My mind gets filled with thoughts I can’t control  
As the outside world recedes*

*Now I’ve made my list and I’ve checked it*



*twice  
I’ve counted every last breathe I’ve taken  
Did I do this wrong, did I get that right  
Will I find the strength I’m needing*

*These voices in the dark  
Say I’m not worthy or deserving  
These voices in the dark  
Taunt me with their hurtful ways  
These voices in the dark  
Repeating what I fear most  
These voices in the dark  
Say I will never be the one*

*The wickedness I’ve witnessed  
Find it’s target like a dart  
The words become my own now  
As they pierce my broken heart  
As they pierce my broken heart*

*These voices in the dark  
Say I’m not worthy or deserving  
These voices in the dark  
Taunt me with their hurtful ways  
These voices in the dark  
Repeating what I fear most  
These voices in the dark  
Say I will never be the one*

*These voices in the dark  
I’m not worthy or deserving  
These voices in the dark  
Oh they taunt me with their hurtful ways  
These voices in the dark  
Repeating what I fear most  
These voices in the dark, say I will never  
Never be the one  
Never be the one  
Never be the one*

You can follow *Second Story Duo* on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube. Check out *Second Story Duo’s* website at: [www.secondstoryduo.rocks](http://www.secondstoryduo.rocks)

**Fire safety**

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we take proactive steps to keep them safe in the event of a home fire,” Carson said. “To successfully train your pets, make sure you keep training fun, short and always end on a good note.”

For a full demonstration on how to train your pet to respond positively to a smoke alarm, visit [kiddle.com/petsafety](http://kiddle.com/petsafety).

Use window clings to alert first responders:

In an emergency, first responders need to be able to quickly assess the number of pets in a home. Consider attaching a non-adhesive decal to a window near your front door to let rescuers know how many animals are inside.

Maintain smoke alarms: Smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years. In addition to testing alarms once each week, check the manufacturing date on your alarms to make sure they are current. If they are older than 10 years, it’s time to replace them. (Family Features)

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Times **Feature**

## IN MEMORY

# Gurdev (Dave) Singh Mann

## 1954 - 2021 Resident of Almaden Valley

*Served as coach and Director of the Almaden Valley Youth Soccer; Commissioner for California Youth Soccer Association*

Gurdev (Dave) Singh Mann, the beloved son of the late Sardar Atma Singh Mann and Sardarni Malkit Kaur Mann, a long-term pillar in our community, passed away on August 6th, 2021.

Known lovingly as Sodhi or Coach, Dave leaves a tremendous void in our community, as well as in the hearts of his family and friends.

Dave is survived by his cherished wife - Binder Kaur Mann, his sons - Gary and Ricky, niece and nephew- Erica and Richard, daughter in laws - Deepi and Lisa, grandchildren - Bianca, Sahaani, Ajuni and Ezra, mother - Malkit Kaur Mann, brothers - Mohinder Singh Mann and Jatinder Singh Mann, along with an extended and close knit family; all of whom have lost a bright light.

Dave was a loving husband; present father; loyal son; a steadfast brother; great uncle; and a giant in the lives of so many whether on a tennis court, coaching youth sports or generously volunteering his time to the community.

Born on November 5th, 1954, as the oldest son of an immigrant family, Dave epitomized the American dream. Dave immigrated to San Jose in 1969 from Ganganagar, Rajasthan with his family. The Mann family spent an initial few years in Oregon while Dave's father obtained his license to practice law; one of the first few of Indian descent.

Dave and his family returned to Campbell/San Jose to be closer to their extended family, much at the insistence of Dave, who even as a child, valued the importance of being present for both one's family and community. Upon settling back in the South Bay with their extended family, Dave studied Criminology at San Jose State, while working various jobs ranging from landscaping to a line cook to help the family set up roots while his father worked on establishing a law practice in a new country. The family's hard work and dedication to achieving the American dream included officially establishing the Mann Law Firm in 1974, one of the longest standing local San Jose law firms, which Dave helped manage throughout its long duration; alongside his brother (Mohinder S. Mann) and son (Gary S. Mann) who continue the family tradition of practicing law. Dave also had a long and distinguished independent career in private security with FMC and other Bay Area giants.

Beyond helping his family establish strong roots in a new country, Dave served our community with his ongoing involvement, whether as a coach, teammate or a mentor. Along with his humble service to our community, he inspired our youth to actively participate in sports, to look out for one another and to lead by example.

Dave served as both a coach and the Director of the Almaden Valley Youth Soccer League, as well as District 2 Commissioner for the California Youth Soccer League. Dave's passion for encouraging youth involvement in sports equally carried over to his love of tennis,

whether with Almaden Valley Athletic Club or on the local courts at Leland High School. Dave appreciated a good competitive match of tennis and could regularly be found seeking out tournaments. Dave's love for community also carried over in the local San Jose Punjabi Community, whether helping organize the San Jose Punjabi Mela, helping serve chai/food at the local Gurdwaras, flipping pancakes at Christmas brunch, or ensuring any commu-

nity get together was organized and well executed. Dave's beloved grandkids will remember grandpa as being funny, present, always teaching them something new, and the absolute best cheerleader. Dave was a father figure and a role model to so many. He would help anyone and never strayed from his convictions - selfless, kind, and humble. He lived his life with integrity and served his community with humility.

Coach Dave will be lovingly remembered as a generous, kind and selfless man, a loyal friend, a dedicated coach, a competitive ten-



nis player, and a pillar for the Mann family, who was taken too early. The Mann family is grateful for the outpouring of love from so many in the community who cherished our Dave as much as we all did.

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much."

-- Bessie Anderson Stanley

"As sparks flying out of the flame fall back on the fire from which they rise; as dust rising from the earth falls back upon the same earth; so from God come all things under the sun and to God return their race is done." -- Guru Gobind Singh Ji

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## Almaden Valley Women's Club hosting 2021 Wine Pull fundraiser: Sept. 19

*All proceeds from the Sept. 19 event benefit local area non-profit organizations*

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is hosting the 2021 Wine Pull Sunday, Sept. 19 during the Champs Farmer's Market, located in the Princeton Shopping Center at the corner of Blossom Hill and Meridian.

The 2021 Wine Pull is the second of three fundraising events that the club is sponsoring for 2021. A portion of the funds raised will benefit the club's annual scholarship program.

"We are unable to host our annual Art & Wine Festival due to the pandemic," states Beth Swartz, President of the Almaden Women's Club. "Instead we came up with three smaller fundraising opportunities to help San Jose area non-profit organizations who submit grants to us each year."

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Wine Pull

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The Wine Pull involves participants literally pulling a cork and winning a bottle of wine plus a commemorative stemless wine glass. Participants can sign up for a donation of \$30 for one bottle and one glass or \$35 for one bottle and two glasses. The club is accepting donations on site during the Champs Farmer’s Market or online at [www.almadenwomen.org](http://www.almadenwomen.org).

The Almaden Valley Women’s Club is a non-profit organization comprised of women in the 95118, 95120 and 95123 zip codes. An all-volunteer organization that has existed for more than 50 years, the club is committed to serving the needs of the Almaden Valley community and those of greater San Jose through funds raised at community fundraising events.

*Editor’s note: Almaden Women’s Club members have a booth at the Farmer’s Market at the Princeton Shopping Center each Sunday leading up to the event in order to provide detailed information.*

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*Retired Greystone Elementary School teacher*



Ronald Yang was born May 9, 1937, to Wong and Mary Yang in San Francisco. He was raised in Oakland, Ca. and went on to earn his Bachelor’s degree from San Jose State University.

Ron spent his career as a dedicated elementary school teacher in the San Jose Unified School District. He taught at Valley View and Greystone Elementary Schools, ultimately retiring after 39 years. He was passionate about education and influencing young aspiring minds. Ron was an extraordinary man who gave so much of himself to his students, family and friends. He made a profound impact on those around him and will be dearly missed.

In 1964, Ron married the love of his life, Lilly Teng, in San Francisco and the couple had two children, Scott and Christine. Tragically, Lilly passed away on June 1, 1975. Ron threw himself into raising his children, and later, after he retired, spending time with his grandchildren.

Ron is survived by his son, Scott, and wife, Denise, who have two children, Tyler and Katelyn. His daughter, Christine Panella, and husband, Ralph, have three children, Dante, Marisa, and Dominic. Ron adored his grandchildren and was very proud of them.

Ron’s true love was dancing every Monday night at Dance Boulevard San Jose. He enjoyed west coast swing dancing and he grew to think of his dance friends as his second family.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Friday, August 20 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of Faith, 2315 Canoas Garden Ave. San Jose, CA. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Ron’s name to the American Diabetes Association.



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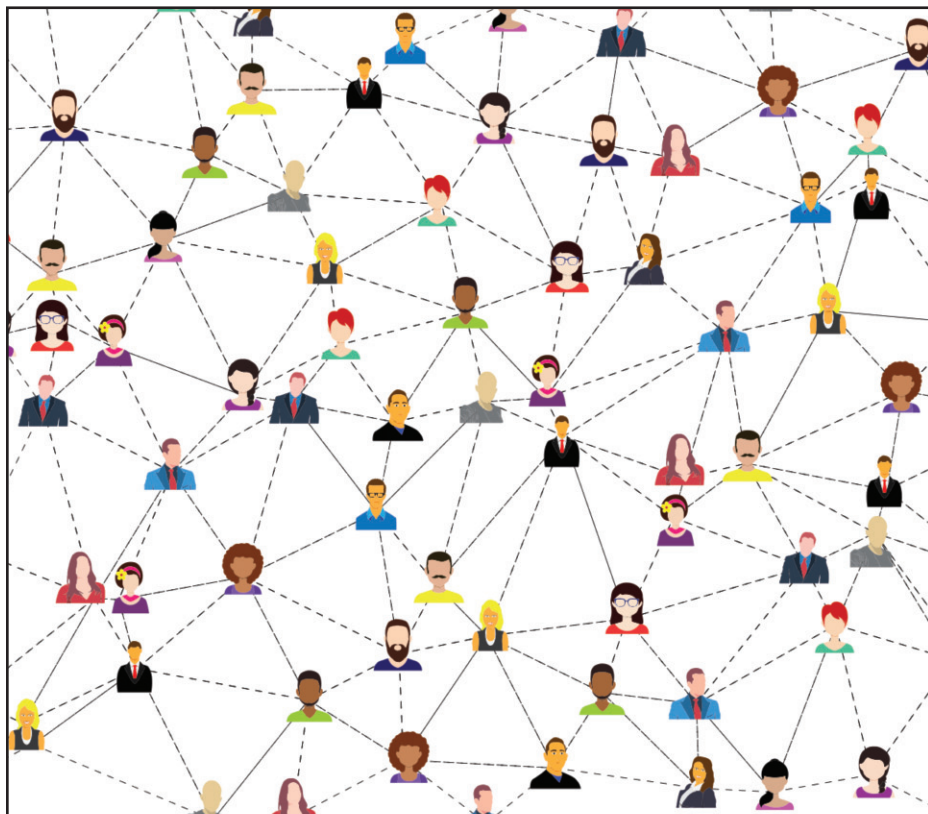
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## Bus service

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those in elementary schools—VTA public transit passes to get to class.

The district finalized the changes last week, Transportation Manager Corrin Reynolds told San José Spotlight. With classes starting this week, families had less than two weeks to figure out how they were going to get their kids to school. "It's been a challenging task," Reynolds said. "We had to scrap everything we had and started from scratch."

Parents or guardians of young students will get VTA passes to accompany their children on public transportation, and students in special education will not be impacted, district officials said.

SJUSD is gearing up to welcome approximately 30,000 students back to school, but it's unclear how many will be affected by the changes to bus service. "We don't quite know yet," Reynolds said. "But it will affect some."

In June, the San Jose Unified Board of Education approved a \$950,000 contract with bus service company First Student. It's unclear how much the district will spend on VTA passes, as applications for services are still coming in. But officials said SJUSD is in "good financial health" with students learning from home last year.

In addition to juggling a mask mandate and other safety measures, SJUSD plans to adjust bell schedules across all campuses this school year—a change mandated by state law that pushes back the start time at middle and high schools to 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., respectively. District schools previously started earlier than the state mandate.

"We are no longer able to use (our old sys-

tem)," Deputy Superintendent Stephen McMahon told the school board in May. "Right now we can tell schools, 'I need you to start at 7:40, and I need you to start at 7:20,' so the bus can get to both places in one morning. We won't be able to do that next year." Prior to the pandemic, the district bussed about 2,000 students to school each year, the majority being middle and high schoolers, Reynolds said.

In developing a new bus system, the district is prioritizing students in special education whose transportation must be made available to them under federal law, Reynolds added. Most bus routes to middle and high schools are also kept intact, but the district chose to cut routes with low ridership, such as Willow Glen High School, to accommodate the new bell schedule. The district had one or two students using bus services to Willow Glen High prior to the pandemic, Reynolds said. "You'd have some buses with only three to five students," Reynolds said.

Parents and families learned about the changes to bus service on July 26 from a district email asking for applications for transportation services.

The email, obtained by San José Spotlight, lists only 11 schools with bus service, which raised alarm for some parents at Hacienda Environmental Science Magnet School that was left off the list. "We were very worried," said Chris Myers, whose daughter attends the school downtown. "We were looking into moving so we could be close to the school." The district told Myers the email list was incorrect. Still, many elementary schools are left off the list of bus service.

"If it is elementary students in low-income areas, it will be a concern," Crystal Calhoun, a grandmother to three students in the district

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Times **OpEd**

## FreeFlight: Self-discovery program for middle and high school-aged kids

By Meera Desikamani

If you've been watching the Olympics these last couple of weeks, you may have become familiar with the term 'twisties' which simply defined represents a moment when an athlete's body and mind lose connection.

By admitting that she had the 'twisties,' Simone Biles, celebrated gymnast, has highlighted how youth sport competition impacts mental health. Watching the few moments unfold on TV, I couldn't help but see the powerful moment for what it was. Here, was a young adult, with confidence, asking for help when she needed it, in the most pressure packed situation you can imagine.

What can we as parents of middle and high schoolers do to encourage this kind of self-reliance? What can a parent do so that they can launch their child safely into adulthood with confidence? Teens and tweens these days need to be able to ask for help when they need it in addition to tackling thorny topics like boundaries around tech and media usage, homework, time management and problem-solving.

Parents who want this for their children are often hampered by a lack of knowledge, resources to help their children, and a support system for the entire family. There are children who feel overwhelmed by the need to



conform and play by the "rules" and lack role models who can show them alternate ways to navigate and experience pride in the transition to adulthood.

A group of Bay-area parents are hoping to change this narrative by launching a program called FreeFlight, a multi-year self-discovery program for middle and high school-aged children coming together as a parent-child affinity group. FreeFlight members meet at regular intervals one Saturday a month to learn and practice a variety of soft skills, life skills and explore career paths in a fun, safe and nurturing environment.

To me, what makes this club exciting and unique is that it not just empowering teens, but also requires the adults to broaden their perspectives and grow. Maybe one day, when we experience our own version of the 'twisties', whatever that may be, we will be able to respond with confidence and grace and so will our children.

For more information about FreeFlight and to register both yourself and your child for the sessions that begin in September, please visit [www.afutureforeverychild.org/freeflight](http://www.afutureforeverychild.org/freeflight)

## Ananda Bhairavi: A source of happiness

By Veena Krishnan

If you listen or learn Indian Carnatic music, you would have come across a composition in the raga Ananda Bhairavi. A raga is a scale with a unique pattern of notes going up and down. This is the basis of Carnatic music and compositions follow a specific raga. There are 72 Melakarta ragams meaning they have seven notes ascending and descending. Janya ragams are derived from these and can have less than seven notes ascending or descending. Different ragams are said to invoke various feelings in the listener.

Ananda Bhairavi is a Janya raga. Some say it's a Janya raga of Natabhairavi and others say it is from Karaharapriya. In an article about this raga by musician Smt. Anuradha Mahesh, she states that it originates from folk traditions in Southern India. It contains one anya swaram or foreign note which some musicians include. Its scale, or

arohanam and avarohanam and the anya swaram are in the images. The European note "C" can be used as the starting note or shadjam (Sa) in the pictures.

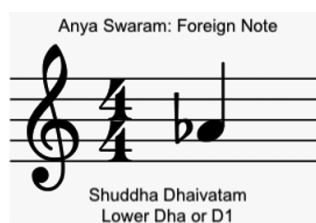
This raga invokes happiness in the listener. It is a very melodically focused raga and shows its full beauty when performed slowly. Therefore, many times you will hear similar patterns and combinations. Whenever I listen to Ananda Bhairavi, it soothes me. I can forget all my worries and feel happy. Some popular compositions are O Jagadamba, Mari Vere Gati and Paluke Bangara Mayena. Next time you feel unhappy or stressed out, listen to Ananda Bhairavi and it will definitely lift your spirits!



This is the arohanam of Ananda Bhairavi.



This is the avarohanam of Ananda Bhairavi.



This is the anya swaram, or foreign note in Ananda Bhairavi.

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# Vineyards

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of the many birds that inhabit their beautiful property, which includes several residences tucked among mature live and blue oaks surrounded by a large lawn.

“My aunt painted the intense gleaming-eyed raptor overlooking the Almaden Reservoir that graces the 2018 Hawk Eye Syrah,” said Chris. “The 2019 Laura’s Love Rosé is named for my mother who passed away four years ago.”

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Alamitos Vineyards, located in Almaden Valley, has opened its outdoor tasting area.



# Bus service

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told San José Spotlight.

Calhoun is part of a coalition of parents, students and residents who fought to boot police officers off SJUSD campuses. She said she and many members of the group didn’t know about the bus changes until San José Spotlight told them.

Not all SJUSD schools had bus service at their campuses before the service change. The district started cutting bus routes and providing VTA passes to students at schools with low ridership, such as San Jose High School, more than a decade ago, Reynolds said. The district also gave out roughly 50 passes to students and families when some kids came back to classes at the end of last school year, according to Director of Student Operational Services Jill Case.

The district has received more than 600 applications for bus services as of this week and is anticipating a few hundred more as the school year approaches, Reynolds said. “We’re trying our best to accommodate and serve our students,” he said.

**19 schools excluded from bus services**

The following schools provided bus service last year but are now excluded from the list of current services:

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- Canoas Elementary
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Faith.Knowledge. Community - this is our promise to our members. If you are looking for an active Christian faith community, we invite you to experience Holy Spirit Parish Community. All are welcome! We are located at 1200 Redmond Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120. Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our Sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794.



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#### SAN JOSE GURDWARA

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The word Sikh (see-kh) means "disciple" or "student." A Sikh is a practitioner of the faith founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak in Punjab of old British India. A Guru who is a "teacher" or "enlightener" completes the relationship of teaching and learning. Sikhism is monotheistic and stresses the equality of all men and women. Sikhs believe in three basic principles; meditating on the name of God (praying), earning a living by honest means and sharing the fruits of one's labor with others. Currently there are close to one million Sikhs living in the USA and Canada and 25 million Sikhs living around the world. Sikhism is the 5th largest religion in the world. At the Gurdwara (House of God) in San Jose we welcome all. We pray daily for peace and prosperity for everybody in the world. Come to visit and enjoy Langer (food) in our kitchen which is open 365 days of the year and serves complementary vegetarian meals. We also encourage you to enter our history room on site and walk

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We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star -Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations:  
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The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium) Sunday 8:15 AM  
For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

**For Worship listing ads, call 408.483-5458**

*The Almaden Senior Association members are a diverse group of enthusiastic, active, 50+ adults who enjoy new learning opportunities, new experiences, and new adventures.*

**Membership in the Almaden Senior Association offers discounts and opportunities to enjoy . . .**

- exercise classes for all levels of ability;
- lunches and other social programs

organized and run by members of the Association;

- book clubs, cooking, computer and photography classes;
- trips to local and not so local places of interest such as the Steinbeck Museum in Salinas, Whale Watching in Monterey, casino trips and more.

As a member you're encouraged to help plan these activities and suggest new ones to enjoy. The Senior Association Philanthropy Program set up a process to donate funds to other non-profit organizations that reflect our mission.

#### Connected

We enjoy meeting new people, making new connections and getting involved. All volunteer opportunities are based on your time and energy commitment. Fees for classes, trips and social events are kept low because of senior volunteer participation and membership strength.

Stop by the main desk at the Almaden Community Center and ask for an application today. Yearly dues of \$10 are returned to you by discounts to most of the programs you participate in.

Join us today, meet new people and get involved with classes and programs that will enhance your life and open new doors.

**For more information, go to [www.almadenseniors.org](http://www.almadenseniors.org)**

**Contact via email: [alamadenseniors1@gmail.com](mailto:alamadenseniors1@gmail.com)**





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\$2,999,000 | 4 Bed | 2.5 Bath  
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