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## FLYING HIGH

## Gymnast Jaisen Shaw of Almaden qualifies for Future Stars Nationals

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Jaisen Shah (7th grader at Bret Harte Middle School) participated in a gymnastics competition (Future Stars for elite gymnasts) on Sunday, October 17, 2021 for Region 1 (Arizona, Hawaii, California, Nevada).

Jaisen was one of five boys in the 12 year old age group who qualified (based on all-around score from 9 events) to go to the Future Stars National Championships which will be held on Nov. 19, 2021 in Colorado.

He is on the Junior Olympic Boys Team at Cal Sports Center Great Oaks. The meet and Nationals are sanctioned by the USA Gymnastics organization.

The Future Stars National Championship will be held on November 19, 2021 in Colorado. Previous years, this event was held at the US Olympic Training Center.

Jaisen qualified and went to Nation-

als 2 years ago when he was 10 (the first year he was old enough to go). He got to train and compete at the US Olympic Training Center. Last year obviously this event was canceled and this year due to Covid the Championship is at a different location.



"I love gymnastics because I have so much fun flipping and twisting and learning new skills. I am so excited that I made it to Nationals. I am so happy that I finally get to go again after missing last year because of Covid."

"Jaisen was a dare devil at home, park, just everywhere we were, he had no fear," said Neha Shaw, Jaisen's dad. "I realized that he needed a safe

place to jump and get his energy out so I started him in gymnastics at age three. He was invited to join the team at five years old and this has been his passion ever since. We owe a great gratitude to Jaisen's coach, Tyler Evans, for his time and dedication to the Junior Olympic Boys Gymnastic team."

## Almaden Women's Club hosts 'Festival of Thanks'

*A mini version of the 'Almaden Art & Wine Festival' to be held Nov. 14*

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The Almaden Valley Women's Club has announced their third and final fundraising event for 2021, "Festival of Thanks."

The event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Castillero Middle School in San Jose.

The "Festival of Thanks" event brings the community together to create bags, add a light, and add to a path at Castillero.

For a \$10 donation, the attendees will receive a bag which they can decorate and place along a path. Bags can be decorated in honor of a loved one, a recent celebration or just good health.

"It's been a tough couple of years so maybe people are just thankful to come out on the other side of this crazy time," says Beth Swartz, President of the women's club. In addition to the decoration stations, there will be craft vendors, food trucks, musicians and games and activities for kids. "It will be a mini version of our annual Almaden Art & Wine Festival," Swartz said.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club has produced the Almaden Art & Wine Festival for 50 years which always takes place each September at Almaden Lake Park. Due to the Covid pandemic, the festival was cancelled for the past two years. However, the club's mission to raise funds for local area non-profit organizations has not changed. "We've just had to get creative in order to support the organizations that rely on us year over year," says Swartz.

The club's previous events including a Virtual 5k held in May and a Wine Pull, held this past September, raised some funds and awareness of the club's mission.

"We hope to bring together our community for this final event," says Swartz.

All proceeds from the event will be given back to the community in the form of grants to area non-profit organizations.

For more information about the Almaden Women's Club, official sponsored events, and how to make a donation, visit: [www.almadenwomen.org](http://www.almadenwomen.org).



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## CIVICS



## Challenges continue for the plight of the homeless

*“There is an immense amount of human suffering”*

**By Lorraine Gabbert**  
Senior Staff Writer

The city plans to sweep an encampment of more than 300 homeless people living in tents and RVs in the Guadalupe Gardens area.

There is little choice as the Federal Aviation Administration doesn't allow people to dwell in the flight path to the San Jose International Airport, said Councilmember Matt Mahan.

“We have a real challenge there,” Mahan said during his Chat with Matt town hall on Saturday. “It's very hard on the people who live there. It's very expensive for the city.”

Resident Steve Brock said the FAA may be out of step with the needs of the community. He suggested the city contact President Joe Biden's staff about the issue.

Mahan said in past years, city staff attempted to change the FAA's perspective. “We have tried for quite a few years now to get the FAA to change its policy,” he said. “They have a pretty strict no dwelling, no encampment policy they are not budging on.”

The question is, he said, where are these people going to go? Expressing his frustration with the

situation, Mahan said there is an incredible need and land available.

“These people want to live there,” he said. “Having noise pollution is better than having no place to live.”

Mahan said he's been disappointed with the county's unwillingness to put forward public lands they own, including the fairgrounds, for homeless encampments.

“If you wanted to end street homelessness today, you'd need about 50 acres of public land and about \$500 million for quick build sites,” he said, “...and you could build enough quick-build modular units to house everybody.”

The city council is considering fencing off the Guadalupe Gardens area or increasing park ranger staff to keep the homeless away from the area. Mahan said fences are an eye sore, expensive and can be cut.

“And they'll be right back within a week,” Brock said. “Put a fence up. They have wire cutters. The fence will have holes in it. We'd be chasing them out of there constantly.”

**‘It costs about \$50,000 per person living on the streets’**

Mahan agreed, adding that the fence would cost over a million dollars. The homeless crisis is costly financially and is incredibly challenging for the unhoused. Mahan said across government entities, it costs about \$50,000 per person living on the streets each year for related police and fire, trash clean up and emergency room visits.

“If we can cost effectively get people stably sheltered and then address any other underlying issues, that's the only way out of this mess,” he said.

Mahan said there are about 8,000 unhoused people county-wide in need of assistance.

“Shuffling people back and forth from one area to the next doesn't do us any good,” he said, “and we spend a tremendous amount of public resources managing the problem without actually fixing it.”

*See HOMELESS, page 11*

# Valley Currents

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

## Second Story Duo shares their latest release ‘Through it’

*How focusing on the progress, helps make the journey easier*

Second Story Duo shares their latest single “Through It,” on the one year anniversary of their first album.

Almaden residents Lynn Case and Doug Bloomquist have always had a dynamic of using songwriting to not only help in their own personal struggles but to help others process, connect and bond over shared experiences as well. For their newest song “Through It” the intention remains ever present and consistent, as they speak about life in the way they see and experience it.

**‘Progress became the focus, not the end result’**

Lynn's rich imagination for how she sees things gets penned into journals before the lyrics take shape. “I remember writing ‘The only way through it, is through it,’” Lynn states, after wrestling with the morning pages assignment of the book, *The Artist's Way*. Doug's guidance was pivotal in helping Lynn focus on the progress of her journey. “When I was struggling and getting down on myself, he used to say, you may not be healed yet, but it's progress. You may not be where you want to be yet, but it's progress.” Progress became the focus, not the end result.



**The process includes everyone having a hand in the journey**

The song's upbeat and rhythmic melody reminds listeners of the nostalgia of childhood; inviting everyone to take part in the process and having a hand in the journey. The organic instrumentation over Lynn and their daughter, Rebecca's voice, reminds us of how important it is to allow others to help us along our journey. “It's a group effort, making it to the other side of our journey with others helps lighten the load.”

Take a break from the world through the rich and sweet vocal tones of Lynn and her daughter Rebecca as they blend their voices with Doug's lush and synthed harmonies. The heartfelt lyrics are a salve to the ears in an agitated world.

“Through It” comes out on November 25, 2021, Thanksgiving Day.

*Editor's note: You can follow Second Story Duo: Website: <https://secondstoryduo.rocks>; Instagram: <https://instagram.com/secondstoryduo>; Facebook: <https://facebook.com/secondstoryduo>.*

## New class of bus operators helps VTA address critical shortage

A class of 27 new Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) bus operators finished a challenging 9-week training course, ready to hit the streets in pursuit of filling a serious shortage at the transit agency.

General Manager/CEO Carolyn Gonot welcomed the new operators at a ceremony at VTA's Chaboya Bus Division, Nov. 3.

VTA has suffered a chronic shortage of bus operators for more than

two years owing some of the vacancies to normal attrition and turnover, but also to the mentorship program that allows operators to move into different, higher paying, positions at the agency.

Some 30 operators have been promoted through the ranks of other positions this year, adding to the dozens of operator openings already on the books.

VTA is working to return service to pre-pandemic levels, but without enough operators to take those shifts and extra ones to fill in for vacation and sick time taken, we are restoring service bit by bit as new operators are hired and will continue until we are back at full service.

Among the graduates in this class are five women, as VTA has made concerted efforts to recruit women into non-traditional transit jobs.

Anyone interested in the entry-level position of bus operator can apply at: [www.vta.org/about/careers](http://www.vta.org/about/careers). No experience needed, on the job training provided.



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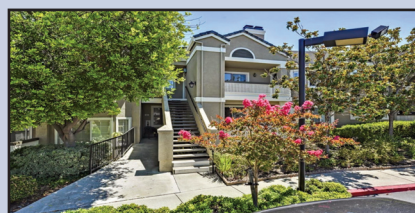
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## Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley and NetApp volunteers paint local resident's home

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Nearly 30 Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley (RTSV) and NetApp volunteers recently finished repairing and painting Genevieve Anderson's home in San Jose on Nov. 2.

Anderson, who is on a fixed Social Security income, has not been able to paint her home for many years. The non-profit RTSV has been repairing homes of low-income homeowners in Santa Clara County since 1991.

"I'm beyond happy; I love all the work that was done, especially my front doors!" Anderson said. "I'm so very grateful. Painting is like painting over and erasing an old life and having an exciting new beginning."

Rebuilding Together, NetApp, House Captains Stanley Yee and Ty Williams, and 27 volunteers replaced the exhaust fan in the bathroom, repaired the bathrooms toilets, replaced window screens and bathroom floors in addition to repairing a back gate and painting Anderson's home.



Anderson's journey in reaching out for the help she needed began when her neighbor informed her that water from her house was overflowing into her yard. It turned out her water heater had deteriorated and was leaking, but she did not have emergency funds to purchase a new one.

"I called the Weatherization Program I found on the back

of my PG&E bill," Anderson said. "They said unfortunately they did not do emergency repairs and referred me to Rebuilding Together. I applied for assistance on April 28, 2021 and I was approved and they recommended me for their Safe at Home program. They had listed 12 repairs that were recommended for my home. A 13th item was listed as painting the exterior and my home was recommended for their Rebuilding Day Program."

### House colors

Anderson was given several choices for her home's exterior colors. "I chose Plymouth Gray as the body color and white for the exterior trim," Anderson said. "Rebuilding Together was kind enough to let me select a third color, Sequoia Redwood for my front door! The red

door is my most loved! On Nov. 7th, House Captains Stanley and Ty returned to do some final touchups."

All work is provided at no cost to the recipient, with materials provided through donations and funds from area businesses, organizations, government, and private individuals. Since inception, more than 40,000 volunteers have renovated over 4,500 homes and facilities in the local community.

The organization's Rebuilding Day Program provides major and minor repairs and renovations resulting in life-changing improvements for the homeowners and organizations served. These repairs are completed by volunteers in the local community who want to make a difference. Anderson's home was selected for this one-of-a-kind program.

Anderson's neighbors were impressed with the quality work done by the volunteers.

Mary McDonald said, "What a blessing to have people come and paint your house. It's wonderful that people want to volunteer and help others." Neighbor Audrey Randazzo said, "It must feel like winning a prize. God is good. Your house is going to look loved."

### About Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together is the leading national nonprofit organization with a mission to repair the homes of people in need and revitalize our communities. Each year, Rebuilding Together affiliates and nearly 100,000 volunteers complete about 10,000 rebuild projects.

For 30 years, Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley has served Santa Clara Valley residents by responding to urgent health and safety needs for low-income, senior and/or disabled homeowners. RTSV replaces non-working furnaces, installs water heaters, repairs roofs, updates plumbing fixtures, installs new kitchen appliances, and so much more. By making these critical repairs, we effectively preserve affordable housing and provide safe and secure living environments for our community. RTSV also repairs nonprofit facilities so that those organizations can focus resources on serving the community rather than facility maintenance.

Each year, more than 2,000 volunteers gather to repair homes, revitalize communities and rebuild lives by improving the safety and health of homes and revitalizing communities. Of course this year looks and feels different. We have taken strict precaution to ensure homeowner, staff and volunteer safety with our COVID Protocol and our site based COVID Captains.

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Times **Community News**

## Holidays at the Ainsley House begin Nov. 18

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The Ainsley House will be decorated in the theme, Joys of the Season, and open this holiday season with holiday events for the whole family.

Tours through the Ainsley House will be unguided, self-paced.

### Find unusual seasonal gifts

The Ainsley House and Boutique will be open November 18 through December 19, Thursdays-Sundays, from 11am-3pm. The

Ainsley House will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Tour admission is \$10 adults (18-64), seniors (65+) \$8, youth age 7-17 \$6, Museum members are free. The Holiday Boutique is located in the Carriage House as well as in several rooms on the first floor of the Ainsley House. In the Boutique you will find unique seasonal gifts, ornaments, jewelry, scarves, and much more. The Boutique will be open during touring hours.

One of the best ways to see the Ainsley House decorated for the Holidays is to attend one of two evening Open House events. The Open House events at the Ainsley House offer the public an opportunity to enjoy the holiday decorations at night, with live music in the Ainsley living room and light refreshments in the Carriage House. The Open House events take place 5:30 – 8:00 pm on Thursday, December 16 and Sunday, December 19. See AINSLEY, page 10

## Christmas in the park expands, community benefits

*The tradition returns with new drive-thru at Lake Cunningham Park*

Last year, the annual tradition of Christmas in the Park (CITP) was temporarily replaced with a COVID safe drive-thru.

This year guests get the best of both holiday worlds. The free traditional event returns to downtown San Jose and a new drive-thru is at Lake Cunningham Park.

"Last year we were able to produce an amazing drive-thru during a very trying time. We had a little more financial success than planned with the drive-thru. Guests will see some incredible new features at our downtown Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park free event. We have a new 65' tall walk-through Christmas tree, new large scale lighted creations like a teddy bear, shooting star and giant ornament, plus an all-new inflatable beer and wine garden," said executive director, Jason Minsky.

For the drive through there are 12 themed areas, and an all-new soundtrack changes

on New Year's for an entirely new adventure. Based on feedback from last year, a food festival has been added to the end of the drive-thru. Minsky added that fewer tickets per hour are available to eliminate long wait times. A VIP ticket allows guests to skip right to the front of the line.

### Both venues open Nov. 26

Christmas in the Park is a non-profit organization that has held a free community event in downtown San Jose since 1980. On November 26th the opening night tree lighting starts at 6:00pm. An hour earlier (5:00 p.m.) at Lake Cunningham Park, ticketed guests arrive for opening night at Blinky's Illuminated Holiday drive-thru. Tickets for the drive-thru are already on sale. Last year's event sold out, and with fewer tickets available this year, Minsky expects a quick sell-out.

"We are making a big splash and want everyone to know what we have planned" added Minsky. "We are so excited to bring both events back and have many new surprises for the community." Please visit the Christmas in the Park website for more information.

*Editor's note; At their fun and welcoming website, [christmasinthepark.com](http://christmasinthepark.com), one can learn more about upcoming fun programs such as Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Build, Tree Program-2021, Fun for Kids, Santa Visits, Community Stage and the Holiday Brick Walk and Lighted Stars.*



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Times **Feature**

## San Jose Police Dept. awarded traffic safety grant

The San Jose Police Department will roll out a police traffic services program to deter dangerous and illegal driving behaviors that increase the risk of crashes in the community.

The funding for the new program is made possible by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Impairment, speeding and other dangerous driving behaviors jeopardize the safety of other people on the road," San Jose police Sergeant Doug Gates said. "This funding allows us to provide necessary traffic enforcement measures with the goal of reducing serious injury and fatal crashes on our roads."

The grant will pay for additional enforcement measures, including:

- DUI checkpoints and patrols specifical-

ly focused on suspected impaired drivers.

- Enforcement operations focused on suspected distracted drivers in violation of California's hands-free cell phone law.

- Bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement operations focused on driver behaviors that put vulnerable road users at risk.

- Enforcement operations focused on top violations that cause crashes: speeding, failure to yield, stop sign and/or red-light

running, and improper turning or lane changes.

- Community education presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, DUI, speed-ing, and bicycle and pedestrian safety.

- Collaborative enforcement efforts with neighboring agencies.

- Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

The grant program will run through September 2022.



## City of San Jose Dept. of Transportation awarded \$110k grant for bicycle and pedestrian safety education

The City of San José Department of Transportation is the recipient of a \$110,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) that will prioritize the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

"All traffic fatalities are tragedies, and when the victim is walking, riding a bike,

or has mobility challenges it is even more appalling," said John Ristow, City of San José Director of Transportation. "With the OTS funding, we are able to spread awareness of unsafe behaviors, teach street safety, provide protective equipment, and hear the lived experiences and local knowledge that can help our department identify solutions."

"Our roads are increasingly riskier for people who walk or ride their bike," OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. "The goal of this funding is to reverse the growing trend of bicyclist and pedestrian-involved crashes by educating the public on safe road behaviors."

## Ainsley

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19, 2021. Admission is \$15, \$10 for Museum members; children under 10 years old are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Carriage House the evening of each event.

The Campbell Museum Foundation's annual Holiday fundraiser: Holiday Teas and Tours will take place December 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, & 12. Seating will take place at 12pm. The tea menu includes finger sandwiches, champagne, a special Ainsley blend tea, and tasty treats in the Carriage House, followed by a docent led tour of the Ainsley House.

There will be a daily raffle and a grand prize raffle at the end of the entire 9 days of teas. Admission is \$60/ General Public and \$50/ Museum Member. The Campbell Museums will require proof of vaccination

on the day of the teas.

Admission proceeds go toward supporting education programs and preservation efforts at the Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley House.

Reservations are required for the teas and can be made at [www.campbellmuseums.com](http://www.campbellmuseums.com).

Additional details are available at [www.campbellmuseums.com](http://www.campbellmuseums.com).



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Willy Wonka is opening his marvelous and mysterious chocolate factory...to a lucky few. That includes Charlie Bucket, whose bland life is about to burst with color and confection beyond his wildest dreams. He and four other golden ticket winners will embark on a mesmerizing joyride through a world of pure imagination. Now's your chance to experience the wonders of Wonka like never before – get ready for Oompa-Loompas, incredible inventions, the great glass elevator, and more, more, more at this everlasting showstopper!

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Mahan advocates modular, prefabricated and cost-effective shelters—like the city created at the Rue Ferrari and Evans Lane Bridge Housing sites—be built in districts without interim housing sites, including District 10.

“Every district will have to take on one or two,” he said, “and we need other cities in the county to take on Bridge Housing sites.”

Funding from Project Homekey, Measures A and Measure E could defray part of the construction costs, which run high in the Bay Area. Mahan said the average cost for recent developments has been more than \$850,000 per unit.

“At the cost of construction and the rate we’re tackling the problem, we’re leaving way too many people behind,” Mahan said. “I’ve been pushing for more cost-effective shelter solutions.”

Some residents oppose the locations of future development. Mahan said everywhere interim housing has been built or proposed in the city received community opposition, but for areas heavily impacted by encampments, Bridge Housing makes the neighborhoods safer and cleaner.

“I know there are concerns about putting any kind of interim housing anywhere,” he said, “but I get even more concerns from folks upset about the status quo where we have unmanaged encampments across the city with trash, fires, drug dealing and drug use and people yelling in the middle of the night with absolutely no management whatsoever.”

Resident Elena Shur is concerned with the proposed Branham Lane and Monterey Road site, located near single family houses, a library, school and park. She wondered if local schools had capacity for additional school children and worried about noise from the Union Pacific Railroad affecting them.

“These prefab units don’t have much sound insulation,” Shur said. “Are you going to subject 200 children to the 100 decibel train horns overnight?”

**“The one thing I can’t support is the status quo”**

Mahan said this location was chosen by the housing department because it’s city owned land and already impacted by encampments, as well as being near a library.

“There are some advantages to that site and not a ton of alternatives,” he said, adding that philanthropist John Sobrato said he would contribute up to \$25,000 per unit. “We have 100s of people in tents next to the train tracks, so this is an improvement.”

Mahan said cost-effective sites will have to be identified city and countywide which can provide private shelters with doors that lock, onsite security and basic services, including bathrooms.

Resident  
Steve Brock

“There’s an immense amount of human suffering,” he said. “The one thing I can’t support is the status quo. The status quo is even more unacceptable.”

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Times News

Almaden residents  
named to Dean's List at  
Biola University

Seven Almaden Valley residents have been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Biola University.

Named to the Dean's list are: **Camille Agers**, majoring in Christian Ministries; **Amy Chin**, majoring in Kinesiology; **Laura Denis**, majoring in Music; **Rebekah Hiatt**, majoring in Accounting; **Olivia Jacob**, majoring in Sociology; **Grace Lea**, majoring in Studio Arts; and **Emily Starke**, majoring in Public Health.

Biola students are placed on the dean's list to



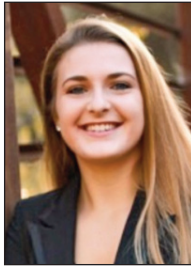
Camille Agers



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honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

"Inclusion in Biola University's Dean's List is reserved for students who demonstrate excep-

tional performance in their academic studies. This honor signifies hard work, engagement, and investment in scholarship," said Tamara Anderson, Associate Provost of Academic Effectiveness and Administration. "These attributes

are the building blocks of continued success, not only in the classroom, but in the workplace and in the student's personal lives. We celebrate these students and their achievement, looking forward to their future accomplishments."

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## TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK

## Self-destruct Stories

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 us teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

## Self-destruct Stories

Your story for 24 hours!

One of the common features between the social media giants Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp is the self-destructing stories, which has become increasingly popular with the millennials.

Snapchat, a multimedia messaging app first introduced this feature where one could post pictures and messages; referred to as “snaps” for a short time, after which they would become inaccessible to all users and even the person who posted it. Snaps can consist of a photo or a short video, and can be edited to include filters and effects, text captions, and drawings. Snaps can be directed privately to selected contacts, or to a semi-public “Story”. According to the CEO Evan Spiegel on keeping stories only for 24 hours, “Snapchat isn’t about capturing the traditional Kodak moment. It’s about communicating with the full range of human emotion — not just what appears to be pretty or perfect.” He presented Snapchat as the solution to stresses caused by the longevity of personal information on social media, evidenced by “emergency de-tagging of Facebook photos before job interviews and photoshopping blemishes out of candid shots before they hit the internet”.

Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp closely followed suit and introduced this popular self-destructing feature on their platforms in the last 2-3 years. Facebook has set an upper limit of 101 characters on the temporary updates, and users can set an expiration date for them and choose whether they appear in the News Feed or just their profile. As an additional security measure, WhatsApp stories have end-to-end encryption by default for all the customers.

Facebook and Instagram highlight these self-destructive stories to make them stand out from the regular ones that you see on your timeline. Messaging platform WhatsApp has a dedicated column

in the app, while Instagram and Facebook show the Stories updates in the row along the top, highlighted with a red circle around profile pictures. Using it means your profile becomes top-of-recall on someone’s timeline. It is perhaps a good way of gaining followers.

So typically, what are these stories? They could be the story of how your day is going, where you are working, what you’re attending, seeing, eating, or just anything funny. The best status messages push users to see more updates.

One can play with posts to tell a story about something. Pictures or videos of a concert or sports event, behind-the-scenes at a party, tutorials on a skill set you know best, or a series of genuine personal questions to which your followers can respond privately.

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## Report: 2021's Most &amp; Least Diverse States in America

With Hispanics and women holding a record number of Fortune 500 CEO positions (still only 8.1% of the total), the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2021's Most & Least Diverse States in America.

To determine where the most idea and identity exchanges have occurred at the highest level in the U.S. — and where the population is relatively more homogeneous — WalletHub

compared the 50 states across six key categories: socio-economic, cultural, economic, household, religious and political diversity.

## Diversity in California (1=Most Diverse, 25=Avg.):

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  - 2nd – Racial & Ethnic Diversity
  - 1st – Linguistic Diversity
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## Year-end wrap-up for Gifts for Teens

By Cheryl Markman  
*Gifts for Teens*

This year's Gifts for Teens bags and totes were among the nicest and fullest ever in the organization's history.

For the 2021 holiday giving season, Gifts for Teens distributed a total of 504 duffel bags for boys and sturdy tote bags for girls. Each bag contains a heavy sweatshirt and other quality apparel including tee-shirts, socks, knit scarves, caps and gloves; practical items including toiletries and school supplies; \$50 in fast food and store gift cards; and fun items such as games and snacks.

Recipient agencies were Sacred Heart Community Service, which serves needy

families (251 bags); Bill Wilson Center, a resource for foster care and homeless youth (220 bags); and Advent Group, which provides counseling and recovery services for teens with addictions (33 bags).

The nonprofit Gifts for Teens organization focuses on helping the neediest youth in the area—in particular, homeless teenagers and young adults aging out of foster care, two groups that may be even more vulnerable during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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## Premier of four thought provoking new works reveal the truth about women's invisible labor at New Museum Los Gatos

*'One of the beauties about art is its ability to act as a catalyst for discussion'*

During the COVID-19 pandemic, when everyone's focus has shifted to the home, women in the United States have been clocking an exhausting average of 65 hours per week of unpaid work, 31% more than men.

This massive, largely unappreciated burden of domestic labor has forced one in four women to think about leaving their paid jobs or switching to part-time.

**Artist Sawyer Rose:** *Carrying Stones*, a new exhibition of sculpture and photography at New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU), visualizes this work inequity by giving physical form to these shocking statistics.

Rose's large-scale data sculptures (as tall as 10 feet and as wide as 15 feet), accompanied by poignant photographic portraits of the women whose stories they tell, communicate the diverse and distressing truths of American women and their unpaid and unseen labor, including the ways in which women of color and low-wage workers are disproportionately affected.

"Women's work inequity hurts us all," Rose said. "Workplaces where women can fully participate are more profitable, more efficient, happier places for everyone. But in order to reap these benefits, we have to first redistribute women's unpaid workload."

The artworks in this show (open now thru Jan. 23, 2022) profile women of different ages, races, sexual orientations, occupations, and socio-economic statuses -- building a broad yet touchingly intimate picture of the labor that underpins the complex fabric of our society.

Rose chooses the women she depicts both for their compelling personal work stories and for the larger issues their stories bring up.

**'Art allows us to communicate when we can't find the right words'**

"One of the beauties about art is its ability to act as a catalyst for discussion," says Ami Davis, Executive Director of New Museum Los Gatos. "Through paint, textiles, and all other mediums, art allows us to communicate when we can't find the right words. Sawyer Rose does just that, sharing the all too common stories of these women in order to shake the system."

**Raising confident girls as future leaders**

NUMU actively encourages community engagement with the exhibition through a range of programming that will accompany the exhibition, including artist talks, panel discussions, and youth programming with topics ranging from the state of women in the workplace, how women of color are disproportionately affected by inequity, and raising confident girls as future leaders.

To learn more about New Museum Los Gatos, visit: [www.numulosgatos.org](http://www.numulosgatos.org)

## Women in the Workforce & Equitable Futures panel discussion Nov. 13

New Museum Los Gatos is sponsoring a free virtual Zoom event from 1-2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 called Women in the Workforce & Equitable Futures.

This is a free virtual event. After you RSVP, you will be emailed the Zoom link.

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# Out of this World Event shoots new book into outer space

*Author Michael-John Toste is a resident of San Jose*

**T**he Prophetic Matrix" e-Book makes history being filmed onboard the Destiny Module in the ISS prior to the Russian film crew's arrival.

A Russian film crew made headlines by beating Tom Cruise in the race to shoot the first movie in space.

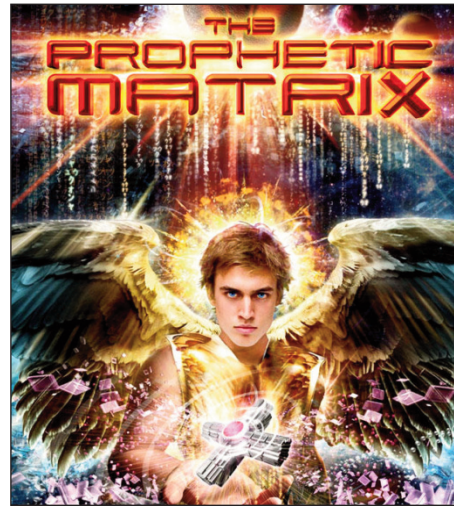
Then William Shatner of Star Trek fame recently shot into the stars.

Prior to that, however, in a ground-breaking first-ever event, rock star turned author Michael-John Toste's book "The Prophetic Matrix: Unlock The Secret Code To Your

Destiny" became the first commercial literary work in the history of publishing to make its debut in outer space prior to its global release on Earth. Toste is a resident of San Jose and lives in Willow Glen.

A digital version of the book was transmitted to the Destiny module of NASA's International Space Station (ISS) and filmed on a monitor for its interplanetary visual premiere while orbiting the world at approximately 17,500 miles per hour. The nonfiction title traveled over three million miles by the end of its tour in space.

The celestial e-Book release comes amidst a modern-day renaissance of space travel, with Elon Musk of SpaceX, Jeff Bezos of Blue Origin and Richard Branson of Vir-



gin Galactic all racing to explore the heavens.

"I'm excited to become a member of an elite group of space pioneers in the 21st Century," says Toste. "This opens a broad door of opportunities for future publications to send their titles to spacecraft filled with celestial travelers touring the stars."

After accomplishing its mission in the heavens, "The Prophetic Matrix" made its terrestrial debut in an official global premiere event at Immanuel College in Adelaide, South Australia. "From Earth to the Heavens: An Interstellar Book Release," hosted by Immanuel College principal Kevin Richardson, featured time-stamped footage of the book filmed and recorded in the Destiny Module that was projected on a large screen for a group of collegiate space enthusiasts. The students in attendance received a certificate documenting the historic ceremony and a commemorative The Prophetic Matrix: Making Space History 2021 medallion to mark the occasion.

"The Prophetic Matrix: Unlock The Secret Code To Your Destiny," the first book of The Prophetic Matrix trilogy, chronicles Michael-John Toste's rock star life as the lead vocalist of the concept rock group, the All Sports Band, and the life lessons he learned on his strange odyssey exploring the entertainment industry. It also offers greater understanding of how to face the challenges and circumstances of life and discover answers regarding how to unlock the secret code to your destiny. "The fact that the book made its debut on the Destiny module of ISS is serendipitous," says Toste. "In this aspect, it is fulfilling its own destiny."

"The Prophetic Matrix: Unlock The Secret Code To Your Destiny" official is available now on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Target.

To view the historic film footage of "The Prophetic Matrix's" interstellar debut on the International Space Station, you can visit [www.PMLaunch.Space](http://www.PMLaunch.Space).

#### ABOUT MICHAEL-JOHN

Michael-John Toste is a musician, author and an International Destiny Coach. He was previously the lead vocalist of the concept rock group, the All Sports Band, who achieved chart success throughout the 1980s, including two Billboard Hot 100 hits in the US and a top 20 hit in Germany. With appearances on MTV, Solid Gold, Nickelodeon, and American Bandstand, the All Sports Band was voted the third most popular group in America. Toste's upcoming album Phenomenon features Grammy award winners including Deniece Williams, Bobby Kimball of Toto, and Larry Dunn of Earth, Wind & Fire. Toste hosts a weekly, hour-long radio program called 'Your Day of Destiny,' and he will soon be releasing his debut book, "The Prophetic Matrix: Unlock The Secret Code To Your Destiny." For more information about Michael-John Toste and his upcoming work, visit [www.PMLaunch.Space](http://www.PMLaunch.Space), [www.ThePropheticMatrix.com](http://www.ThePropheticMatrix.com) or [www.Michael-John-Music.com](http://www.Michael-John-Music.com).



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## 56th presentation of Dance Theatre Nutcracker

Experience the magic of this Bay Area tradition starting Dec 10

By Scott Krijnen

Special to the Times

Audiences across San Jose will be swept up in the magic of the season as San Jose Dance Theatre returns to live performances this December, with the 56th annual classic Christmas favorite: The Nutcracker, performing at The San Jose Center for the Performing Arts.

For 56 years, San Jose Dance Theatre has created countless family memories and holiday traditions with the magical production of their Nutcracker! Step into an enchanting world of elegant sugarplums, a thrilling battle between brave soldiers and menacing mice, waltzing flowers, and for the first year, debuting a new extra-large Christmas Tree that grows over 200 feet!

This year features San Jose Dance Theatre's professional ballet company and youth ensemble – choreographed by Linda Hurkmans and accompanied by a live orchestra, the Cambrian Symphony.

This production offers an unforgettable experience. San Jose Dance Theatre is excited to present this year's production back in the theater at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts in downtown San Jose, December 10 - 12 and 17 - 19. Audiences will be awed by the grace and talent of exquisite performers from our professional company.

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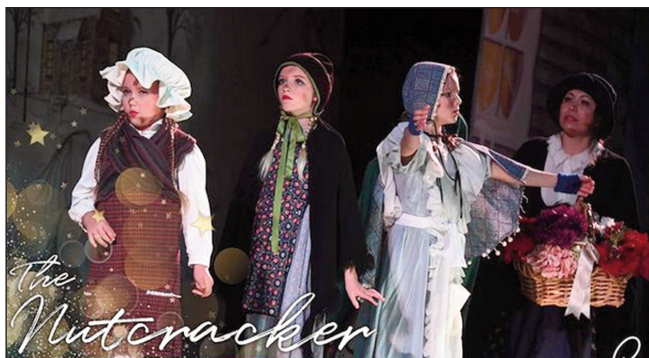
the costumed cast members at the exclusive Candy Kingdom party held in the Ridder Lounge, all while enjoying delicious holiday treats. VIP ticket holders also skip the crowds by using a special entrance into the theater and have use of the Ridder Lounge restrooms during intermission.

"We are very excited to be back in the theater this year, and with our professional ballet company performing in the San Jose Dance Theatre Nutcracker for the first time," Hurkmans said. "I'm so excited to be able to share this Christmas tradition with the community again this year."

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# COVID-19 vaccinations now available for children ages 5-11

By Mike Wasserman

*Special to the Times*

The County of Santa Clara is now providing COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5-11 following the November 2nd approval from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The County has been prepared to administer vaccinations as soon as the federal government provided authorization. The first vaccinations in the County for the 5-11 age group have commenced.

Currently, the Pfizer vaccine is the only option for this newly approved age group, which numbers just over 167,000 members of our community. All youth ages 5-11 who sign up for an appointment are eligible.

Parents and guardians should visit [www.sccfreevax.org](http://www.sccfreevax.org) to sign up for an appointment or to find a convenient walk-in location. Many of the initial available appointments have already been reserved, but the County expects an increased vaccination supply in the coming weeks and additional slots should open soon.

There are still plenty of vaccines for members of the public 12 and older. Vaccines for youth ages 5-11 are smaller doses and specially formulated. Under federal guidelines vaccine supplies designated for older patients cannot be used for this younger age group. Families are also encouraged to check with their primary care physician or their local pharmacy to see if they are offering vaccine appointments for children as well.

In addition to offering vaccine appointments for children at vaccination sites operated by the County throughout the community, the County is also partnering with school districts to offer vaccination onsite at schools, particularly in the County's most disproportionately affected communities. Approximately 80 school locations have been identified for on-site vaccinations. The first locations will open November 4th with vaccinations being provided by the County's Mobile Vaccination Teams. As it has been throughout the pandemic, vaccinations are provided at no-cost to recipients. Health insurance is not required and there are no immigration status questions.



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Lauded soprano **Maya Kherani** stars as Belinda in Opera San José's first live production of the season, Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas," presented at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose, November 13-28, 2021. Photo credit: Veronique Kherian

## Opera San José returns to in-person performances with Purcell's Opera *Dido and Aeneas*

*Presented live at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose*

Opera San José will make its much-anticipated return to the historic California Theatre with a new production of Purcell's baroque masterpiece, *Dido and Aeneas*.

Conducted by OSJ's Music Director Joseph Marcheso and directed by Elkhanah Pulitzer, with choreography by Michael Pappalardo, this celebrated work offers brilliant, soaring, richly nuanced arias.

This opera tells the story of Dido, the Queen of Carthage who, having foresworn romantic love, is tormented by the Trojan hero, Aeneas, who is desperate for her affections. But as their love is kindled, a powerful sorcerer plots the queen's downfall. Through deceit, trickery, and the conjuring of a raging storm, Dido is ripped from Aeneas, culminating in one of opera's greatest tragedies. Casting includes accomplished mezzo-soprano Nikola Printz as Dido, celebrated baritone Efraín Solís as Aeneas, lauded soprano Maya Kherani as Belinda, multi-award-winning bass-baritone Nathan Stark as the Sorcerer, and dancers from San José Dance Theatre.

"We are absolutely thrilled to be bringing back live opera to the California Theatre stage," said General Director Khorri Dastoor. "After so many months of giving us stunning, intimate performances for the cameras, it's high time that these incredible artists received the standing ovation that they have long deserved. I hope you'll join us for their long-awaited return to what they love doing most – performing live, for you, our community."

Sung in English, with English supertitles, *Dido and Aeneas* will be performed Nov. 13-28, 2021 at the California Theatre, 345 South 1st Street, San José.

For more information or to purchase tickets (\$55-\$195), the public can visit [operasj.org](http://operasj.org) or call (408) 437-4450 (open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

Editor's note: In accordance with current city and county mandates, the California Theatre will require proof of full vaccination with a valid photo ID to attend any performance. For a full breakdown of the California Theatre's COVID-19 safety and health protocols please visit [operasj.org/health-and-safety/](http://operasj.org/health-and-safety/).

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# Survey: Nearly 60% of Americans unlikely to travel for Thanksgiving or Christmas

## Higher gas prices expected to further dampen travel

While rising vaccination rates against COVID-19 have increased travelers’ comfort levels, most Americans are still opting to stay home this holiday season, according to a new national survey commissioned by the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) conducted by Morning Consult.

The survey found nearly 30% of Americans are likely to travel for Thanksgiving and 33% are likely to travel for Christmas—an increase from 21% and 24%, respectively, compared to 2020. Those who do plan to travel over the holidays expect to drive, but rising gas prices may dampen those plans.

The survey of 2,200 adults was conducted October 30 – November 1, 2021, by Morning Consult on behalf of AHLA. Key findings include the following:

- Just one in three Americans plans to travel for Christmas (33% likely to travel, 59% unlikely), and even fewer plan to travel for Thanksgiving (29% likely, 61% unlikely)
- 68% of Thanksgiving travelers plan to stay with family or friends, while 22% plan to stay in a hotel
- 66% of Christmas travelers plan to stay with family or friends, while 23% plan to stay in a hotel
- 52% of Americans say they plan to take fewer trips and 53% plan to take shorter trips due to rising gas prices
- Leisure travelers are making several adjustments to their travel plans based on the current state of the pandemic, including only traveling within driving distance (58%), taking fewer trips (48%), and taking shorter trips (46%)
- Among parents with children under the age of 12, 41% say the availability of vaccines for kids ages 5-11 will make them more likely to travel
- 68% of Thanksgiving travelers and 64% of Christmas travelers plan to drive, compared to 11% and 14%, respectively, who plan to fly

“While vaccines have helped travelers feel more comfortable, rising gas prices and continued concerns about the pandemic are making many Americans hesitant to travel during the holidays. Despite a slight expected uptick in holiday travel this year, hotels will continue to face economic fallout from the pandemic, underscoring the need for targeted federal relief, such as the Save Hotel Jobs Act, to support the industry and its workforce until travel fully returns,” said American Hotel & Lodging Association President and CEO Chip Rogers.

Despite being among the hardest hit, hotels are the only segment of the hospitality and leisure industry yet to receive direct pandemic relief from Congress. That is why AHLA and UNITE HERE, the largest hospitality workers’ union in North America, joined

forces to call on Congress to pass the bipartisan Save Hotel Jobs Act to provide critical support to hotels and their workers during this crucial period.

### Survey Methodology

The poll was conducted October 30-November 1, 2021, among a national sample of 2200 Adults. The interviews were conducted online, and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of adults based on gender, educational attainment, age, race, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.



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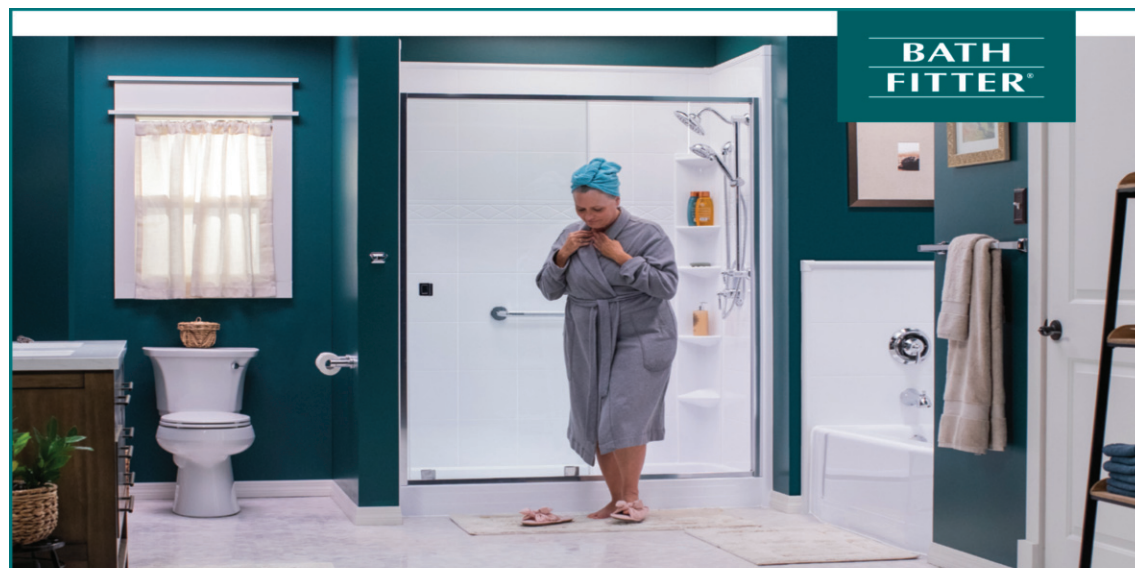
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## Singles

### Almaden Valley (Senior) Singles

The organization that brings single residents of Almaden Valley (95120) over 65 to enjoy a social life close to home and take part in community service.

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