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SC County strengthens fire prevention efforts

Continuing to bolster fire prevention and mitigation efforts, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors is directing County staff to identify funding necessary to:

- Develop and implement an aerial fire detection using drones;
- Upgrade training for the County's Central Fire District personnel; and,
- Pursue opportunities to step up "fuel reduction" efforts in the County.

In supporting these efforts, County Supervisor Joe Simitian said, "Our folks at the Fire District are working under challenging and stressful circumstances. If we can bolster their efforts with resources like a drone to increase the department's ability to detect and identify complex fires, upgrade our wildland engine driver training and add additional Fuels Crew team members, that's all to the good — for our firefighters and for the safety of our community."

In April 2022, at Simitian's request, the Board directed County's Central Fire Protection District to expand its Pre-Fire Management and Wildfire Resilience program, including the addition of a dedicated crew, called a Fuels Crew, to clear brush and vegetation along evacuation routes and
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Pioneer High School presents: The Music Man



Emerson Hill performing in Pioneer High School's production of "The Music Man."

After more than 1400 miles, Steve Dini returns Tickets go on sale October 10th

By Jane Johnson
Special to the Times
Photos by Andrew Stein

It took 1457 miles of solo driving to reach his destination.

Steve Dini, former Pioneer High School drama teacher, set out from his new home in Prosper, Texas at the end of August with passions as his purpose. His aim? Return to Pioneer High School in San Jose out of the goodness of his heart, giving back to his community once more to direct and star in "The Music Man!"

Two years ago, The Glue Factory, Pioneer's Drama Department fundraising arm, had planned a yearly musical. We all know what two years ago brought, though. While the world flipped upside down through the pandemic, the fundraising was placed on the back-burner, along with practically everything else in the world.

But you can't keep a good man, or musical for that matter, down. When the coast was clear so to speak, it was time to unveil a musical to match the mood. "The Music Man" was unveiled as the choice, and Dini, who had moved away in the midst of a pandemic, made plans to return to both direct and star in the production.

"The Music Man" is a valentine to America, an America that no longer exists. It's 1910's America with characters who are based on real people with real problems the playwrights (Meredith Willson & Franklin Lacey) wrote about. We laugh with them, not at them, because of this. It's "Small Town America" - where everyone knows everyone, and in the end, everyone cares about each other, too.

"It felt like the perfect selection to come out of the pandemic," reflected Dini. "Where the pandemic was everyone six feet apart wearing a mask, 'The Music Man' was small town America, everybody's together, everybody knows everybody and they love each other. It's red white and blue, it's trombones, it's America as apple pie. It says here's America at its best."

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Santa Clara County Sheriff candidates face off

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

On Nov. 8, Santa Clara County will elect a new sheriff for the first time in more than twenty years.

Candidates Kevin Jensen and Bob Jonsen, who debated at an Almaden Valley Community Association forum Sept. 12, spent their careers in law enforcement. Jensen served as captain for the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and worked as assistant chief in the Department of Correction. Jonsen served as police chief in Palo Alto and Menlo Park,



(L to R): Retired Santa Clara County Sheriff's Capt. Kevin Jensen and Palo Alto's police chief Bob Jonsen are vying to be Santa Clara County's next sheriff.

after working with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The incoming sheriff faces an uphill battle to restore public confidence in an office involved in alleged corruption and bribery. Sheriff Laurie Smith faces trial by a civil grand jury for several charges of misconduct and perjury.

In the June 7 primary, Jensen received 30.48% of the vote with Jonsen capturing 31.98%. According to Voter's Edge, Jensen strives to transform the culture of the Sheriff's Office to excel in public safety and
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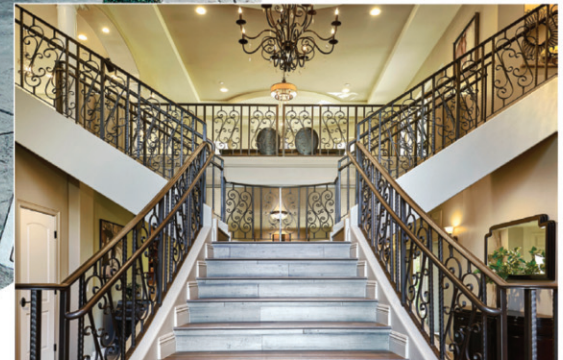
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Supervisors approve Narcan distribution for local schools

Emergency treatment for opioid overdose

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted September 19 to allocate \$135,000 in State funds toward the distribution of Narcan, an emergency treatment that can quickly reverse an opioid overdose.

The Narcan distribution effort targets local high schools.

"I join Supervisor Chavez in her sense of urgency," said County Supervisor Joe Simitian, who serves as Chair of the County's Health and Hospital Committee. "We have young people who are affected by this crisis."

As a former school board member, Simitian expressed concern that some schools have been hesitant to make Narcan kits accessible on school campuses.

'Problem is pretty pervasive'

"When you say, 'wouldn't you like to have this resource available?' The reaction is, 'well we don't have a problem'," Simitian said. "And maybe some places don't, but frankly I'm inclined to think that the problem is pretty pervasive."

Fentanyl crisis

In response to the concerns raised by Simitian and Chavez, the Behavioral Health Department is working with various County departments and com-

munity partners to address the growing fentanyl crisis through education and outreach, in addition to identifying opportunities to expand the availability of Narcan kits and fentanyl test strips.

Opioid Prevention Project

Through the Santa Clara County Opioid Overdose Prevention Project (SCCOOPP), the Behavioral Health Department has worked with community partners since 2015 to help reduce opioid overdose and deaths in Santa Clara County. Over the last five years, this effort has resulted in the distribution of more than 10,000 Narcan kits to law enforcement agencies, first responders, the courts, County contract agencies, businesses, community-based organizations that serve the unhoused population, schools, and higher education institutions.

The County expects several million dollars in funding from opioid lawsuits to provide additional funding for Narcan distribution and outreach.

Logan Mayer of Almaden named to SNHU President's List

Logan Mayer of Almaden Valley has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2022 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. NHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country.

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San Jose Councilmember **Matt Mahan** and Santa Clara County Supervisor **Cindy Chavez** at a candidate forum hosted by San José Spotlight on Sept. 15, 2022. Photo by Jana Kadah.

San Jose mayoral candidates spar over policies, vie for top seat

By **Jana Kadah**
San José Spotlight

The debate between the San Jose mayoral candidates is more than just business versus labor. Voters in November will decide if they want a freshman councilmember looking to shake things up or a longtime politician with institutional knowledge.

San Jose Councilmember Matt Mahan and Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez are battling it out for the top seat at City Hall. Mahan, with one and a half years of experience as a councilmember, is looking to use his tech executive experience to restructure City Hall and foster greater accountability. Chavez is a longtime politico who knows how the underpinnings of intergovernmental agencies work to address complex projects.

At the Thursday mayoral debate hosted by San José Spotlight, both pointed the finger at their rival's respective backgrounds as reasons for why they are the right choice, and their opponent is not. The biggest issues were homelessness and housing.

Mahan said while the county's budget has risen in the past few years, supervisors like Chavez failed to utilize the money properly to address the mental health crises and build more housing, exacerbating the region's homeless problem which has increased in San Jose by 11% since 2019.

"I haven't seen that kind of urgency and focus on scaling up solutions that get to the root causes and give us a shot at the history of homelessness in our

lifetimes," Mahan said. "We have people walking down the street in downtown, scaring our residents and you've been sitting with the county for 10 years now basically making excuses for why we can't solve it."

Chavez responded that the councilmember's accusations were "disingenuous" and uninformed.

"Part of the reason you haven't known what's happened in the last 10 years is because you have been in office a year and a half," Chavez said in response.

"You keep acting like the county's budget just ballooned on accident. Part of the reason our budget has grown so dramatically is we saved O'Connor and St. Louise hospitals—141 beds and two emergency rooms. And yes, I did that."

Restructuring City Hall

Mahan wants to set measurable goals and use data to ensure the city is meeting those targets. One of his main initiatives is to tie pay raises of elected officials and city department heads to reaching those goals, and hold them accountable if the work isn't completed as expected. Changing the pay of city employees is a difficult, if not impossible task because salaries are decided by union-negotiated contracts and council salaries by an independent salary-setting commission. The city also has its own salary-based tier system.

He said housing and commercial construction are moving painstakingly slow, in part because there is a 26% vacancy in the city's planning department. To solve the housing shortage he wants to reform the planning and building department. Mahan also said

the city should be building all types of homes and not focusing only on the number of affordable housing options.

"We should be significantly overbuilding market rate and medium income because low income housing (which) we desperately need (has) limited public funds to subsidize," Mahan said. "The reality is most of the more affordable housing stock was market rate



San Jose Councilmember and mayoral candidates **Matt Mahan** and **Cindy Chavez**. Photo by Jana Kadah.

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regain community trust. He wants to improve issues facing inmates in jails, including mental health and addiction. Jonsen's priorities include partnering mental health clinicians with police officers to respond to mental health emergencies. He wants to ensure the sheriff's department is accountable and create safer communities through strategic community policing.

At the forum, Jensen said he worked his way up through the ranks including running patrols, detectives and internal affairs. He said he is fighting for reform and is calling for transparency, openness and trust.

"My life's blood, sweat and tears literally have gone into this organization and into this community," he said.

Jonsen said he brings proven leadership and experience to the job. He said he implemented reform as chief. He wants to address mental health conditions in jail, including hiring additional mental health interns to work with clinicians.

Crime Fighting

Regarding fighting crime, Jonsen said regional collaboration is needed, especially for property-related crimes like grab and runs. He said agencies need to be unified with strategies in place.

Jensen said to avoid repeat offenders, accountability and consequences are needed as well as treatment and rehabilitation. He said vocational training is essential in creating change.

"We can take this place to a whole new level of trust," he said, "and bring recidivism down."

Jensen said he is in favor of license plate readers as they can help catch criminals but protecting personal identify information is critical.

"I believe we can do it safely," he said. "But we have to protect people...and get rid of the information when it's no longer necessary."

Jonsen said technology can be advantageous but must have accountability.

"Of concern to people is private information getting released," he said.

Regarding equality, Jonsen said he was engaged in police reform and put accountability in place in regards to Black Lives Matter. He said the department adopted modified use of force protocols and expanded accountability to their independent auditor.

"I'm proud of the work that we did in Palo Alto," he said. "It's become a model for other cities, and I think it will be a model for the sheriff's office."

Jensen said he was raised in a culturally diverse area and taught courses in it. These goals are personal to him and what he fights for, he said.

"We have to do it, not just say it," he said.

Jonsen said multiple issues have been facing Santa Clara County sheriff's office for years. He said he can change the culture, bring back trust and integrity and move it forward.

"It's time for change," he said. "They need somebody with a fresh perspective...who has verifiable experience."

Jensen said law enforcement has been there for him since he was 19 and he's never stopped giving back.

\$4.3M in funding now available for Santa Clara County small business owners

Thanks to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, local small business owners have a new resource available to them. More than \$4 million is being made available from the California Rebuilding Fund, which offers low-interest, fixed-rate loans up to \$100,000 and free business coaching to businesses with 50 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

Santa Clara County is well-known for ingenuity and entrepreneurship, but with interest rates up, and small business assistance winding down, a lot of our small business owners are struggling to find the funds they need to keep the doors open," said Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian. "This \$4.3 million in funding for the California Rebuilding Fund is a big boost for our small businesses

and the folks they employ."

A public-private partnership created in 2020 to help the smallest of California's small businesses build back from the pandemic, the California Rebuilding Fund has distributed nearly \$80 million in funding to approximately 1,300 small businesses around the state – with a particular focus on reaching small businesses that are unable to access traditional bank loans. In Santa Clara County, 98 small businesses have received \$6.1 million in loans.

While the statewide fund has been nearly exhausted due to high demand, Santa Clara County's \$4.3 million offers an additional chance at funding for local small business owners. Funds will be available until the closing of the California Rebuilding Fund on Nov. 30 or when funds run out, whichever comes first.

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Amended water ordinance to include ban on watering of commercial, industrial and institutional lawns

Valley Water's board of directors unanimously voted to strengthen existing rules aimed at reducing outdoor watering.

The Board amended the existing outdoor watering ordinance to allow Valley Water to enforce the State of California's ban against watering decorative lawns on commercial, industrial and institutional properties Sept 13.

Valley Water also streamlined its coordination with water retailers to speed up the time it takes to address water waste cases in Santa Clara County and avoid duplication of enforcement processes.

"The Valley Water Board of Directors will consider every option available to help protect our county's water supply," Valley Water Chair Pro Tem John L. Varela said. "We must all work together so we can protect our current and future water supply."

The updated outdoor watering ordinance goes into effect immediately. The following restrictions previously ap-



proved by the Board of Directors on April 12, 2022, remain in place:

- Watering ornamental lawns

no more than two days a week

- Watering any outdoor landscape between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Any outdoor watering that

results in runoff

- Watering outdoors during and within 48 hours of rainfall

In June 2021, the Valley Water Board of Directors established a 15% water use reduction goal for Santa Clara County compared to 2019. After months of steady progress, Santa Clara County reached this goal in July, saving 16% compared to July 2019.

Santa Clara County also exceeded Gov. Gavin Newsom's call for a reduction of 15% compared to 2020. Santa Clara used 19% less water in July when compared to July 2020, well above the statewide average of a 10% savings.

"I'd like to thank everyone who has taken steps to reduce their water use during this drought and encourage you to keep up the great work" Chair Pro Tem Varela said. "We don't know how much rain and snow this winter will bring us. We must continue to reduce our water use, especially if this drought carries into 2023. We owe it to our kids, family and community not to waste water."

Fires

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roads. The addition of yet another Fuels Crew would allow the District to start reducing hazardous wildland fuels, which increases public safety by reducing wildfire ignitions and spread.

The Central Fire Protection District's boundaries include the West Valley cities of Cupertino, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and a portion of Saratoga, and unincorporated lands in western Santa Clara County, an area largely contained in Simitian's District Five. "This is a plus for the entire County, but particularly for the folks I represent. I was pleased to see this proposal from my colleagues Supervisors Lee and Chavez."

"This proposal comes at a time when the Bay Area has experienced a record-breaking heat wave, and really put our energy grid to the test," said Simitian. "That kind of heat just aggravates the dry conditions on the ground, increasing fire risk day after day. We have to keep pushing for the resources and support that will give County Fire the best possible chance of success when fighting fires."

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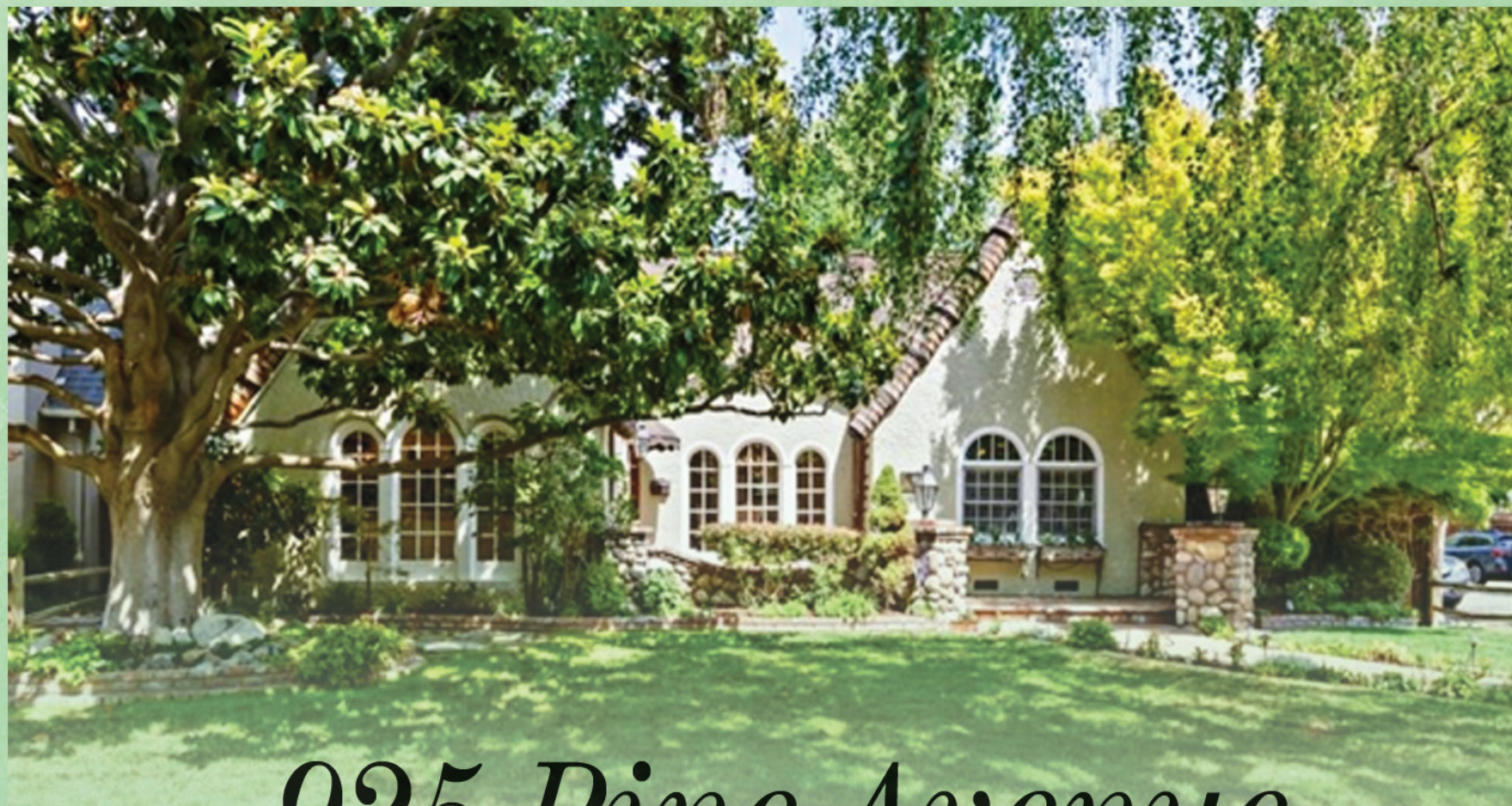
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Stanley M. Bellow

April 24, 1924 - Sept. 7, 2022

Stanley M. Bellow, 98, passed away on September 7, 2022 at his home in the Villages Golf and Country Club, San Jose, CA. His passing was peaceful and of natural causes. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Stan was a fifth generation San Jose native. He served in the Marine Corps in WWII as a Sergeant, enlisting at 17 years old. He was a music major at San Jose State. Stan was hired by Richmond-Chase Cannery Company as weigh master and retired after more than 40 years.

Stan's last job was as account manager at Geiger Bros., an advertising specialty company and was named "Salesman of the Year" numerous times. He served in the Vestry as Senior Warden at Trinity Cathedral in San Jose for 8 years and donated funds to acquire a bell for the bell tower.

Stan was known to be an avid swimmer and swam laps daily to stay in shape. He was also a music lover, supporting Symphony San Jose through donations and annual memberships since 1955. Stan loved playing the piano, especially music by composers Debussy and Rachmaninoff.



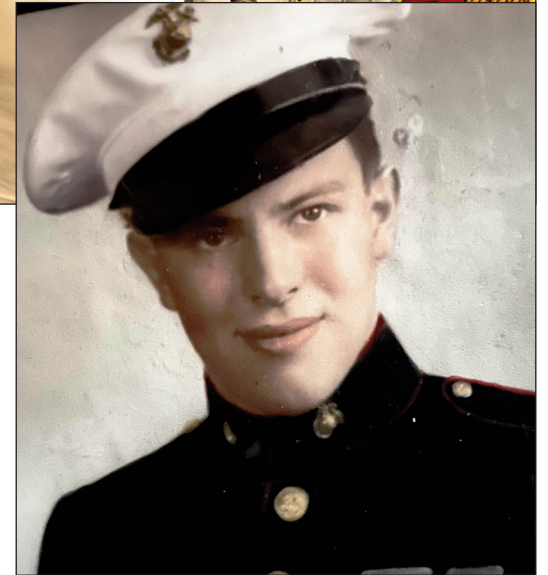
If you knew Stan, you knew you were loved. His life will be forever cherished by his family and friends. He is survived by his beloved Kay Pexton, his son William Bellou and daughter-in-law Sandy Bellou; his daughter Nancy Smith and son-in-law Paul Smith; grandchildren Tami Ozubko and her husband Ryan Ozubko; Kimberly Escobedo, Brandon Klitz, Jason Smith, Jennifer Kohler and her husband Jeffery Kohler; great grandchildren Zachary Ozubko, Nathan Ozubko, Alina Kyle Smith, Wesley Kohler, Harrison Kohler, Danielle Escobedo and, proudly serving in the Marine Corps, PFC Michael Escobedo. He also leaves behind numerous extended family and a wealth of friends.

A private memorial service will take place in October at Oak Hill Memorial Park.

Stan was a generous man until the end. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Symphony San Jose or the Marine Memorial Club.



Stan was a fifth generation San Jose native. He served in the Marine Corps in WWII as a Sergeant, enlisting at 17 years old.



Color guard procession



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Several thousand attend Hot San Jose Nights 2022



Several thousand people turned out for the 14th annual Hot San Jose Nights 2022 at Reid-Hillview Airport Sept. 3.

Hot San Jose nights is the region's huge family fun classic car show and airplane show.

The annual event brings together static airplane displays with an incredible array of classic cars from vintage custom hot rods, muscle cars, sleek sports cars, survivors, new special interest cars as well as military tanks for a fun day in the sun! Thousands of event goers listened to live music at the fun all day event.

The very talented Lauren Halliwell sang a very beautiful and emotional rendition of the National Anthem while the Civil Air Patrol presented the Color Guard.

Baylands RC Group dazzled the crowd with a radio control prop airplane show with jets and a helicopter commentary.

The fabulous Eagles tribute band, Lyin' I's entertained everyone for several hours.

Don't miss out on next year's 15th annual Hot Summer Nights at Reid-Hillview airport. The price is free!

Debate

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housing built a long time ago that got old.”

Chavez said she has the know-how to get the county and city to work together to solve the city’s biggest woes. During her time on the city council the city permitted 7,000 homes in downtown through state tax funds and rezoned lands to encourage development where there was none. As a county supervisor, she worked with VTA to get 200 acres of transit agency land to be used for housing or safe parking sites.

“We need to look at the funding we have available and be as strategic as we can now,” Chavez said. “We need a public-private partnership to get the backlog filled for the (planning and building) department.”

Chavez’s campaign has also focused on public safety and staffing up the San Jose Police Department which has suffered from vacancies in recent years. She said the city needs to look at SJPD overtime and allocate that money toward recruiting officers who represent the community—particularly more women officers.

Mahan said the problem with SJPD is retaining officers and ensuring the city has enough money to be competitive with pay.

Transparency and accountability

The debate also focused on political action committee (PAC) spending on candidates and how they will not be beholden to special interests; and if they will be transparent and public with media. During the primaries, this news organization asked mayoral candidates if they would commit to not deleting emails for at least two years, not using a private email to conduct public business and if they do, to copy a government server.

Before the debate, Chavez was the only one who had not made the commitment, but when asked on Thursday, she said yes.

San José Spotlight and the First Amendment Coalition are suing the city and Mayor Sam Liccardo for improperly withholding emails, in an effort to change how government conducts public business.

During the primaries, Chavez received more than \$1 million in PAC spending from groups like the South Bay Labor Council, the San Francisco 49ers and the San Jose Police Officers’ Association. In comparison, Mahan received nearly \$300,000 from the Common Good Silicon Valley PAC that was supported by Mayor Sam Liccardo—who personally helped fundraise for him.

Chavez said she has a proven track record of “doing the right thing,” regardless of who helps fund her campaign, and PAC funding won’t sway her.

Mahan said the PAC money to Chavez doesn’t bode well, and that he would much rather have the support of an outgoing mayor, who will not have much power after this year, rather than special interest groups with deep pockets.

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A2: Until the end of 2022, eligible senior drivers and REAL ID cardholders can renew

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When will Cindy Chavez tell the truth?

By Ann Ravel and Michelle Glogovac

These are ominous times in America for those who have lost their fundamental right to make decisions about their own body in many states—although thankfully not here in California where our rights will remain protected—and because of the threats to our democracy.

In these serious times, we need our leaders to take our issues seriously, and to fight for our rights and on behalf of the public, and not just their own political careers.

Sadly, Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez has been putting her political self-interest above our vital cause and above the urgent importance of truth in political discourse to protect our democracy.

Her opponent in the race for San Jose mayor, Councilmember Matt Mahan, is 100% pro-choice. He is a steadfast ally. But you would not conclude that if you have seen one of Chavez's many attack ads that imply Mahan is not pro-choice.

The ads are purposely constructed to mislead. This is always a red flag. If a candidate needs to lie about their opponent to seek political victory, it is a sign their own record is far less than stellar. In this important moment in our country, when our movement for reproductive freedom needs to unite all of our allies and to focus on facts and truth, a politician exploiting this cause for their own

gain is deeply troubling.

The irony is she is attacking Mahan for something she does for her campaign every day—supporting “content neutral” platforms like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and others. If you have seen the Chavez attack ad on YouTube—or via an email or text message she sent you—she is using platforms that don't censor anti-choice messages. When she mails you a “hit piece” on this topic, she will use a platform like the USPS that does not censor this or other topics.

The whole basis of the Chavez attack—not just on choice but on other issues—is the fact that Mahan started a technology company that did not censor protected political speech. This company was meant to encourage the critically needed civic engagement of all Americans, not to censor protected speech.

In normal times, the hypocrisy being displayed by Chavez would be seen as just politics as usual. But these are not normal times. It is imperative that our leaders understand they must put toxic politics aside and refuse to diminish the importance of a cause by exploiting it for their own purposes, and by not spreading more falsehoods to the public that can undermine our political process.

We need the truth from our leaders. On the vital topic of a woman's right to choose, we are still waiting for Cindy Chavez to tell the truth.

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Like life, distribution ain't fair

By Apoorva Panidapu

Let's time-travel back to kindergarten. You and I have found 4 cute rocks during recess, but we have to split them between us to take home to our rock collections. Easy enough, we each get two rocks—that's only fair!



Gems in STEM
By Apoorva Panidapu



But what if there are five rocks? Who decides which of us gets the extra rock and who gets the short end of the stick (or should I say rock)? What if I found more rocks (because I rock) or you care more about them? If we can't figure this out, we'll need to battle it out... race you to the swings! Last one there is a rotten egg.

While this decision doesn't really matter, we all learn the concept of fair distribution pretty early on. The same concept comes up in one of the most important parts of the United States government: the US House of Representatives. In the House, there are 435 delegates that must be distributed amongst 50 states as fairly as possible, so that the citizens' votes will be accurately represented in the Electoral College to determine our president...a decision slightly more important than sharing rocks. (I want to quickly note that the Electoral College is a very flawed system, but that's beside the point for right now.)

These representatives are usually elected to give a voice to the constituencies in certain geographic regions. So, we ask the next question: how do we assign representatives to states so that it is proportional to their respective populations?

Wait, why do we want it to be proportional? Well, think about this. California (the best state) has a population of over 39 million people, whereas Wyoming has a population of around 580,000 people. If California and Wyoming both got one representative, a Californian's vote would be worth like 1/39,000,000 of a vote while a Wyomingite's vote would be worth about 1/580,000 of a vote—about 70 times more! Not super fair to us Californians.

Unfortunately, it's impossible to perfectly distribute delegates proportionally since that would give most states a non-integer number of delegates (and we can't exactly have .73 of a person). So, we have to somehow decide which states get more or less delegates than they are mathematically entitled to. #Favoritism?

To help us make this decision, we have a variety of apportionment methods, which are basically just algorithms to decide where these extra delegates go.

An example of one of these methods is Dean's Method, first proposed by Professor James Dean at Dartmouth College in 1832. The basis of this method is something called the harmonic mean, which is a popular kind of numerical average!

Harmonic mean is one of the three so-called Pythagorean means; the other two means are the more popular arithmetic mean

and geometric mean. For example, the arithmetic mean of a and b is just the normal average of them: $(a+b)/2$. The geometric mean is defined to be \sqrt{ab} . Fun fact, the value of the harmonic mean is always smaller than the other two Pythagorean means!

Harmonic mean is calculated by taking the reciprocal of the arithmetic mean of the reciprocals of the given values...phew, that was a mouthful. Let's look at an example to make sense of it!

Say we have two numbers: 4 and 6. The reciprocals of the 4 and 6 are $1/4$ and $1/6$, by definition. Then, the arithmetic mean, which is just the average, of $1/4$ and $1/6$ is $(1/4 + 1/6)/2 = (5/12)/2 = 5/24$. Finally, the reciprocal of their arithmetic mean is $1/(5/24) = 24/5 = 4.8$. So, the harmonic mean of 4 and 6 is 4.8. Weird...who even uses this?

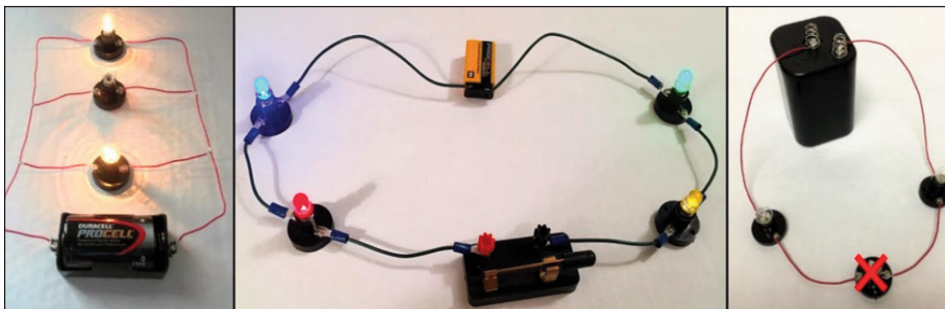
Well, this unique numerical average comes up in situations where we want to find some sort of average rate. While the harmonic mean is not as well-known as the other Pythagorean means, this unique numerical average comes up in situations that have to do with some sort of average rate. Once again, let's do an example!

Suppose Rainborca is biking to the ocean from home. On her way there, she averages 4 miles per hour (mph), and on her way back, she averages 6 mph. Because we're nosy, curious mathematicians, we ask her what

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her overall average speed for the entire trip was! At first, she makes a common mistake and says her average speed was $(4 + 6)/2 = 5$ mph, applying the arithmetic mean to this question. Unfortunately, this doesn't work because Rainborca didn't travel for the same amount of time on the two trips.

The correct average speed can be found using harmonic mean! From before, we know that the harmonic mean of 4 and 6 is 4.8, so her average speed is 4.8 miles per hour.

How can we be sure this is true? Well, we know the average speed/rate is equal to the total distance over the total time, using the common equation $\text{distance} = \text{rate} \times \text{time}$. If we let the distance between the ocean and her home be d , the total distance is $d + d = 2d$, because she goes there and back. Since $\text{distance} = \text{rate} \times \text{time}$, we have that $\text{time} = \text{distance} / \text{rate}$. So, the time Rainborca takes to bike to the ocean at 4 mph is $d/4$ and the time she takes to bike back home at 6 mph is $d/6$, so the total time she took on her trip is $d/4 + d/6$. Now, we can calculate that Rainborca's average rate = $\text{distance} / \text{time} = 2d / (d/4 + d/6) = 2 / (1/4 + 1/6) = 2 / (5/12) = 4.8$ miles per hour, aka the harmonic mean of 4 and 6. Voila! It's like magic...or is it just math? <3

The harmonic mean is also often used in circuit analysis to find the equivalent resistance of resistors in parallel, capacitors in series, or inductors in parallel, to name a few examples! There are also many applications for something called the weighted harmonic mean, which associates corresponding weights to each value in the mean. However, since Dean's Apportionment Method is only concerned with the standard harmonic mean (where all weights are equal), we won't get into the details of the weighted version.

Speaking of Dean, let's get back to our original discussion of apportionment! (I guess

"So, how do we assign representatives to states so that it is proportional to their respective populations?"

the conversation always somehow returns to politics...)

Dean's Method shares similarities with the more popular Webster's Method and Hill's Method, except Dean's Method uses harmonic mean as the cutoff for rounding whereas Webster's method uses arithmetic mean—the conventional average—as the cutoff point and Hill's Method uses geometric mean.

Dean's Method is actually rarely used because it tends to favor small states more than other methods. Remember our fun fact? Let me remind you: the value of the harmonic mean is always smaller than the other two Pythagorean means! So, Dean's Method lowers the threshold needed for small states to round up to another delegate, meaning, in the name of fairness, we can't use it in real life. (Turns out, the US uses Hill's Method to distribute delegates!)

Okay, enough talk. How do we actually run Dean's Apportionment Method? Well, you better stick around, because we'll go through each step of the method next time! I like to keep y'all on your toes.

Until next time! If you have any questions or comments, please email me at apoorvapwrites@gmail.com.

As a recap: this column, Gems in STEM, is a place to learn about various STEM topics that I find exciting, and that I hope will excite you too. It will always be written to be fairly accessible, so you don't have to worry about not having background knowledge. However, it does occasionally get more advanced towards the end.



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Crypto get-rich-quick scam moves to TikTok

By Steve McFarland

President, Better Business Bureau

Money-flipping cons have long been popular on Instagram and Twitter.

But as TikTok's popularity grows, so do the con artists.

The newest TikTok scam promises to turn a few hundred dollars' worth of cryptocurrency into thousands in no time at all.

How this scam works

You are scrolling through TikTok when you come across a video showing a pile of cash. The creator says they earned the stack of money in just a few days by investing in cryptocurrency. You may not know much about cryptocurrency, but this "investor" can help you get the same kind of return for a modest fee. Better yet, they have a 100% guarantee that they can triple your money in less than a week.

When you contact the supposed investor, likely through WhatsApp, Telegram, or another messaging app, they will be polite and professional. They will ask you to send money – usually, a few hundred dollars to start – through a digital wallet service like PayPal, Zelle or Venmo. They may even ask you to purchase the cryptocurrency yourself and send it to them. Then, they "invest"



your money in the stock market, where it allegedly starts multiplying right away.

As always, the scam isn't what it seems. When you try to get your money back, the scammer will claim you need to pay fees. At first, these amounts may seem harmless. Since your few hundred dollars now turned into a few thousand, what's the harm in spending a couple hundred in fees, right?

Scammers try to extend this con for as long as possible to get as much money as they can. They may ask for fees several times, always promising you will get much more back than what you are spending. If you question them, they may resort to scare tactics, telling you that if you don't pay, you'll miss out on the giant return or that they can take legal action. Unfortunately, any money you send will end up in the scammer's pockets. You won't be getting a return on your investment, and you won't be getting your initial deposit back either.

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Abigail Kaufman

Music Man

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Dini inspires!

The night he appeared in person for rehearsal, Dini launched into “Ya Got Trouble” - all recited by memory in perfect tempo with the musical track, leaving the cast so spellbound they missed their own cue to join the chorus. Dini stood as a role model of what it means to know your lines, know your cues, and be beyond believable. The cast actually had fallen into the spell he and “The Music Man” were beginning to weave. “I do that for two reasons: 1) Fear - fear of not being any good, and 2) I have to know it because if I’m struggling, I can’t block the show. So, it has to be locked in before I get here. And, I want to set a good example, I want people to think, ‘Ok, this guy, he’s walking the walk and talking the talk. He’s not mailing it in, or sleep walking or faking it. He’s put in the time to learn it.’ I can’t rag on someone who doesn’t know their lines if I don’t know mine. So that’s the philosophy. I also listened all the way here from Texas; more than 100 times while on the road. I go over it still every day in the truck listening to the recorded tracks, you can’t let them get away.”

Turns out “The Music Man” was Dini’s first exposure to musical theater via his long-ago friend, Dennis Hunter, a musical comedy buff who’d suggested Dini take a listen to the album. 15-year-old Dini was hooked. Back then, Robert Preston was famous the world over, and his portrayal of Harold Hill was a crowning achievement. Radio stations played songs from the musical like pop hits crossing Xfinity or DirecTV music channels today. The songs were catchy and fun, many you’d recognize today. Fast forward from that first listen years ago to today when Dini could share his passion with an entire new Glue Factory cast.

How the Glue Factory came about

One of the unique attributes of the fundraising effort concerns the cast itself. The Glue Factory was begun years ago when Drama student parents suggested an idea different than the traditional bake sales or car washes. Instead, parents suggested they and other adults could perform and bring together the community for fun and entertainment all while supporting the program; it was a hit! Continuing for almost 20 years (with the hiccup in between from Covid-19), an enhancement was made in 2018 where a

melding of both adults and students was created for “Annie” and “Mamma Mia.”

“It’s a big production, definitely. It’s really cool seeing everyone combining together, students and adults from outside of high school” Abby Del Corso, PHS Sr., who plays “Amaryllis,” shared. “I did tech for ‘Mamma Mia’ and I got to sit way in the back and watch with my friend and sing along. Now it’s even more fun because I get to be on the stage and sing along, too. It’s especially fun to see people bond and connect while doing this.”

A huge cast of over 100 actors

Dini marveled at the size of the cast: 64 adults and 55 kids, “It’s a huge cast and will be fun to bring everyone together on the stage. The audience will have their socks blown off by the level of the performance.”

High school senior, Emerson Hill, summarized “The show is about a narcissist who needs to learn to value more than money. (The show) is a good time, it will take you away from the stress you have for daily life for a couple of hours. It’s very energetic, I love the energy you get when you feel everyone around you getting into it and it’s just a nice bonding experience; a sense of satisfaction. Life can be very unsatisfying a lot of the time, you don’t get the ending that you want, you don’t get a lot of things that you want, and I feel at the end of this musical they (the audience) should feel, “I’ve got closure on this, this was good.”

Parents participate

“I’m so lucky to have a part, I never expected this, even if I was in the ensemble, I’d be

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Alexander Wiklund and the troupe rehearse.

having fun, the songs are fun. It's a very community-based show and I really like that aspect of it, that you're always in community. Most of us are there at night to support our parents. It's fun to get on stage and get to know all of the others (in the show)," shared PHS Jr, Sofia Chichizola, who plays "Gracie Shinn".

Dini shows love to the school

Dini has uprooted himself for two months this end of summer/beginning of fall to contribute to the musical without pay. As much as he loves to do this, to give back to the program and bring joy to the students, parents, adults and community, it is taxing for him to completely uproot himself leaving family and extended family behind in Texas. Although still, his love for the students and program compel him forward.

'I'm smart enough to know I'm not very smart'

"All of these years it's been 'our program' - not 'Dini's program,'" said Dini. "It takes parents and adults from the community getting involved and surrounding themselves with good people to make this happen. I'm smart enough to know that I'm not very smart. I put good people around me, and then let them do their jobs. Sound people, technical people, costume people, set people and musical people. I don't meddle. But the key is you have to find someone you can trust, and then let them do what they do best. The other thing is we used a lot of parents, anyone who volunteered got a job. So eventually they all were part owners of the program, no matter how small or large their contribution."

Many fine individuals have been with Dini over the past 20+ years, including:

Diane Zlotziver, who wears many hats for this production, plays "Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn." She is the Assistant Director, overall period setting mistress, and also assists Head of Costuming, Kyla Blihi.

Marissa Bacon both stars in the show as "Marian," and also serves as Vocal/Musical/Technical Director, assisted by student volunteer, Andrew Stein. Lorie Biviano returns with her set magic once again, producing beautiful scenery and coordinating props down to the minutiae.

Jim Wolk, a licensed contractor constructs stage set pieces handily and professionally that are built to last. Leslie Hanlon both portrays "Ethel Toffelmier" and is Lead Choreographer. And Sara Hanlon both acts in the production and serves as Stage Director to

keep everyone in line. Beyond these key people, there is an army of volunteers in every capacity to make this happen.

Ashley Coleman, Pioneer Drama's current teacher and Drama Program Director, has immersed herself in ensuring the fundraiser is a success to the best of her ability. Not only has she coached her students by day and even secured a few key roles to additionally rehearse with the adult cast at night, she also carries a role herself. Portraying "Edith Dunlop," a female take on the traditional "Ewart Dunlop" character, Ashley is part of the quartet. Beyond this, she is carrying her full cast load and about to audition and begin rehearsals for the students' "Arsenic and Old Lace" production.

Don't miss out on this once-a-year production

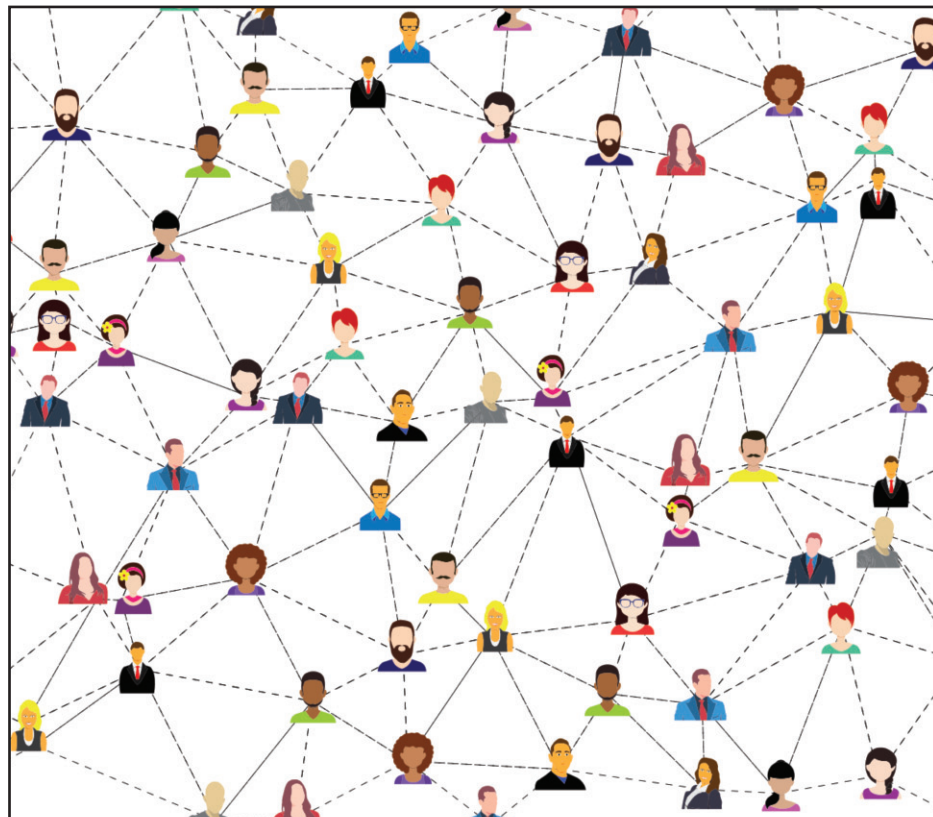
The Glue Factory, and their once-a-year production, fills a huge void. Without The Glue Factory, Pioneer Drama would be challenged to stage such fantastic productions.

"The Pioneer Drama Department is a self-sustaining program. We receive no state funding or otherwise, so productions like those given by The Glue Factory keep the theatre experience free for hundreds of students every year since 1997. As a former student, I was a fortunate recipient of The Glue Factory's support. The theatre experience given to me under the direction of Mr. Dini is where I found my passion. It gives me great privilege to pay it forward and do what I can to keep this invaluable program going from the other side," Mrs. Coleman shared.

How did it all start?

Dini reflects on the early days: "Our kids went to school here at Pioneer. The Principal at the time, Sal Cesario, called me up and said, 'Hey we really want to do a musical. I really think that would help pull this school together. So come over and meet the choir guy.' I thought, I don't know anything about doing musicals! So we did "Bye Bye Birdie" with 25 people in the cast, and I paid my son \$10 per night to be in the cast because we didn't have any boys. And it grew from there. Then in 1999, I got laid off from Channel 36, and I called then Principal Ardie Heinrich, because she'd been badgering me to be a teacher, and asked what I'd need to do to be a teacher. She told me I needed to get the certification. Little did I know it would be \$20,000 and six years later - every summer I'd take two classes. So, I got my credential in English single subject. And she said, 'Ok you're going to start

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Music Man

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next Fall teaching Drama.' And I go, well what am I going to do? And she said, 'there's no drama program here, so whatever you want to do you do.' So I sat down and wrote my own curriculum: Beginning Drama, Advanced Drama, Film Studies, Creative Writing, and walked into the classroom in September of 1999 and had absolutely no idea what I was doing. And 30 years later they are naming the stage after me!"

Closing night honors

To honor his vast contributions to the program, SJUSD has deemed an appropriate gesture. The stage dedication takes place right after closing night's show on Saturday, October 29th.

In the end, Dini wants to be remembered for "I don't want good, I want great." and also on his dedication plaque it will say "I think we have a hit on our hands!" "I hope every time they see someone throw a chair, they think about me," Dini said with a smile.

"The Music Man" tickets go on sale Monday, October 10th. Visit: phsdrama.ludus.com to order tickets online, or in person starting at 6:00 p.m. each evening at the door. The show runs Wednesday through Saturday, October 26, 27 & 28 at 7 p.m., and a special earlier performance at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday the 29th to accommodate the stage dedication immediately following the performance.

Editor's note: The location of all performances: Performing Arts Center, 1290 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose.



Steve Dini and Ashley Coleman during a rehearsal of "The Music Man."



From left: Conductor: Tito Muñoz. Soloist: Timothy Ridout, viola.

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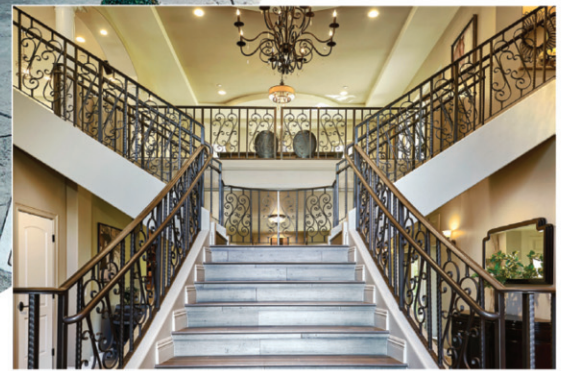
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