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San Jose Mayor-elect **Matt Mahan** speaks to supporters at his election night party in downtown San Jose. Photo by Tran Nguyen.

## Mayor must work with an opposing majority

By Tran Nguyen  
*San José Spotlight*

After a hard fought election, San Jose Mayor-elect Matt Mahan now faces another daunting task with his new job: working with people who didn't think he could lead.

Mahan, first elected to the council in 2020, won his bid to become the 66th mayor of San Jose last week after more than a year of campaigning. He beat out five other candidates—including Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez in the general election.

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## The Goodwill ASSET program alive and well at Silver Creek High School

By William Bellou  
*Publisher*

The Goodwill ASSET program of Silicon Valley is alive and well at Silver Creek High School in Evergreen Valley.

ASSET signifies After School Safety Enrichment for Teens.

The program was established to expand the learning experiences of Silver Creek students by providing academic, physical, enrichment, and recreation classes that prepare them for college, career, and life.

### Program highlights

There are currently 25 free academic and enrichment programs at Silver Creek High School which take place before and after regular school hours employing 23 teachers. The program has a budget of \$190,000 per year through 2024.

### Program results

Each of the programs offered at Silvercreek have resulted in great success. For example, the debate team has reached National Charter Status and has been designated league champions for the past two years. The team is the largest in the East Side Union High School District and is nationally ranked in the top 20.



Another ASSET program, Cyber High, recently completed credits for 55 seniors, and the pass rate in AP Calculus is an astounding 100 percent.

Among the educators coordinating the ASSET program is Diego Certa, former principal in the Eastside Union High School District. "As a retired principal, I appreciate the support and commitment of current Silver Creek Principal, Kelly Daugherty. She is "all in!"

In addition to Certa, from Yerba Buena High School, Richard Frias; from Oak Grove High School, Bev Thielbar; from James Lick, Raquel Ornelas; from Mt. Pleasant, Ken Jackson and Lorraine Guerin; from Overfelt, Ron Cueba;

from Andrew Hill, Elias Chamorro, and Joe Ortega; and from Independence, Chris Evans and Chantal Chatman.

"The program has a number of retired educators who have coordinated this vibrant after school program through Goodwill of Silicon Valley," Certa said. "Over the past 14 years we have offered a wide successful array of interesting after school activities that have kept students engaged and safe."

Certa said he is especially proud of such activities and proven results such as Robotics, Science Olympiad and the Girls Hockey.

"This fall, our first Girls Field Hockey Club, funded by ASSETS, qualified to be the first Field Hockey Program in the East Side Union High School District."

Student attendance participation in ASSET offerings, even during a COVID year, exceeded 37,000 with support for campus safety, multi-cultural and mental health programs.

Silver Creek will complete its ASSET grant cycle in 2024, 10 years of before and after school programs under the leadership of Dr Bruce Shimizu and Certa.

## OpEd

## More arts funding coming to California public schools

By Mary Ann Dewan

California public schools will receive more funding for the arts thanks to the passing of Prop 28.

Only about one in five California public schools have a full-time arts or music program, and these programs are typically the first to be reduced from school budgets during economic downturns.

Prop. 28, the Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act, is poised to change that.

Beginning next year, the state will be required to provide additional funding to in-



Evergreen Valley High School Wind Ensemble performing at West Valley College.

crease arts instruction and/or arts programs in public schools.

The arts promote learning and engagement, and have positive effects on student learning by advancing and applying literacy, math and critical thinking skills. Frontiers in Neuroscience conducted research that demonstrates a connection between learning music

to improve language and reading abilities. Arts education promotes integrated learning and addressing subject area-specific standards in mathematics, history, language, culture and science.

Prop. 28 enjoyed a high level of support from California voters and will provide more  
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Symphony San Jose presents  
'Mighty Cello' with acclaimed  
soloist Julian Schwarz Dec. 3, 4

During its 21st concert season, Symphony San Jose will feature acclaimed solo artists chosen for their virtuosity and their singular magic on their instrument.

Cellist Julian Schwarz, already near-legendary in his early 30's, marks his second appearance in San Jose with one of his favorite works, Lalo's Concerto in D minor.

Maestra Falletta opens the concert with Turina's infectious Danzas, filled with Spanish rhythms and color; and concludes with Dvorák's masterful, melody-rich Symphony No. 7.

Mighty Cello

Symphony San Jose will present Mighty Cello, Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street, downtown San Jose.

This will mark Julian Schwarz's second appearance in San Jose and features one of his favorite works, Lalo's Concerto in D minor.

Schwarz was born to a multigenerational musical family in 1991.

Heralded from a young age as a cellist destined to rank among the greatest of the 21st century, Julian's powerful tone, effortless virtuosity, and extraordinarily large



color palette are hallmarks of his style.

After making his concerto debut at the age of 11 with the Seattle Symphony and his father Gerard Schwarz on the podium, he made his US touring debut with the Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra in 2010.

Since being awarded first prize at the inaugural Schoenfeld International String Competition in 2013, Julian has led an active career as soloist, performing with the symphony orchestras of Annapolis, Boise, Bozeman, Buffalo, Charlotte, Columbus, Des Moines, Hartford, Jacksonville, Louisville, Memphis, Modesto, Omaha, Puerto Rico, Richmond, Rochester, San Antonio, Sarasota, Seattle, Syracuse, Toledo, Tucson, Virginia, West Virginia, Wichita, and Winston-Salem, among others.

**The program**  
Joaquin Turina: *Danzas fantásticas*  
Edouard Lalo: *Cello Concerto*  
Antonín Dvořák: *Symphony No. 7*  
Soloist: Julian Schwarz, cello.  
Conductor: JoAnn Falletta.

Inexpensive parking is available at the city-owned garage at San Carlos Street, with entrance on Second Street and Third Street; just one-and-a-half blocks from the theater.

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Photo: Courtesy of the artists and Symphony San Jose.

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Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose is pictured in this file photo.

Santa Clara County hospital execs allegedly threatened workers over planned strike

By Tran Nguyen  
San José Spotlight

Health care workers have filed a complaint against Santa Clara County, claiming hospital leaders intimidated and threatened them for planning to participate in a strike.

The California Public Employees Relations Board is investigating a complaint filed on Oct. 31 by SEIU Local 521. The complaint alleges Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (VMC) executives engaged in anti-union tactics and violated workers' rights to participate in a strike organized by county doctors. The union, which represents more than 5,000 health care professionals at VMC, filed the complaint on behalf of the 58 physician assistants and psychologists at the hospital.

"Given the staffing crisis at Valley Medical Center, it is imperative that workers' right to speak out and take concerted action be protected," Mullissa Willette, SEIU Local 521 president, told San José Spotlight.

Last month, county doctors represented by Valley Physicians Group threatened to go on an unprecedented four-day strike this month over stalled contracts and untenable working conditions. The strike was averted after the county and union reached a pending agreement in late October.

According to the complaint, VMC CEO Paul Lorenz and Chief Medical Officer Phuong Nguyen sent a letter on Oct. 25 to workers, threatening against participating in the strike. The letter said workers could be reported to the state medical board for failing to fulfill their jobs, which could result in the suspension of their licenses.

Union representatives said the letter "illegally threatened" members' medical licenses for supporting the county doctors' strike. California labor laws allow union workers to refuse to cross a picket line.

"While the county and (Valley Physicians Group)

reached an agreement that averted the strike, this kind of action by Santa Clara County potentially puts all patients and the public at risk because it silences the voices of the very frontline workers that need to be heard," Willette said.

The complaint demands VMC leaders stop threatening discipline and retaliation over union members' planned participation in the strike and to post a notice of the anti-union tactics.

Lorenz and Nguyen declined to comment through a spokesperson.

The complaint follows county doctors and health care workers sounding the alarm on ongoing worker shortages, outdated equipment and dismissive leadership in Santa Clara County's hospital system.

Primary care physicians said yearslong problems such as increased workloads and decreased staffing make their jobs impossible. Without support staff, they have to work after their shifts and on their days off to keep up. Specialists, such as those in radiology, are frustrated with substandard

equipment and a backlog of hundreds of patients who spend months waiting for basic scans such as MRIs and CTs. Other workers said they are doing the job of two to three people.

County doctors said some of their workload concerns have been addressed in the new contract. But for other health care professionals, the workplace culture where leadership intimidates workers and silences them is nothing new. Many spoke previously to this news organization under the condition of anonymity due to fear of retaliation from hospital administration.

"The leadership has a reputation of retaliation if you ever cross or go against them," a county doctor previously told San José Spotlight, pointing to physicians who were fired or removed from their positions for being outspoken. "It's a culture of fear."

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Chavez conceded defeat last Wednesday.

Mahan secured the endorsements of four out of five living San Jose mayors, including outgoing Mayor Sam Liccardo. But all of his council colleagues voiced their support for Chavez, his opponent. Even more conservative and business-leaning officials, such as Councilmembers Dev Davis and Pam Foley, said they didn't have confidence in his ability as a leader, pointing to his lack of experience and failure to pass major initiatives during his brief time representing District 10.

The coalition of nine councilmembers, joined by other community leaders, hosted an unprecedented news conference a week before the election to boost Chavez's campaign, further questioning Mahan's ability to deliver his campaign promises. Three new councilmembers-elect in Districts 1, 3 and 5 also endorsed and supported Chavez.

Mahan, who now will have to work with at least seven councilmembers who question his ability to lead, said he's confident he will find common ground with his new colleagues.

"I've reached out to each of the councilmembers who will sit on the dais in January to schedule time together," Mahan told San José Spotlight, adding it's crucial for the council to work together. "Our residents are not only relying on it, but will hold us accountable for it."

In San Jose, the mayor's power is equal to other councilmembers in that they all get one vote, with some exceptions: the mayor nominates a city manager, but a council majority must approve the selection. On a 11-member council, Mahan would need at least five allies on the dais to move any of his policies forward.

Some officials are ready to set the division aside post-election to work with the new mayor. Councilmember David Cohen, one of four elected officials who wasn't up for reelection this year, said the turnover on the council will create huge challenges.

With Mahan leaving his District 10 seat early to be mayor and Councilmember Sylvia Arenas leaving hers in District 8 early to serve as a county supervisor, San Jose will see a total of seven new faces on the council next year. The city is working on how to find the replacements for Districts 8 and 10.

"When the election is over, our job is to move forward and think about the areas of commonality where we can work together," Cohen, one of the earliest supporters of Chavez, told San José Spotlight. "Dealing with large amounts of change and trying to assimilate new people into the council will be challenging for the entire city."

Bien Doan, councilmember-elect in District 7, said the council needs to focus on solving the most pressing issues for San Jose.

"At the end of the day, we are all working for our constituents who elected us to make the right decisions," Doan told San José Spotlight. "We should be looking forward to how to accelerate and do things with effectiveness and efficiency."

Councilmember-elect Rosemary Kamei, who supported Chavez, said she plans to work with Mahan to serve District 1 residents.

***"Our residents are not only relying on [our cooperation], but will hold us accountable for it."***

***-Mayor elect Matt Mahan***

"Mayor-elect Mahan did reach out and I thought that was very positive," Kamei told San José Spotlight. "My own personal hope is that we will see a council who will come together (and) understand the community in a way that has not been seen in a long time."

Garrick Percival, a political science professor at San Jose State University, told San José Spotlight he anticipates Mahan will work to make quick friends and allies on the dais—especially those representing East San Jose.

When Mahan faces reelection in two years, he will have to win over a different electorate than the one this year, Percival said. In particular, San Jose is bound to see more voters from the east side casting ballots in 2024, which will be a presidential election year. The population came out in much smaller numbers this year compared to communities in West San Jose, where Mahan won handily.

The reelection in 2024 will happen because San Jose voters approved Measure B in June, an initiative to move San Jose's may-

oral elections to pair with presidential years knowing voter turnout will be greater.

"He's gonna have every incentive to try to work with this new council," Percival said, adding Mahan and the new councilmembers will also have a big learning curve to overcome. "If there's any questions leftover from the campaign, (they) would be putting those aside rather quickly and getting to work." As Mahan starts his untested term in January, he'll be busy working to align councilmembers and dealing with post-pandemic challenges as well—but he said he's ready.

"All of us on the council should feel some pressure for embracing new approaches to street homelessness, crime, blight and building housing where it makes sense," Mahan said.

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## HOLIDAY NOTEBOOK



### ***Menorahs and Miracles* find its way at Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose December 4**

Take joy in sharing or discovering the traditions of Hanukkah with friends and neighbors at the San Jose Discovery Museum when *Menorahs and Miracles* will be presented December 4.

Participants can make celebratory candles, watch a puppet show in Hebrew, Russian, and English, and enjoy songs performed by Yavneh Day School students.

A miracle scavenger hunt, a glow-in-the-dark dance party are some of the planned activities. A traditional Hanukkah treat will also be available.

The museum's event, in partnership with JCC Los Gatos, will be presented at 1:30 p.m. and again at 4:30 p.m.

*Menorahs and Miracles* special event is included in the price of museum admission: \$15 for adults; \$14 seniors; infants under 1 and members are free.

Children's Discovery Museum is located at 180 Woz Way in downtown San Jose.

### **Winter Holiday Crafts at Village Square Branch Library**

Bring the family to Village Square Branch library to celebrate the Winter Holidays with a special Winter Holiday Crafts event on December 16 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fun activities include arts & crafts, prizes, books giveaway and more! Snacks will also be served.

### **A few safety tips for driving in rainy weather**

As we are in the midst of the first big storms of the winter season, we thought we should pass along some safety tips in case you find yourself having to drive.

When roads are wet from rain, water over the roadway reduces your vehicle's tire traction. Add to that the fact that rain can reduce or impair a driver's view of the road, and it's easy to see that driving in the rain needs to be treated with extra precaution.

Please use the following safety precautions to help drive safely, whenever possible.

- Only travel in heavy rain when necessary, and always leave extra time to safely

reach your destination

- When getting into the car during rainy conditions, wet shoes may slide from pedals. Dry soles of shoes on vehicle carpeting or rubber matting if possible

- Be aware and avoid flooded areas--never attempt to cross running or flooded water

- Buckle up
- Turn on headlights to see and be seen
- Defrost windows if necessary, both before and while driving

- Reduce speed. Speed limits are based on normal road and weather conditions,

not rainy conditions

- Wipers must be on while driving

- Keep additional distance from other vehicles

- Watch carefully for other vehicles and pedestrians

- Turn off cruise control to reduce hydroplaning

- Brake earlier and with less force, and turn slower, than you would in normal driving conditions



- Do not slam on brakes. Apply steady pressure on ABS-equipped vehicles and pump the brakes if necessary on non-ABS vehicles

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## Times Arts

## San Jose Museum of Art announces new acquisitions by 27 artists

The San José Museum of Art (SJMA) has announced the acquisition of 41 works by a diverse roster of 27 artists for its permanent collection.

Acquired through purchase and gifts from generous donors from July 2021 to June 2022, SJMA continues to build momentum in its collecting strategy focusing on gender parity, cultural diversity, and artistic innovation, while proactively acquiring socially relevant contemporary art.

"We are incredibly thrilled with these new additions to the permanent collection and this year's acquisitions are exceptionally timely and monumental," said S. Sayre Batton, Oshman Executive Director, SJMA. "I thank the Acquisitions Committee and curatorial team for their thoughtful strategy and their dedication to the Museum's mission. I am especially grateful for our supporters and donors



who entrust SJMA to care for and present these works to the people of San José and Silicon Valley."

This year's acquisitions include a significant representation of California artists, especially from the Bay Area. Many of these artists' homegrown works address recent

national and global events.

Significant large-scale works include Felipe Baeza's *Emerging in difference* (2022), currently on view in *The Milk of Dreams*, the 59th International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia; Huma Bhabha's *Receiver* (2019), a towering 8-foot sculpture; Mag-

dalena Abakanowicz's *Crowd No. 2* (1988); Sam Durant's *Proposal #2 for Monument at Altamont Raceway*, Tracy, CA, (2003); and Tom Friedman's *F\_\_\_k It* (2002).

A list of recent acquisitions is available on SJMA's collection database at [sjmusart.org/embark](http://sjmusart.org/embark).



At left: Felipe Baeza, *Emerging in difference*, 2022. Ink, graphite, glitter, interference powder, twine, acrylic and cut paper collage on paper, Museum purchase with funds provided by Kimberly and Patrick Lin, Geraldine and Marco Magarelli, and Yvonne and Mike Nevens, 2022.11. © Felipe Baeza. Courtesy Maureen Paley, London. Above: Patricia Piccinini, *Cleaner*, 2019. Fiberglass, auto paint, silicone, and human hair, 11 3/4 x 27 1/2 x 35 3/8 inches. Gift of the Lipman Family Foundation in honor of the 25th anniversary of Hosfelt Gallery, 2022.02. Courtesy of the artist and Hosfelt Gallery. Photo: Miles Petersen.

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## San José Chamber Orchestra presents 'Celebration'; welcome in the New Year with famed pianist Jon Nakamatsu

*'Celebration' will also feature clarinetists Jon and Alec Manasse*

The San José Chamber Orchestra presents *Celebration* on Saturday, December 31, 2022, 7 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Avenue, San Jose.

The concert will present glorious compositions to welcome the changing of the year with pianist Jon Nakamatsu, clarinetists Jon and (his son) Alec Manasse and conductor Barbara Day Turner.

The Program:

- Serge Prokofiev: Overture on Hebrew Themes
  - Jessie Montgomery: Strum for string orchestra
  - W. A. Mozart: Larghetto from Clarinet Quintet
  - Frederic Chopin: Romanze from Piano Concerto in e minor
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Times **Feature**

## Presentation High School collects record 1,022 turkeys for Sacred Heart Community Service

*The 1,022 turkey donation surpassed last year's total of 888*

Presentation High School, located in Willow Glen, conducted its annual Holiday Drive, Turkey Day, November 22, and set a new school record with 1,022 turkeys collected for Sacred Heart Community Service.

Presentation students, parents, faculty, staff, alumnae and community members came together to meet the needs of Sacred

Heart Community Service to set a new record; an impressive increase from last year's drive that brought in 888 turkeys.

The Presentation High School community has also donated 18,300 hygiene items, 13,500 cans of food, 9,300 diapers and 120 canisters of baby formula all during the month of November.

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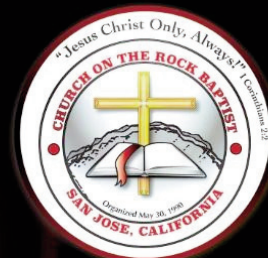
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## Times Feature



Outstanding young soloists, **Grace Yan** (above left), flutist, will perform Ibert's Concerto for Flute and Orchestra; and **Justin Kim** (above right), cellist, will perform Dvorák's Cello Concerto in B minor.

### Season Opener

## Philharmonic Orchestra performs Debussy, Ibert, Saint-Saëns, Dvorák and Smetana

The San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra will present its 2022-23 Season Opener Concert on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m. at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose.

The orchestra, under the artistic leadership of Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, will open with Debussy's Nocturnes – Fêtes, with its impressionistic and fantastical vision of a festival, followed by Saint-Saëns' lively and cheerful Marche Héroïque, and end with Smetana's patriotic and inspirational The Moldau.

The concert also features two winners from the 2022 Young Artists' Competition, proudly sponsored by the San Jose Symphony Foundation. Outstanding young soloists, Grace Yan, flutist, will perform Ibert's Concerto for Flute and Orchestra; and Justin Kim, cellist, will perform Dvorák's Cello Concerto in B minor.

Grace Yan is a junior at Evergreen Valley High School. She has been playing the flute since she was 5 years old. This is her fourth season with the San Jose Youth Symphony, having been with the Avant and Avancé Flute Choirs during her first

two years before joining the Philharmonic Orchestra last season.

Justin Kim is a junior at Bellarmine College Preparatory. He started playing the piano when he was 5 years old and then started playing cello at age 8. He first joined the San Jose Youth Symphony in 4th grade and is currently in his 2nd season with the Philharmonic Orchestra.

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## Traffic relief and improved bike/ped safety for U.S. Highway 101 at Blossom Hill

Navigating the interchange at Blossom Hill Road and U.S. Highway 101 is now easier for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, thanks to a major improvement project completed by VTA, Caltrans and the City of San Jose.

VTA celebrated the completion of the two-year construction project at a ribbon cutting Nov. 18 on the Odette Morrow Trail off Coyote Creek Rd. The goal of the project is to relieve traffic congestion in the area and provide for safer passage for bicyclists and pedestrians.

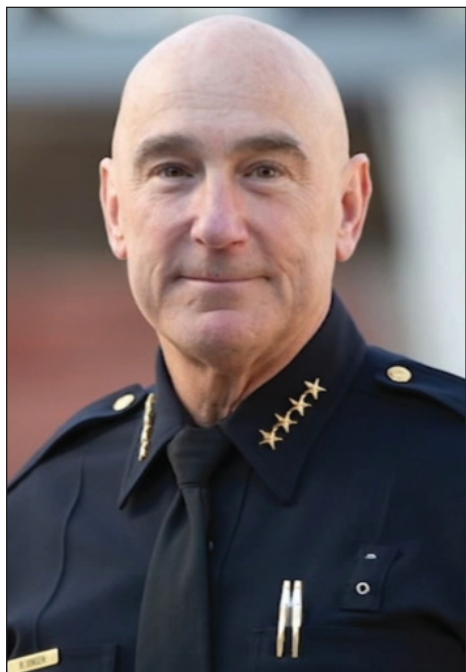
The \$35 million improvements, paid for with 2016 Measure B funds, include a new bridge over Highway 101 with an extra vehicle lane in each direction. There is also a new overcrossing providing a safe and continuous route specifically for bicyclists and pedestrians. That path connects the existing Xander's Crossing west of the freeway with



the heavily traveled Coyote Creek Trail to the east.

Pictured above: State Assemblymember **Ash Kalra**, VTA General Manager **Carolyn Gonot**, San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo**, Caltrans District 4 Deputy Director **Doanh Nguyen**, **Sergio Jimenez**, San Jose City Councilmember, and **Ramesh Yadava**, Coyote Creek Resident & Neighborhood Leadership at a ribbon cutting event Nov. 18.



Times **News**

Rob Jonsen



Kevin Jensen

## Jonsen victorious over Jensen in SCC sheriff's race

Ballot tabulations have propelled former Palo Alto Police Chief Robert “Rob” Jonsen to victory in the contest for Santa Clara County Sheriff, over retired sheriff’s captain Kevin Jensen.

Registrar of Voters shows Jonsen ahead

by 1.58 percentage points. His more than 7,000-vote margin assured Jonsen of victory.

Sheriff Laurie Smith chose not to seek reelection to a seventh term after votes of no confidence and a scathing grand jury report accusing her of misconduct, and she resigned Nov. 1 as the jury was deliberating an eventual guilty verdict in the non-criminal case.

Jonsen announced his retirement as Palo Alto chief of police in January when he announced he would seek election as sheriff.

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# Italian/Persian pianist Alessandro Deljavan performs for Steinway Society Live and LiveStreamed January 21

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Steinway Society – The Bay Area presents Alessandro Deljavan in performances of Haydn and Chopin Saturday, January 21, 2023 starting 7:30 p.m. at Montgomery Theater, 271 South Market Street in San Jose.

Born to an Italian mother and Persian father, Alessandro Deljavan began learning to play piano before the age of two and debuted in concert at age three. He has since performed extensively across Europe, Asia, and North and South America.

Alessandro's prize winnings include first prize in the 1996 Concours musical de France, and second prizes at the 2005 Hummel and 2010 Isangyun Competitions. He also was awarded the jury discretionary awards at the 2009 and 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano Competitions, and fifth prize at the 2005 Gina Bachauer Young Artist Competition.

Alessandro has an extensive discography of over forty albums. He recently recorded the complete Chopin waltzes, etudes, and mazurkas; the complete piano/string works of Taneyev; and the complete violin sonatas of Grieg. His most

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recent recording of the complete Grieg Lyric Pieces was streamed over 200,000 times in its first month on Spotify. He has also released an all-Liszt album of the complete Mephisto Waltzes and the Sonata in B Minor, as well as a recording of the Bach Goldberg Variations.

Alessandro graduated from the Conservatorio Statale di Musica Giuseppe Verdi and the Istituto Gaetano Braga. He is currently professor of piano at the U. Gerdano Conservatory of Music in Foggia, Italy.

## The Program

Haydn, Variations in F Minor, Hob.XVII:6  
Haydn, Piano Sonata in F Major, Hob.XVI:23

Haydn, Piano Sonata in E-Flat Major,



Alessandro Deljavan will perform Haydn and Chopin, Saturday, January 21, 2023. Photo by Luca Centola

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Times **OpEd**

Opinion

# The growing problem of violence in our schools

By Lucille Carr-Kaffashan, Ph.D.

Since the fall of 2021, when most districts around the country had fully returned to in-person learning, educators have been sounding the alarm about an uptick in school-based violence.

This violence has taken many forms and has affected all members of the school community: students and their families, teachers, support staff, administrators, and school board members.

A handful of schools have experienced the unthinkable, a school-shooting incident. Many others have reported frequent brawls, physical bullying, and other forms of student-on-student aggression, including verbal and sexual intimidation and cyber-bullying. An alarming number of students have been caught with guns and other weapons on school grounds.

Teachers and other staff have also been targeted, either directly or because of their efforts to break up fights or otherwise de-escalate tense situations. Teachers, administrators, and board members

have been subjected to verbal abuse, and sometimes to threats of physical violence.

According to a survey of 15,000 school personnel conducted by the American Psychological Association from July 2020 to June 2021, 59% of teachers, 58% of administrators, 48% of support staff, and 38% of school psychologists and social workers have reported being victimized in some way while at

work. Support staff, e.g., school resource officers, aides, and bus drivers, were the most likely to report physical aggression, with more than 99% of the aggressors being students.

As reported by The Psychiatric Times, "The nation's public school system is now in a fragile and precarious position. Although every profession suffered during the pandemic, teachers are confronted daily with the threat of school shootings, lagging student performance, political agendas, curriculum wars, book bans, and more. In many ways, these are not new problems, but they do appear to be compounding."






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Times Feature

# BBB scam of the week

## Watch for these scam posts in your local Facebook buy-and-sell group

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning Facebook users that sharing a certain kind of attention-grabbing post might put their friends at risk of falling victim to a scam.

### How this scam works

You are scrolling through Facebook, and a gut-wrenching post about an injured, lost pet, or a missing child grabs your attention. You want to help, so you share the post on your own profile.

After you share the post, a scammer changes the original post to a deceptive rental ad or a link to a survey that "guarantees" a cash prize. Now, your friends think you have recommended that content. These bait-and-switch ads aim to either get a deposit for a rental property before the user gets a chance to see the home -- or get your personal information, which could lead to identity theft.

BBB has seen multiple variations of these shared on local buy-and-sell Facebook groups across Canada, and USA Today also reported about it in October. The commonality is the emotionality or urgency of the message, which encourages concerned people to share the news with their friends.

These posts are shared in local buy-and-sell groups because there is already a sense of community and trust within these crowds. Scammers sometimes also turn comments off on the posts so other group members can't oust them.

Tips for avoid a bait-and-switch social media scam:

- Do a bit of digging before re-sharing a post on your profile. Read the information carefully and look at the profile of the person who created and shared the original post. If the profile is from Florida but shared the post in a Canadian group, it may be a red flag of a bait-and-switch publication.

- Find out when the poster created the Facebook profile. Scammers always create profiles when their old one gets banned. If you click on their profile, it will tell you how long they have been a member of the group. You can also find additional information on their public profile.

- You should see it in the news. If a child goes missing or a tragedy occurs, you'll most likely see it on different news outlets or shared by law enforcement, not on a random post.

- Identify phony posts. First, do a reverse image search on Google. That will allow you to find out if the pictures you saw were used on other ads or websites in different cities. Then, find similar posts by pasting the text from the post into Facebook's search tool to see if other posts with the same text and different pictures show up.

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## Funding

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than \$800 million each year to public schools from the state's general fund. These funds will be restricted to arts and music education in pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade public schools, including charter schools, to ensure every student has access to arts and music education. Schools are also required to verify that the funds were spent in addition to any existing funding already used or budgeted for arts education programs.

The additional funding to public schools will be distributed based upon enrollment in preschool and transitional kindergarten through grade 12. Of the total amount, 70% will be allocated to schools based on their percentage share of the overall statewide enrollment. The remaining 30% will go to schools based on a proportion of low-income students.

Once the funds are allocated to the school districts, they can use up to 1% to cover administrative expenses, while the remainder of the funding must be distributed to all school sites within the district based on student enrollment. School districts and charter schools with more than 500 students must use at least 80% of the additional funding to hire staff. The remaining funding can be

used for training, supplies and materials, and for arts educational partnership programs.

Site principals or the program director of a preschool will need to develop an arts spending plan. The principal or program director will determine how to expand a site's arts instruction and/or programs. School boards will post a report on how funds were spent on their websites. The report will describe the type of arts education programs funded, the number of staff employed, the number of students served and the number of school sites providing arts education with the funding received.

Arts education programs include a variety of subjects such as media arts, music, theater, visual art, photography, crafts, computer coding, painting animation, costume design, graphic design and film. California's arts and music education requirements vary by grade level. Schools with students in grades first through sixth provide instruction in the subjects of dance, music, theater and visual arts aimed at the development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression. Middle and high schools must offer courses in dance, music, theater and visual arts.

*Mary Ann Dewan is the superintendent of schools for Santa Clara County. She has more than 33 years of experience in the field of education.*

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Times **Feature****Ask the DMV****Expedite your holiday travels with DMV's online services and more**

The Thanksgiving season is one of the busiest travel times of the year.

The DMV wants to make sure that you are prepared for busy airports so you can catch your flight with ease. Your travels will be easier when you take advantage of DMV online services to get your REAL ID.

**Q1: I am planning to fly home to visit my family this holiday season. Do I need a REAL ID to board domestic flights?**

A1: While you will not need a REAL ID to board domestic flights or to enter federal facilities this holiday season, you will next year. The enforcement date is May 3, 2023. We highly encourage all Californians to give themselves the gift of a REAL ID this holiday season! REAL ID appointments are available, and you can also check DMV Office wait times online if you do not have an appointment. Before you go, complete your REAL ID application online and simply finish the transaction in person at a DMV Office.

**Q2: I lost my driver's license and need to replace it before flying home for Thanksgiving. Can I request a replacement online?**

A2: Yes, if your driver's license (DL) has been lost, stolen, damaged or mutilated, a replacement DL can be requested online by following these steps:

- Create an online account (if you haven't previously).
- If you've submitted a Change of Address (COA) confirm that the change has been processed and wait 14 days before requesting a replacement DL. (Confirmation can be done in the COA system.)
- Be prepared to pay a fee for your replacement driver's license.

You should receive your new DL card in the mail within two to four weeks. If you have not received your DL card after 60 days, call 1-800-777-0133 to check the status.

**Q3: My car registration is out of date, and I don't have time to visit the DMV before the holidays. Can I renew my registration online?**

A3: Yes! Skip the line this holiday season and renew your vehicle registration online. The DMV offers a variety of online services that make completing your DMV business easy and efficient, from renewing vehicle registration to changing your address, or driver's license renewal – and much more! You can find a list of online services at [dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv-online/](https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv-online/).

In addition to online services, the DMV offers other methods for completing select transactions to help reduce your trips to the DMV and save you time this holiday season, including DMV kiosks and Business Partner Automation (BPA) locations.

DMV kiosks are freestanding



self-service touchscreen devices that guide you through various DMV transactions, from registration renewal and payment to submitting proof of insurance. You can find a list of DMV kiosk locations at <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/locations/kiosks/>.

Our Business Partner Automation (BPA) program authorizes qualified partners to process vehicle related transactions, including vehicle registration and titling, from their remote locations. Learn more about our BPA program and

what transactions can be processed at <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/vehicle-industry-services/business-partner-automation-program/>.

For more information or answers to questions not listed here, please visit [www.dmv.ca.gov](https://www.dmv.ca.gov).

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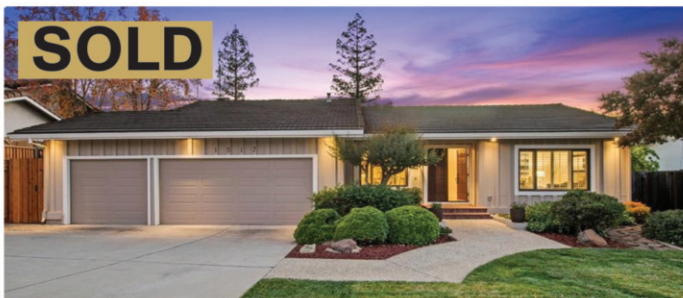
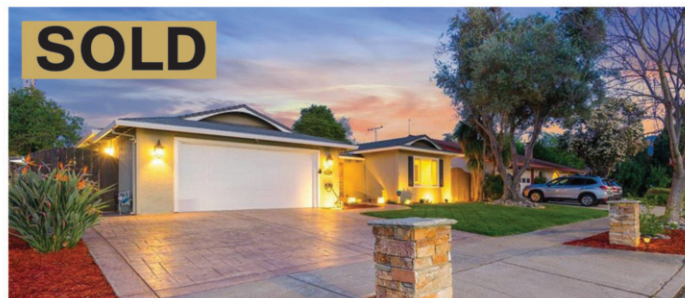
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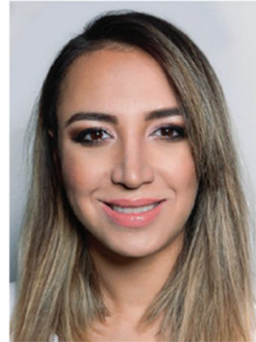
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