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2023 Leland Bridge Night for Leland High School to be held Feb. 5

Joyous annual fundraising event for Leland High School students

Leland Bridge Night will return again this year on Sunday, February 5th, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Leland High School Cafeteria!

Featuring a variety of student performances and raffles, Bridge Night is an excellent way to celebrate Chinese culture and the school's talented students, with the chance to win some fun prizes along the way.

Leland Bridge Night is the annual fundraising event hosted by the Leland Bridge Parents Group, a nonprofit organization made up of Chinese American parents who aim to foster communication between Leland High School and the surrounding Chinese American community and raise money for the school.

Since 2018, this event has consistently sold around 300 tickets and helped achieve a fundraising goal of \$20,000 for Leland High School annually.

Proceeds from Bridge Night are allocated for various projects and initiatives at the high school, such as renovating the Media Center and Cafeteria, providing financial support for course instructors, and improving programs like Speech & Debate, Music, Journalism, Robotics, and college application essay reviews. The funds also help with Leland's landscaping and recycling efforts. We hope to see you there!

Tickets start from \$35 each, but tickets with extra add-ons and Gold and Premium Membership benefits are available. Find more details and purchase tickets at <https://www.lelandbridge.org/donate-funds>

The fundraising committee states, "We hope to see you at this year's Leland Bridge Night!"

To purchase tickets, visit: <https://www.lelandbridge.org/donate-funds>. For more information, contact the Leland Bridge Treasurer by email, finance@lelandbridge.org.

Crime and safety in Almaden

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Almaden Valley is a relatively safe place to live, but has its share of robberies, burglaries and street racing.

Vehicle theft and burglaries are ongoing problems, said San Jose Police Department Captain Brian Matchett, Southern Division Commander, who spoke at a Jan. 9 Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

Matchett said approximately 268 robberies were reported in the Southern Police Division in 2022. He said the police department's solve rate is high and because robberies are serious and violent crimes, they are vigorously prosecuted.

But burglaries are difficult to investigate unless there's video or physical evidence, he said.

"We do struggle with investigating these to the extent that the community would like," Matchett said. "Some of the issues involve prosecution and laws that don't hold people accountable."

San Jose Police Department Captain Brian Matchett, Southern Division Commander, spoke about crime at an Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.



Matchett said even when low-level offenses are prosecuted, sentences are quite low, resulting in little jail time.

"I believe in alternatives to incarceration for many low-level offenses," he said, "but without accountability...little seems to change, including helping those with serious mental illness and substance use disorder."

In the Southern Division, police patrol between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. to stop the theft of catalytic converters, Matchett said. He recommends res-

idents park in their garages or driveways and have mechanics put cages around catalytic converters or etch serial numbers in them.

Mail theft is another issue. Matchett said not a day goes by when police don't find stolen mail in a car they've pulled over. He said the police department is aggressive in writing these reports and forwarding them to the District Attorney for prosecution.

Matchett said the San Jose Police Department
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Residents apply last minute for two open seats on SJ City Council

Councilmembers make controversial decision to appoint successors to two open seats for 2-year term

By William Bellou
Publisher

More than two dozen people have applied for two open seats on the San Jose City Council, some just minutes before the Monday, January 2 midnight deadline.

The open seats are for District 10, vacant after former Councilmember Matt Mahan won his race for San Jose mayor, and District 8 spot, after voters elected former Councilmember Sylvia Arenas as District 1 Santa Clara County supervisor.

Applicants who receive support from at least four councilmembers will be interviewed on January 19 and 20 (see page 11). To win a seat on the council, appointees must receive a two-thirds vote, which is scheduled to take place January 26.



Residents packed into the San Jose City Council chambers to speak for or against holding a special election to fill two vacancies on Dec. 5, 2022. Photo by Jana Kadah, San José Spotlight

The following is the list of candidates for District 10 representing Almaden Valley.

- Gabriel Gomez
- Sandeep Chaparala
- Nooran Bayzaie
- Greg Holsen
- Maylyne Ho
- Mike Wilson
- Forrest Williams

- Ann Chung
- Jean D'innocenti
- Robert Braunstein
- Rhonda Hruby
- George Casey
- Anne Samuel
- Ron Del Pozzo
- Jesse Castaneda
- Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo
- Allen Waldman

- J. David Heindel
- Anthony Moses
- Arjun Batra
- Dennis Hawkins
- Andrew Toolson
- James Sodergren

The appointment process comes after San Jose policymakers made one of the most controversial
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Letter to the Editor

Local schools have strong foundations

I read “Website identifies which school districts are well run” by Dan Walters (Dec 23) with interest. I appreciated the inclusion of a link to the District Readiness Index to examine the information more closely.

As a community member, parent, and teacher, I would have liked an editor’s note regarding the standing of our school district which was not mentioned in the article. Upon investigation, I noted that SJUSD rated as having “Strong Foundations to Improve Education.” There are areas for growth, but overall our local schools and district have many pieces in place that are considered critical by Arun Ramanathan and his team.

Tracey Ananmalay
San Jose

District 10 team checks in

By Matthew Quevedo, Michele Dexter, Tiffany Dang, Shirleynn Cannon, Monica Bajwa, and Gema Escorcía

We hope you and your loved ones had a safe and relaxing holiday season. The new year brought with it a new Council as our very own Councilmember Matt Mahan is now serving as the Mayor of San Jose.

While our office doesn’t have a Councilmember, our team is still working hard to connect you with the city services you need and to represent you with city staff.

During this transition period, please do not hesitate to reach out to us through our email at district10@san-joseca.gov or by calling us at (408) 535-4910. Our ticketing system is still operational and our team is still working hard to deliver the service you expect out of the D10 office. Please do not hesitate to reach out!

As for the Council, Mayor Mahan has made recommendations for Council appointments to different City and Regional committees. Please review the assignments as these appointees will go onto the different committees and boards influencing important policy decisions such as housing, transportation and public safety. Since, currently, there is no Councilmember, District 10 will not have representation on any of these committees or boards until an appointment is made.

On the appointments, Council will be returning on January 24th at 3pm and January 26th at 3pm to discuss the applicants for both District 8 and District 10, respectively.

We encourage all residents to come out and voice their opinion for the candidate of their choosing. This is an important decision that needs input from the residents of District 10 as the Council voted last month to fill the vacant Council seat by appointment rather than by special election. This will be the last opportunity to have your voice heard on this matter.

Thank you all for your continued engagement and dedication to local matters coming to City Hall. Our office looks forward to continuing to work with you and connecting you with city services. We will be working closely with the City Manager’s office to ensure the transition to whomever is appointed at the end of the month is a successful and transparent one.

University of Wisconsin-Madison names 7 Almaden Valley residents to Fall Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Madison announces that seven Almaden Valley residents have been named to the 2022-2023 Fall Dean's List.

Named to the exclusive Dean's List are **Nikhil Chandra, Allen Chang, Jared Coelho, Ved Iyer, Judy Li, Dante Lucchesi, and Andrew Zheng**.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction. Most call the honor “dean’s list”, but some grant the “Dean’s Honor List” and “Dean’s High Honor List.”

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is a public land-grant research university in Madison, Wisconsin. Founded when Wisconsin achieved statehood in 1848, UW-Madison is the official state university of Wisconsin and the flagship campus of the University of Wisconsin System.

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State Senator **Dave Cortese** presented a commendation on behalf of the California State Senate to **Apoorva Panidapu**, founder of Apoorva Panidapu’s Art Gallery.

Apoorva Panidapu receives commendation from State Senate presented by Senator Dave Cortese

By William Bellou
Publisher

State Senator Dave Cortese presented a commendation on behalf of the California State Senate to Apoorva Panidapu, Founder of Apoorva Panidapu’s Art Gallery in recognition of her outstanding community service.

“Through her volunteer fundraising ‘art-for-charity’ efforts as well as her extraordinary talents as an artist, teacher, mathematician, writer, public speaker and social entrepreneur,” Cortese said. “Apoorva has uplifted children and young people not only in our community but throughout the world.”

“It was a tremendous honor to receive a com-

mendation from Senator Dave Cortese,” Apoorva said. “Growing up in Evergreen and San Jose has shaped my love for service, learning, and research, and I can’t wait to continue my lifelong journey of helping people in my community and beyond. A huge thank you to Senator Cortese for inspiring and encouraging public service in youth.”

Last week, Apoorva was named a top 300 scholar in the 82nd Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS). She was also recently featured on PBS NOVA series.

Apoorva is a columnist for Times Media, Inc., publishers of Almaden and Evergreen Times newspapers.

Apoorva Panidapu, referred to as ‘the human calculator’ for her math skills is featured recently on PBS’s NOVA series

PBS NOVA recently conducted an interview with Apoorva Panidapu about her love for math and abacus.

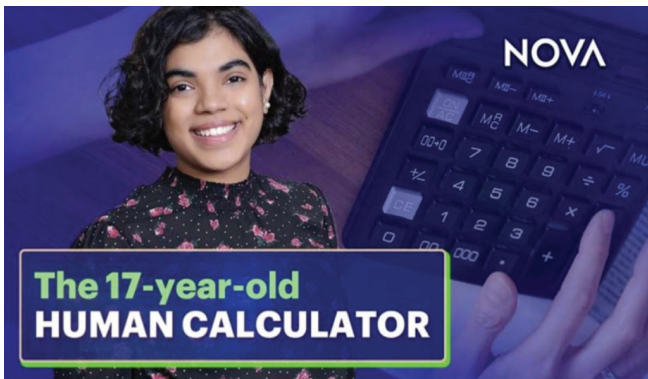
Apoorva, who is a columnist for the Almaden Times, executes complex problems with mental math using the abacus, a method of calculation that relies on an ancient tool.

Apoorva has earned the moniker “the human calculator” for her math skills. She said she had a fantastic time doing the interview and also revisiting her Genius Junior days.

Apoorva was featured as a contestant on the popular Sunday NBC Genius Junior Show when she was 12 years, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris.

Last week, Apoorva was named a top 300 scholar in the 82nd Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS). She was recently presented with a commendation from the California State Senate.

To view the video, visit: <https://www.pbs.org/video/teen-calculates-mind-boggling-math-her-head-ueanyo>



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Gifted musician's artistry: Pianist Rustem Hayroudinoff performs at Steinway Society; live or live-streamed

By William Bellou
Publisher

Steinway Society – The Bay Area presents Rustem Hayroudinoff in performances of J.C. Bach, C.P.E. Bach, Chopin and Rachmaninoff Saturday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. at historic Hoover Theatre, 1635 Park Avenue, San Jose, 95126.

Hayroudinoff has performed to critical acclaim in Japan, the USA, Latin America, Canada, Russia and Europe. He has recorded for Chandos, EMI and Onyx Classics. His CD of the complete Rachmaninoff Preludes was selected by Classic FM Magazine as part of its 'Essential Rachmaninoff Collection' together with the recordings of Arthur Rubinstein and André Previn.

A charismatic communicator, Hayroudinoff enjoys engaging his audience in a light, yet informative rhetoric about the works he performs. Hayroudinoff studied with Lev Naumov at the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatoire, with Christopher Elton at the Royal Academy of Music, and privately with Murray Perahia. He is a Professor of Piano at the Royal Academy of Music, London.

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I. Allegro
II. Adagio
III. Allegro

Chopin, Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise Brillante, Op. 22
1. Andante spianato in G Major
2. 2 Grande Polonaise brillante in E-flat Major

Rachmaninoff, Six Etudes, from Etudes-tableaux, Op. 39
1. No. 1 in C Minor
2. No. 2 in A Minor
3. No. 6 in A Minor
4. No. 5 in E-flat Minor
5. No. 7 in C Minor
6. No. 8 in C Minor

Rachmaninoff, Five Preludes, from 10 Preludes, Op. 23
1. No. 4 in D Major
2. No. 5 in G Minor
3. No. 6 in E-flat Major

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At right: Classical pianist **Rustem Hayroudinoff** makes his Steinway Society – The Bay Area debut with a performance of music by J.C. Bach, C.P.E. Bach, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff on February 11, 2023. Photo by Andrew Palmer.



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Lunar New Year at Children's Discovery Museum Saturday, Feb. 4

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Create your own branch of beautiful flowers to symbolize health, prosperity, and good fortune in the coming year, signifying the end of winter and the beginning of spring.

Be thrilled by the magnificent and ever-popular Lion Dance by Yun Yee Tong USA, as we welcome in the new year together.



Safety

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works hard but is sorely understaffed with one officer per 10,000 people. Sworn staffing is at 1173, he said, with 1019 officers. But with officers on disability and modified status, there are only 951 active, full-time, street ready officers on duty.

"For a city our size, we should have about twice as many officers," he said.

With low staffing, even with dispatchers working mandatory overtime, there is sometimes a delay in 911 calls being answered. Matchett asks residents to be patient and stay on the line.

"Our response to priority calls is not exactly where we need it to be," he said. "...We understand that it is frustrating for many in the community when they call 911 and it's not answered immediately, or they're put to a different queue because it doesn't rise to a level of a priority call."

Calls about people doing donuts near residences were one example but will be elevated through the dispatch system in the future, he said.

Matchett said the police department has zero tolerance for organized street racing events. He is proud of the department's recent response to a major sideshow event at Monterey Highway and Branham Lane. The entire swing shift of 70 officers coordinated their efforts, blocking in participant's vehicles. Several stolen cars and a handgun were retrieved at the scene and 750 citations were issued for participating or watching the event.

"It starts with leadership," he said. "It starts with somebody in the field, namely a lieu-

tenant, who knows it's going to cause some overtime to deal with this event. Those swing shift officers stayed until about 6 a.m., five hours beyond their shift, cleaning up and issuing citations."

Local school districts have weighed having police officers on campus for years. Social justice advocates said officers on campus can be intimidating, especially for students of color and feed the school-to-prison pipeline.

But Matchett would like to assign police officers to schools on an overtime basis. He sees a value in having officers connect with youth and educate them and school personnel on what's a crime and needs to be reported. He also considers it essential to responding to active shooters on campus.

On June 6, 2022, police received a report of a man with a gun at Calero High School.

"Officers responded immediately, formed a contact team, and entered the school looking for the man with the gun...active shooting, or students fleeing," he said. "It was then determined a disturbance occurred just off campus where a suspect displayed a handgun toward others and briefly entered the parking lot of the school before fleeing the area."

On Oct. 12, 2022, police received a call of an active shooting at Lincoln High School. Officers arrived and based on information provided by the caller, conducted an immediate and systematic search of the school with Sheriff's Deputies. Although the call turned out to be a hoax, Matchett was proud of the officer's quick and thorough response.

"SJPd and our law enforcement partners in the area stand ready to respond to these types of incidents," he said.

Council seats

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decisions in recent city history—to appoint successors to the two open seats. Hundreds of outspoken residents demanded a special election, which could have cost the city mil-

lions of dollars.

Many political consultants say the new councilmembers in District 8 and 10 could have an impact on Mahan's efforts to build a more moderate business-backed alliance on a city council where the majority of councilmembers opposed his candidacy.



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Thomas & Friends®: Explore the Rails Traveling Exhibit Jan. 28 - May 14 at Children's Discovery Museum

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Thomas & Friends®: Explore the Rails, an interactive exhibit was created by Minnesota Children's Museum and inspired by the popular children's series on PBS KIDS® in the US, and Family Jr. and Télé-Québec in Canada in partnership with HIT Entertainment, a subsidiary of Mattel, Inc. Fisher-Price, the #1 Infant/Preschool Toys manufacturer.

District 10 Councilmember presentation sessions scheduled for January 19-20

In order for all six D10 Councilmember candidates to have an opportunity to present themselves to D-10 residents, the Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) decided to change the presentation dates.

Two sessions will be held – Thursday, January 19 and Friday, January 20. Both sessions will begin at 7 p.m. The sessions will feature the qualification of all the finalists for the open D-10 Councilmember position to be appointed by the City Council on January 26th.

The revised AVCA general meeting announcement flyer is shown below.

The 'short list' of candidates identified for that City Council interview is shown below:

Arjun Batra; George Casey; Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo; Dennis Hawkins; J. David Heindel; and Ron Del Pozzo.

Each candidate will present their qualifications for being the appointed D-10 Councilmember, identify their solutions to key civic issues and answer questions.

AVCA will also identify to meeting participants how they can influence City Council in selecting the candidate they favor.

The meetings are hybrid so you can participate virtually by Zoom or attend physically at Westgate Church as a member of the audience.

To register for the sessions and receive a Zoom invitation, go to the links below:

Thursday meeting:

<https://bit.ly/AVCA2023Jan19>

Friday, meeting:

<https://bit.ly/AVCA2023Jan20>

D10 Council Applicant Interview Update

AVCA will be hosting two interview sessions

The first session will be on **Thursday, January 19th** at 7:00pm in person at Westgate Church, South Hills Campus, 6601 Camden Ave. Join online at <https://bit.ly/AVCA2023Jan19>

The second session will be on Zoom on **Friday, January 20th** at 7:00pm. Join using <https://bit.ly/AVCA2023Jan20>

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Times News



Mission Chamber Orchestra will feature the Julius Quartet on February 12.

Italianità in the Americas A Mission Chamber Orchestra concert

The current season of concerts by Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose (MCOSJ) is all about reconnecting with live musical performance and exploring connections in the world of music.

On Sunday, January 29 at the Italian Heritage Foundation in San Jose, the orchestra will present a concert of classical music by composers from North and South America who have Italian ancestry starting at 3 p.m.

The music features a wide range of influence and inspiration, from the dances of Argentina, through Romantic poetry to the landscapes and seascapes of the North American West, exploring lasting connections despite separation in time and distance.

Joseph Curiale's *Wind River* was commissioned by the University of Wyoming to celebrate the new millennium. It is a musical response to the grand landscapes of the West - the *Wind River* mountain range contains two of highest peaks in Wyoming, and some of the largest glaciers in the contiguous US. The concert includes connections to Monterey - *Nostalgia* is by Louse P. Canepa, whose music is influenced by her life in an Italian American family in Monterey, while Jeremy Cavaterra's *Marine Safari and Whale-Watch* is from his *Monterey Suite*, inspired by the dramatic nature of the Central California coast. MCOSJ hornist Brian Holmes is soloist in the first movement from Henry Mollicone's *Horn Concerto* - the work, premiered by MCOSJ in 2021, was commissioned from the well-loved Bay Area composer by the performer, a composer in his own right.

The varied program also includes *Elegy* by John Corigliano, dedicated to Samuel Barber, and the concert premiere of *Prospice* (1948) by Italian-American composer Romeo Cascarino. Debuted in a version for two pianos, it was the score for a ballet based on Robert Browning's poem of the same name, written soon after the death of his wife Elizabeth, exploring the darkness of death and the possibility of reunion with loved ones beyond it. Luis Gianneo and Astor Piazzolla represent the Argentinian arm of the Italian diaspora - Gianneo's works were inspired by elements of Argentinian folk music as he tried to create a national music with contemporary significance, while Piazzolla is famous worldwide for creating *nueva tango*, blending elements of jazz and classical music with the dance originally associated only with

seedy bars and brothels. With ticket prices at pre-pandemic levels, the concert is an opportunity to return to live

Program:
Romeo Cascarino
Louise Canepa
Joseph Curiale
Henry Mollicone
Astor Piazzolla
John Corigliano
Luis Gianneo
Jeremy Cavaterra

Prospice Concert premiere
Nostalgia
Wind River
Horn Concerto, first movement (Brian Holmes, hornist)
Libertango
Elegy
Pericòn: danza Argentina
Marine Safari and Whale-Watch from Monterey Suite

performances and to reconnect with people, places, and music.

Tickets
Adult: \$25, Senior: \$20, Student: \$15, Child: \$10. www.missionchamber.org/events-tickets

About the Soloist
Brian Holmes received a B.A. from Pomona College and a Ph.D. (in experimental low temperature physics) from Boston University. While in Boston, he studied horn with Harry Shapiro. He has performed professionally with the San Jose Symphony and Opera San José. In addition to the Mission Chamber Orchestra, he plays with the Peninsula Symphony, the Menlo Brass Quintet, and the Altos Brass. He is active as a composer, with many performances and dozens of commissions, publications, and awards to his credit. He is retired from the San Jose State Department of Physics and Astronomy, where he taught a course on the physics of music.

About Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose

Founded by conductor and musical director Emily Ray in 1996, Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose (MCOSJ) is a volunteer orchestra performing professional quality concerts in the South Bay. The 35- to 50-piece orchestra is known for its innovative programming that surprises and delights its listeners. In May 2011, the San Francisco Classical Voice praised MCOSJ's performance of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, calling it "thrilling to hear."

MCOSJ features world class artists as well as emerging professional soloists. MCOSJ has given the world premieres of more than twenty works and the West Coast or South Bay premieres of many others. Brilliant Classics recently released a disc of A.J. Fernandes' Violin Concerto featuring violinist Carlos Damas accompanied by the orchestra.

MCOSJ caters to a broad audience, featuring classical repertoire and modern works by composers from around the world. Select high school musicians are invited to join the orchestra in many of its concerts. <http://www.missionchamber.org>.

LOCAL NOTEBOOK

FROM THE MAYOR
Thank you!

As we begin a new year, my tenure as your Mayor comes to a close. Thank you. My heart is filled with gratitude.

Thank you for entrusting me with this honor to serve you, and our hometown.

Thank you for continually reminding me of our community's uniqueness and special character. Every week, I met San Joseans who would inspire me with their commitment to magnani-



From the Mayor
Sam Liccardo

mously give, to boldly innovate, and to courageously create. We celebrated much along the way, but it was in the toughest of times that our community's virtue shone most brilliantly.

So many of you showed a deeply divided nation how a community can come together in crisis: the 1,600 volunteers who helped neighbors within the hours of the 2017 flood; the thousands more who responded to Silicon Valley Strong's call to distribute food and support vaccination centers; or the many of you who converged at City Hall to mourn with the families of community members we lost in last May's shooting. In the best and worst of times, this job has deepened my appreciation for our extraordinary community, and for San José's collective spirit.

Finally, thank you for your partnership and support. Together, we have accomplished much. I don't expect you to keep track of all of our work together, so I've listed several initiatives below. So many of you played critical roles — as volunteers, neighborhood leaders, City employees, employers, non-profits, advocates, supporters, community organizers, voters, sponsors, and philanthropists — tackling some of San José's greatest challenges.

Of course, the challenges persist—such is the nature of large and complex cities. Yet new leadership brings new perspectives on old problems— and new opportunities to solve them. With your support, I like San José's chances under Mayor Matt Mahan's leadership.

In ways we don't often appreciate, San José's narrative comprises an incredible epic. By so many objective measures among global cities, San José is a remarkably diverse, innovative, successful community, poised to become America's next great city. With your continued participation and passion, the best part of San José's story awaits.

Thank you.

Valley Water is offering its 2023 calendar for free

Valley Water is offering a beautiful wildlife and natural environment 2023 calendar.

The calendar also includes Valley Water's fiscal year 2022 annual report, which highlights many of the projects and efforts the agency is undertaking for the residents and businesses of Santa Clara County.

The water agency is currently working on dozens of local projects to support their mission, including efforts to maintain and improve the existing water supply infrastructure; provide flood protection to communities; and protect and enhance watersheds and our natural resources.

To receive a free 2023 Valley Water calendar, please visit their website at valleywater.org/2023calendar and fill out the request form. Note: There is a limit of one calendar per household in Santa Clara County while supplies last.

To learn about the agency's many conservation programs, visit www.watersavings.org



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**Green thumbs celebrate**

San Jose Garden Club recently celebrated 50 years of service to the San Jose community. Shown here are Santa Clara Valley District Director **Roseann Costable**, left, with past club presidents **Sue Swackhamer**, **Natalie DiGrazia**, **Susan Mosher**, **Erna Siegel**, **Anita Calkins** and **Kathy Argabright** and current president **Laura Carroll**. Founded in 1972, the club exists to address local issues of food insecurity, promote the study of horticulture and landscape design and participate in civic beautification projects. Its annual spring plant sale has become a major community event to raise funds for donation to various causes. *Editor's Note: To learn more and join this organization, go to sanjosegardenclub.com. Photo courtesy of SJGC*

**Mayor Mahan ends business-labor divide with vice mayor, committee nominations**

Mayor taps returning councilmembers for key committee chairs, Rules Committee positions

In one of his first acts as San Jose Mayor, Matt Mahan took a substantive step toward unifying the City Council and moving the city past unproductive political divisions by nominating newly-elected, labor-endorsed District 1 Councilmember Rosemary Kamei as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Mahan is also nominating all four returning Councilmembers to chair the Council's standing committees and comprise the Rules Committee, which sets the agendas for Council meetings, with Councilmember David Cohen as chair.

"San Jose residents don't care about labels, they care about results," said San Jose Mayor Mahan. "Rosemary Kamei is collaborative, thoughtful, independent, has a ton of common sense and is a great listener. She is excited about assuming more leadership responsibilities than Vice Mayors traditionally have in San Jose and is committed, as I am, to putting unnecessary conflicts behind us, as we focus on driving results on homelessness, community safety and blight."

Rosemary Kamei, who was elected into the San José City Council with over 60% of the popular vote, represents District 1 in West San José. Prior to her election to the City Council, Rosemary has long been known for her public service and contributions to the community. Over the last two decades, she has served as a Director of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Trustee on the Santa Clara County Board of Education, and Chief Development and Innovation Officer at the Silicon Valley Education Foundation. Rosemary holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Political Science and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from San José State University.

"I would be honored to serve as Vice Mayor to the San José community and be able to have the opportunity to bring my expertise in governance and leadership to the San José City Council," said Councilmember Kamei.

The City Council will consider the Vice Mayoral nomination at its January 24 meeting, as prescribed by the City Charter. The Vice Mayor is charged with chairing City Council meetings and performing other duties when the Mayor is absent.



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Times **Feature**

VTA: 'Human Trafficking Happens Everywhere'

VTA renews public education and training to fight human trafficking on transit

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority announced a new effort to help rescue victims of human trafficking and punish perpetrators of this crime, at a news conference Friday, January 6.

"Human Trafficking Happens Everywhere" is the message the transit agency hopes will encourage passengers and the community at large to keep an eye out on public transit. Public transit is a common and easily accessible form of transportation for human trafficking suspects to transport their victims.

After serving as a model for AB 2034, the 2018 California law that requires transit agencies throughout the state to train front-line workers on the signs of human trafficking, VTA is going a step further with public education and an enhanced schedule of retraining for all employees. This renewed effort is made possible, in part, by a \$350-thousand grant from the Federal Transit Administration.

"This initiative will be built into our framework," said VTA General Manager/CEO Carolyn Gonot. "Our employees are trained to look for the signs, and we hope our riding public will get the message that human trafficking happens everywhere and help us to stop it."

Passengers and the public at large are encouraged to download the VTAAlerts app on mobile devices, which allows them to discretely report human trafficking in addition to other crimes or concerns.

VTA employees have been trained to recognize the signs of Human Trafficking and how to report it. Every incoming new employee receives the training, and all employees will receive renewed training periodically.

VTA appreciates the important work and support of the Santa Clara County Human Trafficking Commission chaired by County Supervisor and VTA Board member Cindy Chavez.

"Santa Clara County's Human Trafficking Commission is making great progress helping human trafficking survivors. Funding has been increased providing services to change the course of survivors' lives and to stop traffickers," said Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez. "Combating human trafficking requires a focused, coordinated effort by every government agency in Santa Clara County. Human trafficking can happen anywhere including on VTA buses and trains, which is why this new public awareness campaign by VTA is so critical."

VTA is hopeful this new campaign will assist the County District Attorney's Office as they prosecute Human Trafficking cases. The DA's Human Trafficking Task Force is one of the largest in the state of California.

About VTA

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that is responsible for bus, light rail and para-transit operations, transportation planning, and serves as the county's congestion management agency.

Minimum wage increase now in effect

The new City of San Jose minimum wage of \$17 per hour, up from \$16.20, is now in effect.

City voters in 2012 approved a minimum wage ordinance that set an hourly rate of pay that employers must pay their workers for work performed within the city. In 2016, that hourly rate was \$10.30 per hour.

Across the state, the mandatory minimum wage for all employers, regardless of the number of employees, will be \$15.50 per hour.

In the City of Santa Clara, any employer that is subject to the city business license tax or that operates a facility in Santa Clara must pay each employee who performs at least two hours of work per week at least \$17.20 per hour.

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Times Feature

Report: States with the most racial progress

With Martin Luther King Jr. Day around the corner and half of adults saying a lot more needs to be done to ensure equal rights for all Americans, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on States with the Most Racial Progress, as well as accompanying videos and commentary.

To measure America's progress in harmonizing racial groups, WalletHub measured the gaps between black people and white people across 21 key indicators of equality and integration in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The data set ranges from median annual household income to standardized-test scores to voter turnout.

This report examines the differences between only black people and white people in light of

the high-profile police-brutality incidents that sparked the Black Lives Matter movement. The report was released ahead of the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who played a prominent role in the Civil Rights Movement to end segregation and discrimination against black people.

Key Stats

- The District of Columbia has the lowest gap in homeownership rates between white people and black people, at 14.31 percent. Connecticut has made the most progress in closing this gap since 1970, with a change of 8.97 per-

Most Racially Integrated States	States with the Most Racial Progress
1. Arizona	1. Wyoming
2. Hawaii	2. Texas
3. Texas	3. Georgia
4. Montana	4. Mississippi
5. Maryland	5. Florida
6. New Mexico	6. Idaho
7. Wyoming	7. New Mexico
8. Alaska	8. Maryland
9. Washington	9. North Carolina
10. Georgia	10. New Jersey



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- Hawaii has the lowest gap in median annual household incomes between white people and black people, at 16.71 percent. Wyoming has made the most progress in closing this gap since 1979, with a change of 36.55 percent.
- Alaska has the lowest gap in unemployment rates between white people and black people, at 0.72 percent. North Dakota has made the most progress in closing this gap since 1970, with a change of 10.41 percent.
- Hawaii has the lowest gap in poverty rates between white people and black people, at 0.07 percent. Mississippi has made the most progress in closing this gap since 1970, with a change of 26.38 percent.
- Wyoming has the lowest gap in the share of adults age 25 and over with at least a bachelor's degree between white people and black people, at 1.54 percent. Wyoming has also made the most progress in closing this gap since 1970, with a change of 9.35 percent.

To view the full report and your state or the District's rank, visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-with-the-most-and-least-racial-progress/18428>

Meatless Meals Made Easy

FAMILY FEATURES

Regardless of your motivation, opting for meatless meals regularly provides plenty of benefits that extend from the health of you and your loved ones to your wallet and the environment.

Whether you're a vegetarian, vegan, considering making some lifestyle changes or just want to give an on-trend meal prep strategy a try, going meatless can help reduce your intake of red and processed meats, decrease greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change and save money on substitute ingredients like grains, vegetables, fruits and legumes that are often cheaper than meat.

For example, starting with a versatile pantry staple like Success Brown Rice can make mealtimes quick and easy. Ready in just 10 minutes without measuring or the mess, the fluffy, nutty, non-GMO rice is free of MSG and preservatives, lending itself perfectly to satisfying and hearty meals like these Baked Vegetarian Taquitos. Or for a twist on a classic dish, Tri-Color Quinoa can be layered with traditional flavors in this Mushroom Spinach "Lasagna." Packed with protein and all nine essential amino acids, the quinoa is a good source of fiber.

To find more meatless meal inspiration, visit SuccessRice.com.

Baked Vegetarian Taquitos

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

1 bag Success Brown Rice
1 cup shredded collard greens, packed
1/4 cup frozen corn
1 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
2/3 cup canned pumpkin puree
1 1/2 tablespoons taco seasoning
8 flour tortillas (6 inches each)
1 cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
2 tablespoons olive oil
sour cream, for dipping
salsa, for dipping
guacamole, for dipping
fresh cilantro, for garnish

Prepare rice according to package directions; add collard greens and corn to water during last 5 minutes. Preheat oven to 450 F. Drain rice and vegetables; transfer to saucepan. Stir in black beans, pumpkin puree and taco seasoning.

Spoon 1/3 cup rice mixture into center of one tortilla; sprinkle with 2 tablespoons Monterey Jack cheese. Roll up tightly. Place seam side down on parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Repeat with remaining tortillas, filling and cheese. Brush taquitos with olive oil; sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Bake 10-15 minutes, or until tortillas are crisp and cheese is melted.

Serve taquitos with sour cream, salsa and guacamole for dipping. Garnish with fresh cilantro.



Mushroom Spinach "Lasagna"

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

2 bags Success Tri-Color Quinoa
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1 cup mushrooms, sliced
4 cups baby spinach leaves
3 cups tomato sauce
2 cups ricotta cheese
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

Prepare quinoa according to package directions. Preheat oven to 375 F.

In large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add garlic and onions; saute 1 minute. Add mushrooms and cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add spinach and stir until wilted, about 2 minutes. Stir in tomato sauce and keep warm.

In medium bowl, combine ricotta, egg, 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese and Italian seasoning.

Place 1 cup sauce in bottom of 2-quart baking dish. Spread half of quinoa evenly over sauce. Top with half of ricotta mixture. Top with 1 cup sauce. Sprinkle with 1 cup mozzarella. Repeat layers, finishing with remaining mozzarella and Parmesan cheese.

Bake uncovered 30 minutes. Serve warm.

Times Feature

T1 and counting

My journey in earning my Treatment 1 (T1) certificate

By Matthew Frazier

Certified Water Manager

Qualified Stormwater Manager

First, let me take this opportunity to thank each and all who take the time to read my entries in the column "Water Wise."

Your attention and time are most appreciated. In these entries, I strive to tie together the challenges of water conservation with the concerns of our daily lives as citizens of San Jose and Santa Clara County.

Landscape Water Management and Xeriscape have been the basis for these column entries, with an occasion departure into Stormwater and Wastewater. In this entry, I would like to take a moment to thank those who work in all facets of Water, whether it be Drinking Water, Stormwater, Wastewater, or any other aspect of Water in general.

Upon completion of my term with Valley Water, here in San Jose and Santa Clara Valley, in December 2020, I ventured simultaneously into Stormwater and Wastewater as a progression from Irrigation Surveyance and Water-Waste Inspection with Valley Water. An exit interview with my manager gave me the momentum to take the next steps.

In the summer of 2021, I ventured further, exploring Drinking Water as a potential career, while continuing to study Stormwater and Wastewater. Since July 2021, I have studied Water Treatment Operations, High-Tech Operations, Utility Management, and Water Audit Validation – all pertaining to Municipal Drinking Water Management.

The T1 Certificate

The next steps to working as a Water Treatment Operator would be to earn a T1 Certificate through The California State Resources Board, sitting for a comprehensive exam.

There are five operator grades in the state of California regarding water treatment, T1-T5. The T1 certificate is the lowest grade and the T5 is the highest. Moving through the grades requires a combination of specialized training courses and plant experience.

If I earned my T1 Certificate, I would be able to serve the public and society– working amongst those who ensure the quality and the safety of the water we drink.

Why this vast array of foci in Water? Water is an expanding universe, ever evolving as we discover new arenas of science and technology. What relevance does this have to serving the public and society?

The constituents and the contaminants in our ground waters and surface waters is of utmost concern and immediacy. I have men-



Water Wise

Matthew Frazier,
Certified Water
Manager

tioned the harm and the impact of chemicals in our landscapes which migrate to our storm drains and to our waterways. Chemicals such as herbicides and insecticides, to name a couple.

The water we use is captured and cleansed in wastewater treatment plants, through very accurate and comprehensive processes. This treated wastewater makes its way to the drinking water treatment plants where operators work tirelessly day and night to

ensure the right dosages are applied to make this water suitable to drink.

Toilet to tap

The treated wastewater can actually be used for irrigation and in some cases, be treated to a degree to which it can become drinking water once more. This "Toilet to Tap" procedure has become a new reality. T1 is the first level of treatment operator certifications/licensures for Drinking Water. I have been advised by trusted sources within Drinking Water to make the commitment to study for the exam, pass, and join the ranks of those who serve our citizenry.

Chemicals can cause damage

Landscape Water Management and Irrigation Consultation is still a part of my skillset. But, over time, I have seen so much harmful behavior in Landscape Management and The Garden Center/Nursery Industry that I have essentially parted ways with them. Knowing what I now know about the damage these chemicals and products do to our environments and waterways ... I am not willing to continue working around such substances nor endorsing or promoting the purchase and use of such.

Looking back, at age 27, I took a summer job in a family-owned private retail nursery. A beautiful place! I learned a tremendous volume! From June 2006 to October 2021, I worked in garden centers, nurseries, and garden/nursery departments in hardware stores and home-improvement centers throughout San Jose and Santa Clara Valley.

As appreciative as I am for the knowledge and wisdom which was shared with me by veterans of those businesses, I cannot bring myself to continue on such a path.

One New Year's resolution: I have set my sights on earning my T1 certificate. "T1. T1 and counting."

I am committed to joining the ranks of those who work tirelessly in drinking water to make our most precious resource fit for one and all. Thank you each and all!

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Times Feature

Report: Best states to win the Mega Millions jackpot

California does not charge state tax on jackpots

By Mike Winters

After weeks without a winner, the Mega Millions jackpot is now \$1.35 billion — the second largest in the lottery's 27-year history and the fourth-largest ever in the U.S.

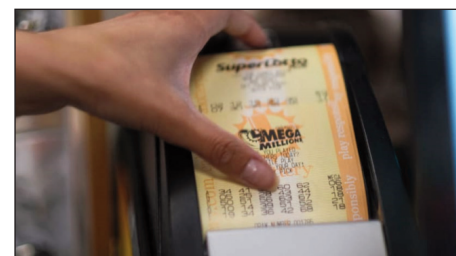
But depending on where you bought your ticket, those winnings can vary by as much as \$147 million due to state taxes.

Federal taxes are the same for everyone: 24% upfront on all winnings, although the total tax bill will almost certainly be 37% when you actually file. That's because winning more than \$578,125 as a single filer or \$693,750 married filing jointly would trigger the top tax rate for 2023.

State taxes are charged, too, but unlike federal taxes, they vary widely by state. They typically range from 3% to 6%, but go up to 10.9% in New York — the most charged by any state participating in the lottery.

However, eight states don't charge taxes at all:

- California
- Florida
- New Hampshire
- South Dakota
- Tennessee



- Texas
- Washington
- Wyoming

If you live in any of these states, you will take home the maximum payout. That means either \$446,014,045 as a cash lump sum or a 30-year annuity totaling \$851,611,350, according to usamega.com.

The cash payout is much less than the annuity, but it's often chosen since it can be reinvested right away.

The cash payout is \$77.1 million more in tax-free states than in New York, the most-taxed state. For the annuity, the difference is just over \$147 million.

Where you buy the ticket matters, too: If you buy a winning ticket outside your state or district, you will be subjected to state taxes for the state in which the ticket is purchased. Generally speaking, your home state will require you to report out-of-state winnings, but they will offer a credit or deduction for taxes already paid to a non-resident state.

That means a ticket purchased in Oregon — which has state tax of 8% on jackpot winnings — would be worth about \$70 million less than a ticket bought in California, which doesn't charge state taxes on jackpots.

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Times Arts



Symphony San Jose presents Nakamatsu Plays Grieg March 18-19 at the California Theater

San Jose's own Cliburn gold medal winner **Jon Nakamatsu** (pictured above) reprises the first work he ever played with Symphony San Jose: Grieg's Piano Concerto on Saturday, March 18 at 8 p.m. and Sunday March 19, at 2:30 p.m.

The program ends with Florence Price's pioneering Symphony No. 1, skillfully incorporating spirituals, folksong and syncopated African American dance rhythms into a classical structure.

The Program
David Amram: Jhaptal
Edvard Grieg: Piano Concerto
Florence Price: Symphony No. 1
Conductor: Aram Demirjian
Soloist: Jon Nakamatsu, piano

Tickets are available by phone: (408) 286.2600 ext. 1; or email: jmeyers@symphonysanjos.org; Website: www.symphonysanjos.org Walk-Up Box Office: 325 South First Street, San Jose, 95113. Located between San Carlos and San Salvador Street next to the California Theatre. Ticket Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 10am to 5pm.

Editor's Note: California Theatre is located at 345 South First Street, downtown San Jose. Convenient, inexpensive parking is located at a city-owned garage one-and-a-half blocks from the theater at San Carlos Street with entrances on Second and Third streets.

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