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ART AND HONORS

Almaden area students were recently honored by the Almaden Valley Women's Club. Scholarship winners (back to front, left to right) are Sean Kelker, Julia Samuel, Sharon Xiao, Arya Adibi, Nicole Nelson and Mikaela Fenton. Logo winners (left to right) are Kaci Ngo, Grace Malynn, Jacqueline Toh (winner), Cythia Zhou and Calista Lo.

Almaden area students awarded scholarships; festival logo design contest winner announced

By William Bellou
Publisher

Six Almaden area students were awarded scholarships by the Almaden Valley Women's Club on May 4.

The club also revealed the winning logo, created by Leland High School Junior, **Jacqueline Toh**, which will be featured on posters, ads and more in promotions for the club's annual

Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival. Toh has taken art classes for four years and enjoys making art cards for others art media.

Logo entries were received from area high schools, middle schools and art schools. There were four finalists who were also honored at the Almaden Valley Women's Club meeting. They are: **Grace Malynn**, a junior at Leland High School; **Calista Lo**, a sophomore at

Leland High School; **Cynthia Zhou**, a sophomore at Leland High School; and **Kaci Ngo**, an eighth grader at Castillero Middle School.

Scholarship recipients announced

Each year, a portion of the proceeds from the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival are donated for Academic & Service Scholarships to graduating seniors living in or near Almaden Valley. Scholarships are awarded on

the basis of academic achievement and community service. This year, six students were awarded scholarships from the Almaden Valley Women's Club. This year's recipients are:

Sean Kelker, a senior at Pioneer High School and, for the last two years, President of the Robotics Club. Sean has also served as the

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SJUSD reinvents self, looks to the future

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) is reinventing itself with a new brand, logo and vision.

"Externally and internally, we're learning how to rethink about ourselves and public education," says SJUSD Public Information Officer Peter Allen. "We do a pretty fantastic job educating tomorrow's leaders, thinkers and creators, but the community doesn't hear about it much. We want to make the district more accessible. We have nothing to hide and much to celebrate."

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SJUSD Public Information Officer **Peter Allen** speaks at a recent AVCA meeting.

Coyote pups orphaned by hit-and-run accident miraculously saved by SV Wildlife Center

By William Bellou
Publisher

Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley is now caring for five coyote pups who were orphaned after a hit-and-run accident on Almaden Expressway which killed their mother on May 4.

Nora Pierson, a volunteer at the center, a local nonprofit wildlife hospital, said the six-week old pups are receiving long-term care.

Local residents, Chuck Rossi and Silvia Restelli, noticed a Coyote Den on their property last week. Rossi set up a webcam to monitor the den and shared it on social media. The day

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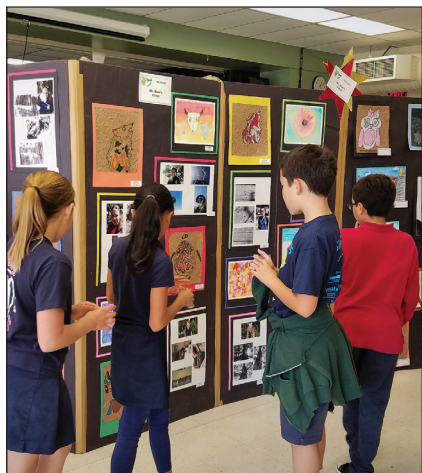
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Above, from left: Students tour the Art Show admiring the work of their peers; Student **Brayden Pena** poses by his self-portrait; Volunteer and Simonds alumnus **Joy Turkstra** ran the Trivia Raffle; Leland students **Bella Terrizzano** and **Marlene Gomez** volunteered at the cookie decorating station.

'Art From the Heart' show displays masterpiece work by Simonds students

By **Sean Eastwood**
Times staff writer

Simonds Elementary School invited the Almaden community to attend its 21st Simonds Art Show, entitled "Art From the Heart," April 25.

The annual show, which is a favorite for students and their families, featured more than 1,600 student art pieces created during the 2016-17 school year. In addition to craft activities, the event also included raffle prizes, and musical accompaniment by Simonds students.

Attended by more than 600 people, this year's Art Show offered 10 fun arts and crafts activity stations for the children including face painting, edible art, origami, wallpaper collages, foam art, Lego creations and a graffiti wall. The students completed art trivia quizzes for a chance to win big gift baskets full of art supplies.

Sponsored by the Simonds PTA, Art from the Heart is a culmination of the rich art education and hands-on projects students do all year through the Art Vistas Program led by parent volunteers. Students begin learning about line, color and shape in TK and Kindergarten classes and the lessons and projects get more complex as they move through the grades. By 5th grade the children are studying specific artists and genres of art through history. According to Art Vistas Chair, Bonnie Olmsted, "This beloved program gives students a true art education and is made possible by 25 passionate, dedicated parent volunteers that we call our Simonds Art Docents."

Simonds has been implementing the Art Vistas program since the 1980's when it was launched by parents in the Union School District. More than 150 art presentations and projects are given in the Simonds classrooms throughout the year. The result is this annual Art Show displaying 3-D masterpieces like clay creations, plaster masks and foil action figures. In addition the walls were decorated with tempura and watercolor paintings, charcoal sketches, African printing, photography and oil pastel drawings.

"This year's Art Show was a huge success due to the dedication of the Parent Volunteers and total support by the Simonds PTA," said Olmsted.

"The teachers, parents and school administration know the value of this rich program and are proud of the 'Art from the Heart' Art Show!"



Almaden Senior Association receives city-wide volunteer of the year appreciation award

The Almaden Senior Association has received the City-wide Volunteer of the Year award at the city-wide volunteer appreciation event at Happy Hollow Park on April 27.

The organization has been instrumental in the success of various senior programs in Almaden Valley. Each volunteer has contributed their time and efforts in improving senior trips, special events, programs and classes.

In addition, the association supports the overall community center programming by donating funds that can



be used by participants of all ages, which inspires community members and city staff.

For more information on social events, trips and calendar, go to their informative website. Such activities improve the quality of life for all at: almadenseniors.org.

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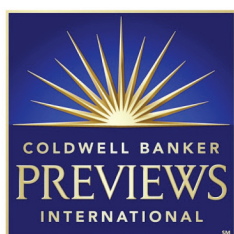
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Coyotes

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of the accident, when monitoring his webcam, he noticed that the mom was no longer there.

It was confirmed that the mom was killed in a hit-and-run accident on Almaden Expressway. Rossi contacted the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley to inform them of the five orphaned coyote pups and continued to monitor the Den.

A group of wildlife experts went out to the property in an attempt to rescue the coyotes. After four days, they were finally able to extract all of the pups and bring them to the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley's Hospital Manager at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7.

Ashley Kinney, The Center's Hospital Manager, conducted the initial intake exam and found that "in addition to being orphaned, the pups were severely dehydrated and covered in fleas. These coyotes will most likely need to be in our care until the fall. It is estimated that they are five-and-a-half to six weeks old. Natural dispersal of coyotes in the wild generally happens in the fall, as that is when they are fully weaned and able to fend for themselves."

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley is no stranger to receiving orphaned animals. With intake numbers exponentially increasing every day, the Center is in the height of their busy season, receiving up to sixty sick, injured, and orphaned animals per day.

Two days after the Center received the coyotes from the Rossi property, another coyote was hit by a car -- this time, at the intersection of Hellyer Avenue and Embedded Way near the Sportsplex.

San Jose Animal Care Center brought the injured coyote the Wildlife Center and it was discovered that she was lactating. Unfortunately, she didn't make it due to the



severity of her injuries. After posting this info on social media, 390 people had shared the post by the end of the day in an attempt to help find the orphaned pups.

Those living and working in the area near Silver Creek Country Club are on the lookout for the orphaned coyotes; and are calling the Center (408-929-WILD) whenever there is a sighting.

This misunderstood, and often disliked, native mammal is a part of our local environment. In addition to rehabilitating them, the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley is one of the few advocates that work on a daily basis to help educate the public on ways to positively coexist with our coyote neighbors.

The WCSV is a leased facility of the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department, funded in part by support from the City of San Jose, the City of Milpitas, The city of Sunnyvale and the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority.

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Youth Task Force Commissioner in which he is the voice of his peers in the county by reviewing policies, initiatives and designing recommendations on issues as they relate to children and youth.

Julia Samuel is a senior at Leland High School who strives to make a difference in the world around her. One of her teachers summed up her commitment, "Julia is an exceptional student who has actually made me a better teacher as I have striven to attain for myself, the same high goals she sets for herself."

Sharon Xiao is a senior at Leland High School. As a junior, Sharon joined the team at YiYing Medical Clinic where she has been an autism support volunteer. She was also accepted as an intern in Clinical Neuroscience at the Stanford Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Sharon has also been accepted into the Science Internship program at UCSC to conduct psychological research on racial attitudes.

Mikaela Fenton is a senior at Notre Dame

High School. For her entire high school career, Mikaela has been actively involved in the Students Against Modern Slavery club where she is currently President. The club helps prevent human trafficking by raising social consciousness and education in her community. She also created the Hummingbird Project website which includes a series of comprehensive video interviews with experts, government officials and advocates.

Nicole Nelson is a senior at Notre Dame High School and a leader of Students Against Destructive Decisions where she presents curriculum to middle school students about healthy decision making. She is also a member of the JW House where she provides comfort for home away from home families facing medical crisis. Nicole is also the Team Captain for her school's Swim Team.

Arya Adibi is a senior at Bellerme College Preparatory. He is involved with Sunday Friends where he serves as the Computer Coach. He initiated change within the workshops by meeting with administration officials asking them to focus on work and study skills. He is currently reprogramming all of the hardware and software to support these workshops.

Jackie Jones presents...

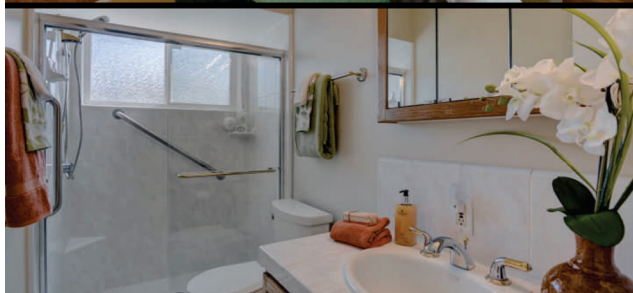
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SJUSD

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At a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting, Allen unveiled the district's 2017-2020 Strategic Plan. Among its objectives is providing a high-quality, comprehensive instructional program. "We want to make sure students feel empowered, safe, and secure," says Allen, "and that parents have all the information they need to become more engaged."

A new, more informative SJUSD website will be launched in August, coinciding with the new school year. Featured on the district's website will be their new logo, which consists of multi-colored circles surrounding a U-shaped shield. The shield represents safety and the "U" stands for the unified school district. The circles represent the district's stakeholders: students, parents, teachers, staff and community.

The district tasks itself with demonstrating effective, efficient and exemplary practices in all divisions, departments and schools. To Allen that means, "Do your job. Do it well and go above and beyond."

Attracting, recruiting, supporting and retaining a highly effective and diverse workforce is a major focus of the district's strategic plan, but it's also a challenge. "We aim to put high quality teachers in front of every student," says Allen, "and make sure all support staff throughout the district are aligned towards student success in the classroom." Unfortunately, the high cost of living in the Bay Area can make this problematic. "Teachers and staff aren't leaving because they're frustrated with their jobs," says Allen. "They're leaving because they can't afford to live here."

Lastly, the district seeks to align resources to the Strategic Plan and equity policy, while demonstrating cost-effective budget management. "With the budget, we want to make sure we're spending money wisely and putting it in the right places," says Allen. With equity policy, the district seeks to ensure that teachers and staff receive professional development and that every student has an equal opportunity to succeed. Using a baseball fence analogy to drive his point home, Allen says to imagine a tall child being able to see over a fence. With the help of a box, a shorter child can also see over the fence. However, the district takes equality one-step further. "Equality means taking away the fence and making sure there are no obstacles," says Allen, "so that everyone has an equal opportunity to see the game and be in the game."

Residents expressed concern with the status of education, graduation rates and declining enrollment.

Allen says that SJUSD's 87 percent graduation rate and 50 percent college readiness is similar to other comparable districts. To make a difference early on with reading readiness and education, SJUSD is adding transitional kindergarten classes and offering preschool at 11 district schools.

Like other districts, SJUSD is experiencing declining enrollment due to socioeconomic factors. "People can't afford to live here and are moving out," says Allen. "It's something we have to address, but can't control." Due to a decline in funding, tied in with their number of students, Allen says that the school dis-

trict will have to adjust, switching around teaching and staff positions. They hope to avoid many layoffs due to attrition and retirement. However, they are still trying to recruit teachers for math and science. "We'll see how it all shakes out," says Allen. "We're doing everything we can to align our resources, look at staffing sheets, shift things around and view this as an opportunity."

When asked by residents if illegal immigrants affect enrollment, Allen notes that the district doesn't track immigration status. "The bigger concern is how it affects education," he says. "We make sure students know their rights and that they're in a safe space where they can get a quality education. We try to allay fears of INS raids and deportation. We're also hoping for more clarity from the federal government on policy."

Residents asked if private and charter schools are responsible for public school's declining enrollment and if public schools now mainly serve lower-income students. "The cost of living and students moving out of the area affects it more," says Allen. "We

suffer from having a broad geographic base, including areas with a lack of diversity economically, but we have a large population of middle and upper class students as well. A lot of parents want to send their kids to neighborhood schools."

Allen also outlined recent bond projects (which fund brick and mortar physical projects). Measure H allocates \$290 million for upgrades to school facilities and classrooms. "About \$180 million has been issued so far," says Allen. "Paint and new carpet make everyone feel more comfortable and successful." The district office is also undergoing a remodel, which includes relocating SJUSD's Enrollment Center from its Pearl Ave. address in June, making one stop shopping for parents.

Measure H bond projects include updating high school aquatic and Performing Arts centers. Before planning and construction, a Blue Ribbon board will examine the district's six high schools, set a standard and bring all the facilities to that standard.

The district has earmarked \$15 million for solar energy projects at 25 school sites (\$13 million is from Clean Renewable Energy Bonds). "The solar panels will save \$50 million over the next 25 years," says Allen. They provide shade as well, which is lacking at some schools.

Bond Measure Y, an eight-year, \$72 parcel tax passed in November 2016, generates \$5 million a year for school staff and programs. Exemption applications for seniors are due June 30.

Allen urges the community to become more involved with School Site Councils and Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees, as well as with the school district. SJUSD Board of Education meetings are held on Thursday nights at 6 p.m. at 855 Lenzen Ave., SJ 95126. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for June 1 and 15.

"We're trying to actively reach out as much as possible," says Allen. "It's incumbent on us to give you more information and to be more present in the community. It's important for our community to be involved and to speak out."

To contact SJUSD Public Information Officer Peter Allen, Email: pio@sjusd.org or call: 408-535-6444.



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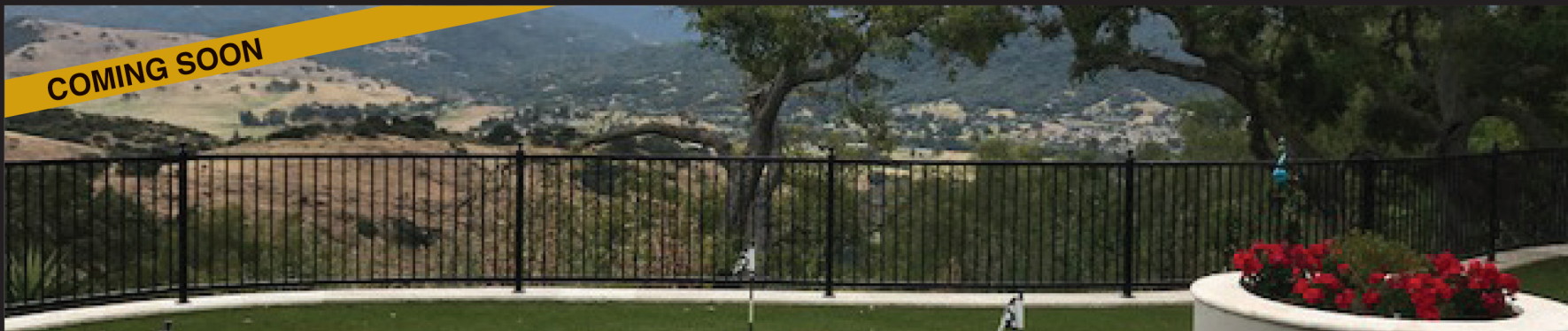
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Route 87 congestion to be studied

By Councilmember Johnny Khamis
Special to the Times

At my request, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and the City of San Jose have entered into a partnership to study traffic congestion on the State Route 87 corridor between State Route 85 and US 101, along with potential technology-related solutions to this challenge. The study is funded with \$150,000 from the VTA and \$75,000 from the City of San Jose.

The enhancements would focus on operational treatments, assessments of all modes of travel, and programs that could be implemented to encourage commuters to consider modes other than driving solo. This could include use of shoulders on ramps and/or the mainline as travel lanes during certain times of the day.

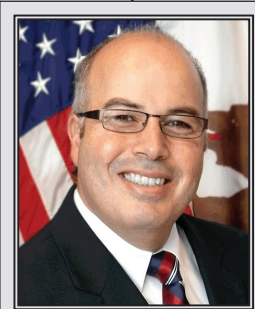
The longer-term goal is to identify enhancements for possible inclusion in future updates of the VTA's Valley Transportation Plan. In April 2017, VTA started the study with a review of existing traffic conditions. The VTA is reaching out to City staff to discuss details on the scope of the study and provide an update on what has been learned to date. The study is projected to be completed by the end of the 2017 calendar year.

If you have any questions about the State Route 87 Corridor Study, please call the VTA's Community Outreach Department at (408)

321-7575, (TTY) for the hearing-impaired (408) 321-2330. You may also e-mail the VTA at community.outreach@vta.org.

Another initiative I have championed to combat traffic congestion on State Route 87 is to create a contiguous, off-street bicycle route from the southern part of the City to downtown. A safe, off-street route for bicycles, connecting the Los Alamitos and Guadalupe trails, like the one that exists along the Guadalupe River from downtown to North San Jose and Alviso, would provide people with an alternative to driving highway 87 each day and help relieve congestion on this busy corridor, benefitting the remaining drivers.

The draft environmental report for this project has been prepared and the public has until May 30th to comment on the draft. For more information about the Guadalupe River Trail Master Plan visit sanjoseca.gov/civicalerts.aspx?aid=1905, and to review the draft environmental report visit sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/67987.



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Johnny Khamis, City Councilmember

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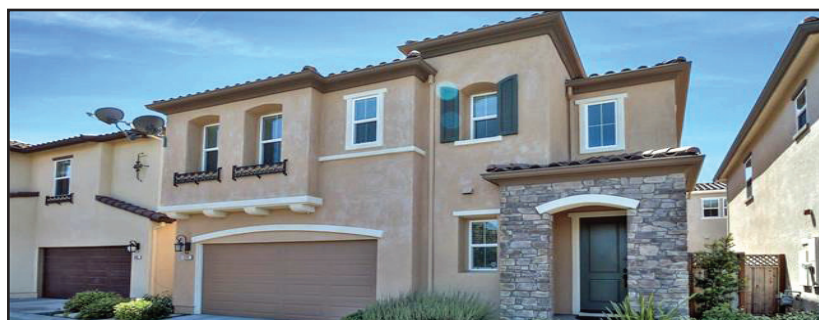
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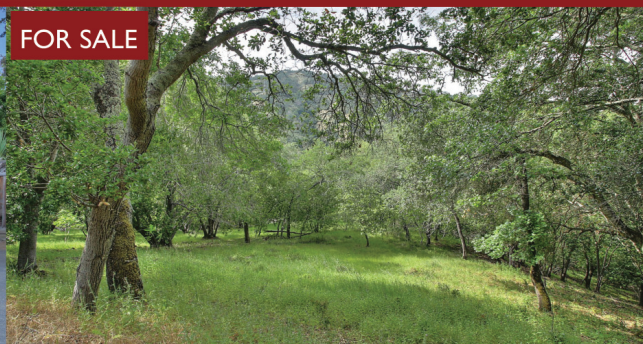
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Almaden's **Eleanor Paul** shines on stage at Carnegie Hall last month.

Almaden students shine at Carnegie Hall

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

A group of talented students from Kaichi's Almaden Piano Studio performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City last month.

The invitation came from the International Music and Arts

Society, a non-profit organization founded in 2010 with the mission of advancing musical and cultural relationships between teachers and students worldwide.

"I'm so very proud of our hard working students who performed so beautifully at Carnegie Hall," said Kai Chi Zhu, owner of Kaichi's Piano Studio in Almaden Valley. "Each one of them is very motivated and talented. They are already frequent winners of local competitions. Being selected out of a pool of international students and performing at Carnegie Hall is an event that our students will treasure for the rest of their life!"

Angelina Chen, Jocelyn Horng, Aidan Kwon and **Eleanor Paul** performed difficult piano compositions by memory in front of an enthusiastic audience. **Megan Auyeung** could not make the trip due to a family emergency.

Seven year old Angelina played an interesting work, titled "Birds" by Seymour Berstein. It is a suite of eight pieces, describing eight different birds. Angelina played five of the eight compositions.

Angelina Chen

"When my mom told me I was chosen to perform at the Carnegie Hall, I was very happy because I love wearing pretty dresses," said Angelina. "It was super-duper exciting to fly to Carnegie Hall with my five friend birds. I love being on stage!"

Jocelyn Horng

"After performing, I was really proud of myself for not freezing up during the performance," said Jocelyn, a freshman at Evergreen High School. "Several people came up to me afterwards, praising my performance. I'm happy I was given this opportunity to play in such a respected and prestigious music hall. It was truly an honor."

Aidan Kwon

"I had a very nervous feeling when I walked into the recital hall," said Aidan.

"Truth was, however, that I was very happy when I was playing in front of 200 people on a grand piano. Playing at Carnegie Hall is one of the highlights of my life. April 29th was a special day and a fun experience. I want to thank Mrs. Zhu for all her hard work that

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Pianists

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Eleanor Paul

"Performing at Carnegie Hall was amazing. I was honored to be offered this once in a lifetime opportunity," said Eleanor. Perform-ing at such a legendary venue was inspiring. Music has been an important part of my life, and it was great to see how far I've come. I'm also really grateful to my mom, my grandma, and my cousin, who traveled from out of state for my performance."

Editor's note: Kaichi's Piano Studio, located in Almaden Valley, is dedicated to teaching and cultivating young Bay Area musicians.

Above left: **Aiden Kwon**. Above right: **Jocelyn Horng**. Below: **Angelina Chen**.



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Movers and shakers turn out for Bike to Work Day

Some say that bicycling is the new golf; if you want to rub elbows with the boss, you'd better join her for a spin.

That's exactly what happened as employers and employees too took to the streets for the 2017 Bike to Work Day seven mile ride on Thursday, May 11 for the Movers and Shakers Ride hosted by the Valley Transportation Authority, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, and City of San Jose.

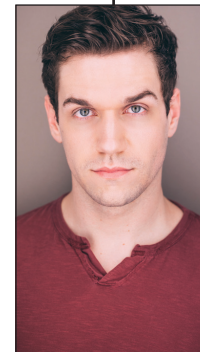
The group began its trek at the "Energizer Station" at the King Library hosted by the City of San Jose and stopped at two more stations along the way

where riders grabbed a snack and goodie bag on their way to work.

Participating in the event were VTA General Manager/CEO Nuria Fernandez and SVBC Executive Director Shiloh Ballard. They lead a group of Silicon Valley elected officials and commuters on a ride down the Guadalupe River Trail from the Dr. Martin Luther King Library in Downtown San José to VTA headquarters at 3331 North First Street. San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager also joined Fernandez and Ballard to address the crowd.

'Hamilton' performer returns to high school alma mater and gives back by sharing inspirational knowledge

Ryan Vasquez, currently performing in San Francisco with the national touring company production of the Tony-Award winning musical, "Hamilton," returned to Bellarmine College Preparatory to have a question and answer session with the school's current students on May 16.



Vasquez, a Bellarmine alumnus from the Class of 2010, has extensive Broadway credits, including roles in "Waitress," and "Wicked."

While at Bellarmine, Vasquez starred in many of the school's productions ("West Side Story," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Bat Boy," "Arcadia," "Urinetown," "The Foreigner"). He

was also a championship member of the speech and debate team, a member of Bellarmine's improvisational comedy group, Sanguine Humours, and performed in Bellarmine's Summer Alumni Theatre production of "The 24th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

Editor's Note: The Orpheum Theatre was built in 1926 and is a San Francisco historical landmark. 'Hamilton' is playing at the Orpheum Theatre through August 5. This play is considered premier and to find out more visit the theatre website at: orpheum-theater.com/orpheum_theater_san_francisco.php

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Symphony Silicon Valley presents 'Misa Tango' June 3-4 featuring composer Juan Pablo Jofre

By William Bellou
Publisher

Composer and Bandoneon player Juan Pablo Jofre and the Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale are the featured artists when Symphony Silicon Valley presents its last performance of the season, "Misa Tango," June 3-4 at the California Theater in San Jose.

Guest conductor Carlos Vieu will lead the orchestra in presenting the Suite from Ballet La Strada by Nono Rota; Symphonic Tango Suite, by Horacio Salgán and Astor Piazzolla; and Misa Tango, by Luis Bacalov.

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Juan Pablo Jofre

Composer-Bandoneon player, Juan Pablo Jofre, is the winner of the National Prize of the Arts Grant in Argentina, Jofre, repeatedly highlighted by the New York Times, has taken his form of contemporary tango to some of the most important venues in Asia, Europe, America and the Caribbean as soloist, composer and arranger. In 2012, Jofre appeared at the Latin Grammy ceremony in Las Vegas alongside Aida Cuevas and gave a bandoneón workshop at Las Vegas University with the Latin jazz Ulli Geissendoerfer Ensemble. The same year he performed and premiered new compositions for string orchestra and chamber ensembles in Japan, Taiwan, Argentina and Italy. He recently performed at the Umbria Jazz Festival in Italy, premiering a new concerto for bandoneón and string orchestra composed and arranged by him. Juan Pablo Jofre continues to write music for his Nuevo Tango projects and for string orchestras.

Carlos Vieu

Conductor Carlos Vieu graduated from La Plata National University in his native Argentina, where he studied conducting with Guillermo Scarabino. After receiving a scholarship from the Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA), he went to Venezuela to study El Sistema, the innovative music education program and association of youth orchestras, and conducted several orchestras while there. Vieu also



Carlos Vieu

studied in Barcelona with Antoni Ros Marbá and attended masterclasses with Kurt Masur, Charles Dutoit, Helmuth Rilling, Romano Gandolfi and others. Vieu is currently university professor of Orchestral Conducting at Catholic National University, where he also teaches chamber music, instrumental performance and choir directing.

Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale

The Symphony Silicon Valley

Chorale, directed by Maestros Elena Sharkova, has become known for its eclectic mix of vibrant programs. It most often performs at the California Theatre, where it accompanies the Symphony in performing major works. The Chorale also performs pieces from the classical and popular repertoire on its own and with guest soloists. Sharkova is recognized nationally and internationally as an inspirational, versatile, and effective conductor, choral clinician,

music educator, and lecturer. She has conducted professional, university, youth, and community choirs and orchestras in 17 countries. Sharkova has served as a jury member at numerous national and international music festivals and competitions. An expert on Russian choral music, Elena has lectured extensively on its repertoire and performance practices and conducted several U.S. premiers of Russian contemporary compositions.



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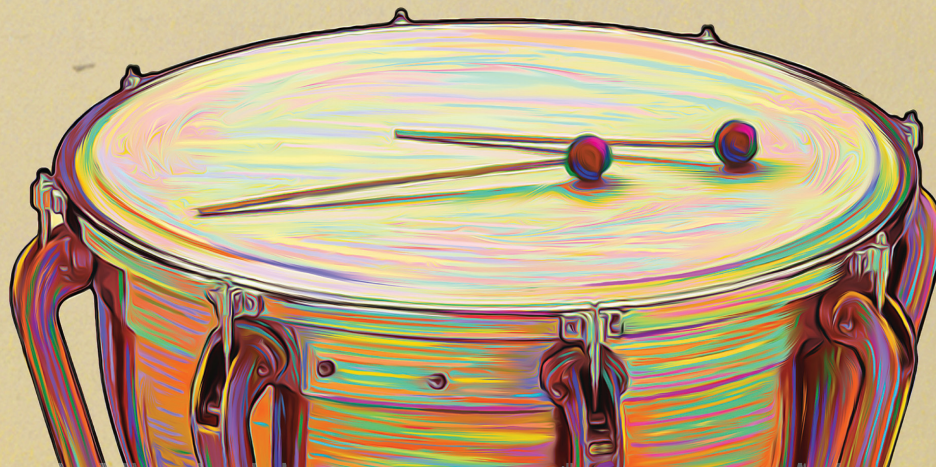
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Leland High School hockey players win San Jose Sharks JVA Hockey League Championship

After a long and hard season, hockey players from Leland High School, as part of the NorCal Storm hockey team, overcame a sometimes tense play-off series to win the San Jose Sharks JVA Hockey League Championship.

After finishing second in the standings after going 7-4-1 in the regular season, Storm advanced through the play-offs, winning 4 to 1 against the East Bay Devils in the first round, and closing out a sometimes tense semi-final against the South County Smurfs 7-4 to advance to the final against the St Francis Lancers.

The final, held at Sharks Ice in San Jose, was won in decisive fashion with a 7 to 1 victory. NorCal Storm started well, and scored early in the first period to go 1-0 up. The Lancers answered back shortly after to tie the game at 1-1. However, that was the last meaningful action from St Francis, as the NorCal Storm team would ultimately keep the Lancers at that 1 goal, and scored a further 6 unanswered goals to win the game. Congratulations to the NorCal Storm players and coaches, and especially to the Leland players – Curtis Jordan, Alex Maas, Connor Curley, Ryan Schuster, Jacob Radzinski, and Erik Wong.



Students recognized are: SVCTE Animation student Jazmin Gonzalez, Mana Inoue, Catherine Monroy, Michael Rich, Teague Shattuck and Sheryl See, who were among 37 globally featured artists.

Students win at Disney Teen Animation Festival

By William Bellou
Publisher

Six local high school students from Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE) were recognized as the world's best teen animators and their submissions were screened recently at the Disney Teen Animation Festival International.

Students recognized are: SVCTE Animation student Jazmin Gonzalez, Mana Inoue, Catherine Monroy, Michael Rich, Teague Shattuck and Sheryl See, who were among 37 globally featured artists.

The event was held at the San Francisco Walt Disney Family Museum and included screenings of festival selections, portfolio reviews, panel discussions, and a keynote address from artist Robb Denovan, animator on Brave, Monsters University, and Inside Out. Students met with professionals from Disney, Pixar, DreamWorks, and Nickelodeon for portfolio reviews and career advice.

The SVCTE Animation class is hands-on,

project-based learning that meets five days a week for two or three hour sessions. Students build the basic foundation skills necessary for employment in the animation industry. Michael Rich, a student from Oak Grove High School and a festival participant, added, "this class gave me the time and motivation (referring to foundation skills)."

A different class at my home school wouldn't give me a three-hour class." In the fall, Michael will attend UC Santa Barbara to major in Economics, with a plan to transfer to UCLA or USC to major in animation.

About Metropolitan Education District: MetroED provides Career Technical Education and academic programs to over 2,600 high school and adult students in Santa Clara County. From its campus located centrally in San Jose, California, the district operates Silicon Valley Career Technical Education and Silicon Valley Adult Education.

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Nancy Zheng winner of 2017 Concerto Movement Competition to perform with Palo Alto Philharmonic

By William Bellou
Publisher

Nancy Zheng, a seventh grader at Bret Harte Middle School, is a winner in the 2017 Concerto Movement competition.

Zheng will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 in C, Op. 15 on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m. with the Palo Alto Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Palo Alto Philharmonic Concerto Movement Competition is one of most competitive competitions for young musicians in the Bay Area. Only the very best young musicians are selected each year to perform with the orchestra.

Zheng has been studying piano with Kai Chi Zhu in Almaden since she was five years old and has won numerous prizes at the US Open Music Competition, including first places in both showcase solo and open concerto categories, and outstanding gold medalist award. Twelve year old Zheng also won first prize at the Marian Filice Piano Competition, first prize at the US International Music Competition, and grand prize at the MTAC Santa Clara Branch



Concerto Competition.

Besides music, Zheng loves reading, math, drawing, dancing, playing tennis, and rooting for Bay Area sports teams.

Editor's note: The 2017 Concerto Movement Competition will showcase six winning performances and will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m. at Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tickets (\$10 general admission, \$5 students) are available for purchase at the door beginning one hour prior to the performance. (Cash or checks only).

Wings of Freedom Tour featuring WWII vintage aircraft returns to Moffett Airfield May 19-27

The Wings of Freedom Tour of the WWII Vintage Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24 Liberator, B-25 Mitchell and North American P-51 will be held May 19 to May 27 at Moffett Airfield.

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The B-25 is best known for being used in the daring Doolittle raid. The P-51 Mustang was just awarded Grand Champion for restoration at EAA Oshkosh AirVenture. Visitors are invited to explore the aircraft inside and out - \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 is requested for access to up-close viewing and tours through the inside of the aircraft.

Visitors may also experience the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to actually take a 30-minute flight aboard these rare aircraft. Flights on either the B-17 or B-24 are \$450 per person. Get some "stick time" in the world's greatest fighter! P-51 flight training is \$2,200 for a half hour and \$3,200 for a full hour. B-25 flights are \$400 per person.

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Mortgage applications rise as more home buyers hit the spring market

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Mortgage volume is improving again as more home buyers are entering contracts for the spring housing market.

Total mortgage application volume increased 2.4 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis last week from the previous

week, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

"Continuing strength in the job market and improving consumer confidence drove overall purchase applications to increase last week," said MBA economist Joel Kan. "The index for purchase applications reached its highest level since the beginning of October 2015, which was the week prior to the implementation of the federal government's 'know before you owe' rule."

Mortgage rates have been inching higher in general and have only moved lower on three out of the past 15 business days, according to Mortgage News Daily.

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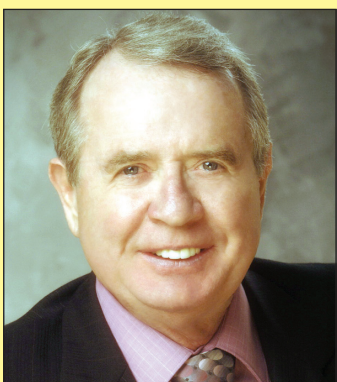
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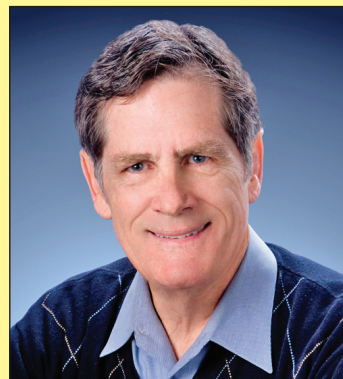
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