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Celebrity Grape Stomp... and the winner is...

San Jose, CA – Typically, politicians stump. Today at the Festa, they stomped!

San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan stomped his way to victory in the inaugural Festa Celebrity Grape Stomp. Santa Clara Mayor Lisa Gillmor and Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano put up a good fight (with their feet).... but in the end... Mayor Mahan stomped out the most grape juice volume, collected in a mason jar.

We thank all three mayors for being great sports!

Grape Stomping heats continue Sunday at the Festa. Anyone can try their hand (or foot) at it. All you have to do is sign up in person at the Grape Stomp Stage. There will be multiple heats from 2-3pm. There is a prize for the winner!

Today, the Festa also featured pizza dough tossing demonstrations with Chef John D’Ambrosio of Giorgio’s Italian Food. Sicilian Songstress Michela Musolino and Roman Legionaries on parade... when they’re not in their Roman Encampment.

Photos attached. Video below. Please courtesy “Italian Family Festa SJ”

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