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## National Night Out 2021 celebration slated for Aug. 3

On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, neighborhoods participating in National Night Out events throughout San José are asked to join in a city-wide effort to strengthen their community by planning an event with their neighbors.

Residents are encouraged to light up their street by turning on outside lights and spending the evening with your community and local police department.

National Night Out is an annual crime prevention event and community-building campaign that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the San José Police Department.

More than 38 million people across the country are expected to participate in National Night Out efforts to strengthen partnerships between neighbors and local law enforcement agencies.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community

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Community walkthrough at the newly opened Arcadia Ballpark in San José, CA, Saturday, July 17 2021. Photo: City of San José Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Content, Digital Media Communications Unit John Amayun

## Play Ball! Arcadia Ballpark is a hit!

Land donated by Arcadia Development Co. for community to enjoy

By Kevin Larsen  
Times staff writer

Hey batter, batter; swing! Strike one!

The pitcher winds up and releases another throw...

The crack of the bat is heard and the runner drops the lumber and rounds the bases. "It's out-a- here, a home run!," yells a fan in the stands.

That is exactly what Sam Liccardo and other members of the City Council including Rose Herrera did. They hit the ball out of the park in creating ARCADIA ball park for public use in San Jose.

On Saturday, July 17, just across from Eastridge, the iron gates of the Arcadia Ballpark opened with free ice cream and exhibition games. Hundreds attended.

The Santa Clara County region needed professional top flight ball fields for softball and baseball for young adults and Vintage players and all other levels of team play. These four fields bring it home for tournament and league play located in the Evergreen area of San Jose.

The Arcadia Development Company struck a generous deal with the City of San Jose and donated this land to the community. In return, the city expertly waters, trims, manures and maintains the lawns and dirt fields. The layout of the ballpark makes it a jewel!

The thought of walking into the Arcadia Ballpark might not have occurred to you. You may not even play softball or baseball. That's ok, this is your park and you can come in and watch and use the little tyke playground for the little ones. When you do walk through the gates you will

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## Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park opens

General admission day passes and parking passes are now available to all who want to ride in the Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park.

Membership reservations are no longer required to visit the park, however, visitors must fill out their free waiver online prior to arrival at the park by visiting [tinyurl.com/4wbkj3vp](http://tinyurl.com/4wbkj3vp)

Visitors are advised to bring their own pads and water as the Pro Shop remains closed to the public.

Following state and county guidelines, park visitors will not be required to wear face coverings while in the park.

Unvaccinated Park visitors are encouraged to wear face coverings in crowded outdoor areas.

Often professional skateboarders, scooter riders and bikers are seen at Action Sports Park. Also the park has re-done the slope style jumps and installed newly designed pump tracks, so check it out!



Photo courtesy of Action Sports Park

While helping inform residents of the park at the opening of the Arcadia Ballpark, Alec and Brian stated the following at the Action Sports Park booth:

- Largest skate park in California
- The bike park surrounds the skate park

- Dual slalom track
- Slope style jumps
- Pump track

Editor's note: Currently the Action Sports Park opens at noon Wednesday-Friday and 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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Times **Community News**

### California approves 1st state-funded guaranteed monthly income plan

California lawmakers have approved the first state-funded guaranteed income plan for monthly cash payments to qualifying pregnant people and young adults who recently left foster care in the U.S.

The allocation of more than \$35 million for the program allows no restrictions on how the money is spent by qualifying former foster care adults.

California lawmakers left it up to local officials to determine the size of the monthly payments, which generally range from \$500 to \$1,000 in existing programs around the country.

The bipartisan votes — 36-0 in the Senate and 64-0 in the Assembly — demon-

strated the underlying support for an idea that is gaining momentum across the U.S.

“If you look at the stats for our foster youth, they are devastating,” Senate Republican Leader Scott Wilk said. “We should be doing all we can to lift these young people up.”

Local governments and organizations will apply for the money and run their programs. The state Department of Social Services will decide who gets funding.

Some critics point out that guaranteed income programs “undermine incentives to work and increase dependence on government, and such programs do not address the need for job training and skills required for economic upward mobility.

Santa Clara County’s guaranteed income foster program has cost the county \$1.4 million so far. Participants receive the money on a debit card, which they can use for purchases or to withdraw money from an ATM.

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### Ninth Circuit rules Governor Newsom’s COVID closure of private schools unconstitutional

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed and remanded a district court ruling erroneously upholding Governor Newsom’s closure of nearly 80 percent of schools across California, Friday, July 23.

In doing so, the Ninth Circuit held that Governor Newsom’s COVID-19 order closing private schools violated parents’ Due Process rights to determine the forum of their kids’ education.

The Center for American Liberty (@Liberty\_Ctr), with counsel Eimer Stahl LLP and the Dhillon Law Group (@dhillonlaw), appealed the District Court’s summary judgment dismissal of the landmark #OpenCASchools case, Brach v. Newsom.

In ruling for parents, the Ninth Circuit reasoned: “...the Supreme Court has long held that ‘the right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children is a fundamental liberty interest protected by the Due Process Clause,’ and that right includes ‘the right of parents to be free from state interference with their choice of the educational forum itself.’”

“Because California’s ban on in-person schooling abridges a fundamental liberty of these five Plaintiffs that is protected by the Due Process Clause that prohibition can be upheld only if it withstands strict scrutiny.

Given the state closure order’s lack of narrow tailoring, we cannot say that, as a matter of law, it survives such scrutiny.”

“Today’s opinion from the Ninth Circuit is a huge victory for parents’ rights,” said Harmeet K. Dhillon, CEO of the Center for American Liberty. “The Ninth Circuit rightly ruled in parents’ favor, affirming that they – and not Gavin Newsom or faceless bureaucrats -- have the right to decide how best to education their children.”

“While we are thrilled for our clients whose rights are vindicated by today’s decision, we are disappointed the Ninth Circuit did not rule that all students, including those in public school, have a basic right to an education. We will continue to advocate for the educational rights of all students,” Dhillon said.

### Evergreen School District returns to in-person instruction Wed, Aug 18

The Evergreen School District (ESD) Board of Trustees has passed a resolution declaring its commitment to return to 100 percent in-person instruction beginning August 18, 2021.

ESD will utilize the same 180 days-a-year full-day schedules employed on March 13, 2020, prior to pandemic-related school closures and schedule changes, barring any county or state guidelines prohibiting it.

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Times **Community News**

# Rides are back at Happy Hollow!

Guests can now enjoy all their favorites at the amusement park and zoo

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo visitors can once again enjoy the park's family-friendly rides and attractions along with the two zoo areas.

The \$17.25 admission ticket includes both zoo areas, all play areas and rides. The Picnic Basket is open with an expanded menu and indoor dining soon to follow. Time limits have been removed from play areas, allowing for open play, and rides are now operating daily, as available.

"With nearly 500,000 visitors per year and 1.3 million total riders, we know that rides are a popular aspect of the Happy Hollow experience and we are thrilled to re-open more areas of the park and zoo for members and visitors to enjoy," says General Manager Kiersten McCormick.

More Zoo in the Hollow and the Zoo on the Hill areas are re-opening as well. Guests can now interact with Happy Hollow's goat herd at the popular contact yard and get a close-up encounter with Navajo-Churro sheep and a dwarf zebu at The Barn within Double-H Ranch.



Keeper chats will resume in the Zoo in the Hollow, and Animal Meet & Greet in the Zoo on the Hill are expected to return later this summer. The Puppet Castle Theater and the Crooked House, an indoor play area, remain closed. Both are expected to re-open in the fall. *(Continued, next page)*

In line with state and county guidelines, face coverings are required for unvaccinated visitors when indoors or in crowded outdoor settings. Guests are asked to stay home if they are feeling sick. Extra hand washing and hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the park and zoo, and high-touch surfaces are sanitized regu-

larly.

"Our rides team takes pride in providing fun, safe experiences for families with young children," says Interim Assistant General Manager, Mario Day. "We are excited to welcome guests back to our most popular rides like Danny the Dragon and the Pacific Fruit Express roller coaster."

Happy Hollow is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Same-day ticket purchases are available on-site, but guests are encouraged to purchase tickets ahead of time through the online reservation system to ensure their entry. Reservations are no longer timed, with guests able to enter any-

time between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the day of their reservation. Reservations are free of charge for Happy Hollow members and children under two. Visit our website to plan your next visit.

Visiting the amusement park and zoo helps promote wildlife conservation and research locally and around the globe. The Happy Hollow Quarters for Conservation program devotes 25 cents of every ticket sold and \$1 of every membership to help protect animals in the wild.

## About the Happy Hollow Park & Zoo

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo has provided outdoor play to the Bay Area since 1961. Happy Hollow is a facility of the San José's Department of Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services, and is supported by the Happy Hollow Foundation. The mission of Happy Hollow is connecting people to nature through play. Happy Hollow features a unique combination of family rides and amusements, a Puppet Castle Theater, nature themed play areas, special events for all seasons, an Association of Zoos and Aquariums accredited zoo, and a zoo education and wildlife conservation program with classes and camps for all ages. Happy Hollow also offers annual memberships for families and individuals. [www.happyhollow.org](http://www.happyhollow.org)

## Night Out

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partnerships

- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local crime prevention efforts

Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQ's to block parties. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, games, contests, food or clothing donations, plan a clean-up day to beautify a common area, discuss neighborhood issues or set neighborhood goals, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program. It is an opportunity to be creative, have fun and celebrate your neighborhood!

For any further questions about National Night Out contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133 and speak with any of the National Night Out Planning Team staff members.

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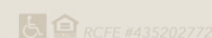
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## KUDOS

### Nithya Badrinath named to dean's list at Tufts University

Tufts University has announced that Evergreen Valley resident Nithya Badrinath has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester.

Badrinath, class of 2022, is majoring in International Relations, concentrating in International Security, and Psychology.

Badrinath serves as an assistant for Christine Barber State Representative at Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In her second year, she assists Rep. Barber and her office in supporting legislation through research, writing testimony, drafting talking points, and producing communications materials.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions.

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## Fairy doors

Evergreen resident Jeanette Campa came across fairy doors last week at two different locations at the Villages Golf and Country Club. A fairy door is a miniature door, usually set into the base of a tree, behind which may be small spaces where people can leave notes, wishes, or gifts for the "fairies." Other residents have reported seeing happy face rocks hidden at the base of some trees.



## Johnny Khamis launches campaign for Santa Clara County Supervisor

By Muskan Seth  
Special to the Times

Johnny Khamis kicked off his campaign to replace termed out Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman June 27. The event was held in the barn of a private residence in San Martin.

Applause and cheers echoed loudly in the barn, so loudly that attendees sitting outside the crowded barn could hear the roar of the crowd.

More than 150 people were in attendance for the campaign kickoff, including many current and former elected officials. One guest remarked that they have not seen this many people turn out for a political event in the south county in many years.

In the center of the barn, standing on a slightly raised platform of wooden crates, the former San Jose Councilmember outlined his campaign goals and plans for the future of Santa Clara County. Khamis said he's running because he wants to focus on results.

Gilroy Mayor Marie Blankley, MC for the event, introduced former Santa Clara County Supervisor and former Gilroy Mayor Don Gage who spoke about how he was heartened to see such a wide diversity of political views in one room.

Former Morgan Hill Mayor Steve Tate spoke about Khamis' work ethic, qualifications and his experiences working together with Khamis on South County issues.

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo spoke in praise



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of Khamis' independence and strength in standing up for his beliefs.

Khamis opened his remarks in humble appreciation for the number of guests in attendance, "Who cared enough to be out here on a Sunday evening, talking about the future of our county." Khamis spoke about his two terms on San Jose City Council and remarked that he feels his work is not done.

"There are so many problems and challenges in our community that we need to face together," Khamis said. "Our campaign will be focused on results! We need results for our homeless crisis. We need common sense solutions for our transportation challenges. We need programs to help the mentally ill and drug addicted, because once we do, we will have helped many of our unhoused citizens. Lastly, I will demand fiscal responsibility to make sure that taxpayers are getting results for their tax dollars."

Khamis concluded by talking about how strong the support is for his campaign and how proud he is to have already earned so many endorsements. He asked all in attendance for their help spreading his message.

According to campaign officials, the event raised more than \$7,000 in contributions. According to the latest report from the campaign, Khamis has exceeded his fundraising goal of \$100,000 for the period ending on June 30.

Khamis will face off with three other challengers in the June 7th 2022 primary. Santa Clara County Supervisorial District 1 includes Morgan Hill, San Martin, Gilroy, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and parts of San Jose.

The Kick-off also coincided with the official launch of his website: [www.johnnykhamis.com](http://www.johnnykhamis.com).

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Times **Feature**

## Free curbside junk pick up

*Unlimited cardboard and recycle pick up*

By **Kevin Larsen**  
Times Staff Writer

Who knows how long free programs will be around, especially free curbside junk pickup?

It is a wonderful opportunity to have your junk and recycle items picked up at no cost. Just call your San Jose recycle company and they will schedule free pick up of allowed items.

The city has a list of items you can set outside your house on the curb with an appointment for pick up. They will pick up sofas, mattresses, countertops, doors, air conditioners, lawn mowers, play structures, rain gutters, trampolines, wheelchairs and more than 400 other things for free!

Did you know you can bag and strap to set out extra trash?

This is kind of a secret you may be unaware of with regard to weekly recycle bin pick up.

Without a phone call, you can bag your trash strap your cardboard to put out alongside your trash bin and the driver will get out and throw the items into the garbage truck. Remember, the bag must be white so they can see what is inside when they pick up. Large white bags can be found at hardware stores.

Times may change but for now there are many free opportunities to get rid of trash and junk! It might be good to take advantage of this situation before new changes take place.

*Editor's Note: There are a myriad of items that the City of San Jose helps pick up with the help of the garbage and recycle companies. To learn more, use this abbreviated link: [tinyurl.com/eypa4xsa](https://tinyurl.com/eypa4xsa)*

## Local community groups receive \$50K in grants

Several South Bay advocacy and community groups are receiving \$ 50,000 worth of grants from the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.

The funds are made available as part of a reform initiative the agency launched last summer in local and national response to the police killing of George Floyd.

The grants, between \$2,500 and \$5,000 each, are awarded to 13 organizations ranging from neighborhood associations to

civil- rights and social- justice groups; they were announced last week by District Attorney Jeff Rosen at Hillview Park in East San Jose.

"Our work is not just in the courts. It is in the parks, in the classrooms, in the playgrounds working side- by- side with parents who are just trying to do the things they need to do," Rosen said.

The Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association, which received \$2,500, plans to use the grant to bolster community meetings aimed at keeping residents in close contact with their local government, blight mitigation, local murals, and little free libraries set up throughout East San Jose

"We're really excited about this opportunity," said association president Melissa Got-Lopez. "It's all about building community."

## Hit-and-run driver kills woman on Tully Road: July 23

San Jose Police responded to the area of Tully Road and La Ragione Avenue to investigate a traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian on July 23 at approximately 1:39 a.m.

The preliminary investigation revealed an adult female, was walking in the eastbound lanes of Tully Road, near Tully Branch Library, outside of a marked crosswalk, when she was struck by an early 2000's red sport utility vehicle, possibly a Chevrolet Tahoe that was traveling in an east-bound direction.

The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased.

The unidentified driver of the vehicle fled the scene.

This is the 31st fatal traffic collision, and 32nd victim of 2021. This is also the 12th pedestrian death of the year.

The identity of the victim will be released by the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office after they con-

firm the victim's identity and notify next of kin.

Anyone with information on this investigation is urged to contact Detective Bowen #4461 of the SJPD's Traffic Investigations Unit at 408-277-4654.

## Man dies in Evergreen house fire: July 27

A man died early after a fire broke out in a home located on Estate View Way in Evergreen, according to fire officials.

Fire personnel responded to the fire July 27 at approximately 1:00 a.m. after calls that smoke was coming from a home, San Jose Fire spokeswoman Erica Ray said. Crews saw smoke when they arrived, and later saw flames, she said.

They forced their way into the home to fight the fire aggressively and found the only resident dead inside, she said.

Crews controlled the fire by approximately 2:00 a.m., and kept it from spreading elsewhere, Ray said. Nobody else was in the home.

Ray said crews are investigating the fire's origin.

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Times Feature

# Former San Jose council candidate sentenced to jail

By Eli Wolfe

A former candidate for San Jose City Council has been sentenced to six months in county jail for killing Santa Cruz resident, Timothy Starkey.

On Tuesday, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Jose Franco ordered Jennifer Higgins to surrender herself on Sept. 24 for her six-month jail sentence. He also ordered her to serve two years of probation and pay \$183,857 in restitution to Starkey's wife, Kathleen. Judge Franco also reduced Higgins' felony conviction to a misdemeanor.

Starkey's family issued a statement after the sentencing: "We are deeply disappointed that the negligent taking of Tim Starkey's life could result in a reduced sentence that is nothing more than a slap on the wrist," the statement reads. "He was a beloved husband, father, uncle, cousin and friend to so many people, and Jennifer Higgins killed him. That the woman who carelessly gambled with and took his life from us should get off with such a light sentence is an insult and affront to our family and the many people whose lives he touched. We

are profoundly downhearted, but this is not the end of our quest for justice for Tim Starkey."

Higgins, who pleaded no contest to charges related to vehicular manslaughter, apologized to Starkey's family before her sentencing. "I truly wanted to say sorry to the Starkey family, but I'm not sure there are words that can express how truly sorry I am for your loss," Higgins said. "Your honor, whatever you tell me I need to do, I will do, 100%. I'm sorry that we're all here."

On Dec. 16, 2019, Higgins was returning from a meeting at San Jose City Hall when she struck and killed Starkey, a 66-year-old who was unloading a car on the shoulder of the road in Los Gatos. Investigators from the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department found Higgins curled up in the fetal position on the sidewalk crying, according to a police report.

A witness told officers that she saw Higgins swerving her car and nearly called 911 to report an intoxicated driver. Higgins told police at the scene she was heading to a pharmacy in Los Gatos to pick up a prescription. She did not display signs of alcohol intoxication, according to the report,

but she was foggy on other details of the crash. Higgins said she may have been taking off her jacket before the collision happened. "I don't know what I did," she said in the incident report. "I know I killed him, it's all my fault."

After the accident, Higgins tested positive for benzodiazepine, a medication prescribed sometimes for anxiety and insomnia, according to her blood toxicology report.

Higgins' lawyer, Josh Bentley, told the court his client was not intoxicated, on her cellphone or otherwise distracted the morning of Dec. 16, 2019, when she struck and killed Starkey. He said she could have lied about what happened but did not.

"Higgins owned her responsibility at the scene and has never wavered from that," Bentley said during the hearing. He did not respond to a request from San José Spotlight for comment.

Speaking before the court, Starkey's widow Kathleen described her husband of 37 years as a loving man who hugged her every morning when they left the house. She said her family's life has been deeply impacted ever



Jenny Higgins. File photo.

since sheriff's deputies showed up at her front door to tell her Starkey was dead. "I sank into a deep hole of grief," Kathleen said. "How could Tim be gone instantly?"

Starkey's daughter, Bridget, told the court she learned about her father dying while traveling by plane back to Santa Cruz for the holidays. She said he was a loving father, and that she wept in a flight attendant's lap when she learned he died. "People just naturally gravitated toward him," Bridget said. "He loved and shared his passions, notably cooking and music."

Joe Starkey told the court his father was a generous and doting father. He spent a year flying back and forth each week from Los Angeles to Santa Cruz because he didn't want to force his children to move. "He was always there for me when I needed him," Joe said, adding that he will be haunted by all of the things he will never get to learn from his father.

The Starkey family's lawyer, Timothy Lundell, told San José Spotlight the family is still discussing whether to file a civil suit.

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**First movie night at Grace Church of Evergreen a great success**

The first Free Family Movie Night at Grace Church of Evergreen was a great success.

“Everyone had a lot of fun as they watched a family friendly Disney movie and shared hot dogs and popcorn,” said Grace Church of Evergreen Pastor John Goldstein. “The kids made ‘cars’ out of boxes so they could pretend they were at a drive-in theater.”

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Times **Feature**

Pianist **Claire Huangci** launches the Steinway Society – The Bay Area's 27th Season with an all-Beethoven Home Concert Hall performance, available from September 17 through 20, 2021. Photo by Maikel Helbig courtesy of the artist.

## Steinway Society presents pianist Claire Huangci

*American artist to launch Home Concert Hall Series in September*

American pianist Claire Huangci will open the Steinway Society - The Bay Area's Home Concert Hall series in September with a recorded performance available from September 17-20, 2021.

Huangci's appearance will be the start of the 27th consecutive season for the San Jose-based Steinway Society, devoted to promoting excellence in piano performance and music education. Finnish performer Juho Pohjonen will follow with a Home Concert Hall performance in October. Russian artists Anna Tsybuleva and Nikolay Khozyainov will be featured in November and December, respectively.

### Innovative video performances

The Home Concert Hall series consists of recordings produced specifically for Steinway Society – The Bay Area and are not available elsewhere on the Internet.

Each month's concert is released on a given date. Viewers can view the recording as many times as they like during the four-day performance window. Each artist has been invited to give a short talk before the performance about their choice of pieces, their musical lives, and how the pandemic has impacted them. A recorded pre-concert lecture by Bay Area classical music expert Dr. Gary Lemco will be available for complimentary download as well.

"We place the utmost importance on the comfort and safety of our patrons," said Kathy You Wilson, Steinway Society President. "Accordingly, we've decided to present the season's first four concerts as a continuation of our Home Concert Hall series—making these performances available directly in your home over the Internet."

Wilson said she is hopeful Steinway Society will return to live performances in early 2022—presuming it is safe and feasible to do so.

### Prices set low to allow greater participation

Now in its second season, the Home Concert Hall offers highly affordable ticket prices. Virtual tickets are priced at \$25 per concert for one viewer and \$35 for two or more attendees. The entire four-concert series is available at the special promotional price of \$90 for one viewer and \$125 for two or more attendees.

### About the artist

Claire Huangci began her international career at the age of nine, quickly standing out as an expressive interpreter of Chopin—winning first prizes at the Chopin competitions in Darmstadt and Miami in 2009 and 2010. In 2011, she was the youngest participant to receive second prize at the ARD International Music Competition in Munich. Since then, Claire has given solo recitals and performed with international orchestras in prestigious halls in Europe, Asia, and North America. Her wide range of repertoire spans from Bach and Scarlatti to Bernstein, Gulda, and Corigliano. Her acclaimed CDs include solo performances of Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Scarlatti, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff, as well as several performances with orchestras.

### Tickets available now

Tickets for the performances may be purchased in advance by going to [steinwaysociety.com/tickets](http://steinwaysociety.com/tickets) or by contacting the Steinway Society box office at 408-300-5635.

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This season's concerts are sponsored by the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) Santa Clara County Branch in memory of Frieda Ann Murphy. Frieda Ann Murphy was a native Californian who was an accomplished concert organist, as well as member of the American Guild of Organists, the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) and PEO. In 2019, the MTAC Santa Clara Branch has established annual keyboard performance in her memory.



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Times **Feature**

**San José Mayor Sam Liccardo launches free tech support helpline to assist residents in the Digital Inclusion Program**

San José Mayor Sam Liccardo announced the launch of the Tech Support Helpline Pilot, a free support line to help San José Digital Inclusion Fund participants with their computers and internet access on July 23.

The Tech Support Helpline is the latest initiative of the San José Digital Inclusion Partnership, a collaboration between the City of San José, the Mayor's Office of Technology and Innovation (MOTI), and the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), which aids under-connected San Joséans in accessing internet connectivity, obtaining devices, and building digital literacy skills.

"The Tech Support Helpline is an example of a community-developed solution that will provide a new layer of resident assistance to further bridge the digital divide in San José," said Mayor Liccardo. "By providing free technical support, the helpline will help prevent internet and computer pain points from becoming barriers to San Joséans' digital access."

Current Digital Inclusion Program participants can receive support in English or Spanish by calling the Tech Support Helpline at (408) 753-0822. Support through the Helpline is provided by interns with San José Works, a youth employment initiative, who are trained to be Technology Support Specialists by volunteer mentors from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

"By providing free, convenient technical support, our SJ Works interns help program participants retain meaningful access to internet technology while building skills to become the next generation of San José innovators," said Jordan Sun, Chief Innovation Officer. "We applaud SJ Works and our SJ Works interns, the IEEE mentors, and our partners at the California Emerging Technology Fund on their innovative 'for San José, by San José' vision."

To learn more about the San José Digital Inclusion Fund, visit [www.sjdigitalinclusion.org](http://www.sjdigitalinclusion.org)

**Used-car prices begin to drop from dizzy heights**

*Buyers should begin to see some bargains at lots*

Don't expect huge bargains, but the average wholesale prices that dealers pay for used cars are dropping from near record levels; while supplies remain tight.

Prices had rocketed more than 40 percent from their levels just before the viral pandemic struck, but now skyrocketing used-vehicle prices appear to be coming to a close.

Many goods, components and services - from semiconductors and gasoline to clothing, restaurant meals and household furnishings - have grown increasingly expensive due to inflation.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which generally reflects the

outlook for inflation, has declined in recent weeks in a sign that investors remain more concerned about the prospect of an economic slowdown.

Last month the average retail list price of a used vehicle was just short of \$25,000, a record, with some 2-year-old used vehicles selling for more than when they were new.

**New California stimulus checks approved**

California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a \$100 billion budget deal last week, paving the way for millions of Californians to receive one-time cash payments directly into their bank accounts.



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Times Feature

## How to run the world with spherical geometry

By Apoorva Panidapu  
Special to the Times

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



**Gems in STEM**  
By Apoorva Panidapu

Who runs the world? Girls! (As Beyonce dictates.) But, I am personally not the best runner, so I want to know the shortest possible distance required to "run" the world. In particular, given any two points on the globe (which we assume is a sphere, for simplicity), I need to know what the shortest path between them is. (Yeah, yeah, I should build my endurance, whatever, I'm not in the Olympics.)

While at first glance this question doesn't seem so difficult, it's a little harder than it looks! Unfortunately, we can't just draw a flat, straight line between any two points because we are on a sphere (since I definitely cannot dig my way from one point to the next). So, how do we go about answering this question?

Luckily, we have some help! As you can probably guess, we are not the first ones to ask this question. It's an important concept in navigation and exploration, and lies in the area of **spherical geometry**, which has now been studied for thousands of years (so we're wayyy behind). Spherical geometry is pretty much what it sounds like: the geometry of the 2D surface of a sphere (meaning we don't really care about what is inside the sphere right now). This geometry provided explorers with the tools to successfully map the globe and astronomers to accurately track the paths of stars and planets. You also have spherical geometry to thank for your vacation—it's key to planning out the airplane routes every day!

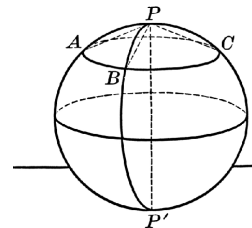
In order to begin answering this shortest distance question, we need to start from the ground up. Now, traditional geometry (aka Euclidean geometry) is built around two basic objects: points and lines. So, as with any other geometry, we have to ask a few core questions!

**The Set-Up**

First off, in spherical geometry, what is a point defined to be? Still a normal point, just a place on the surface of the sphere! No worries there. Now, what is a straight line in this geometry? Turns out there is no such thing! Remember that we are operating on the surface of a sphere, so any line on the surface will follow the curve of the sphere. But, in Euclidean geometry, we use straight line segments to figure out the shortest distance between any two lines. If we have no straight lines,

what do we do?!

Patience, young grasshopper. We can figure this out. To do this, let's pick two random points on a sphere. Let's quickly define a **geodesic** to be the path of shortest length between two points, i.e. exactly what we want to find. (We just define this for convenience, don't be scared off by the word!) Now, we can rotate our sphere such that one of the points is the north pole (point P in the diagram below). Notice that this rotation doesn't change any distances—all we're doing is looking at the sphere from a different perspective.

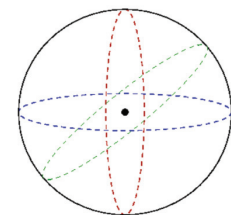


Then, if the other point is not the south pole (the point P'), it is clear that the shortest path is just the southward arc from P to the second point. For example, if the second point is A, B, or C in the diagram above, you can see how to simply follow the curve of the sphere to get a direct, shortest-distance path from the first point P to the second point.

But why is the south pole P' not included in this? Think about it for a second. If you want, here's a hint: how many geodesics are there between P and P'?

Answer to the hint: infinitely many! You can travel in any direction from the top point P, and the path to P' is the same length, so they're technically all the shortest. (In particular, each path length is equal to half the circumference of the circle with the same radius as the sphere.) Since there are infinitely many directions, there are infinitely many geodesics. We call these pairs of diametrically opposite points **antipodal points**. From now on, we're just going to ignore these pairs because, as you can see, the question of the shortest distance path between them is not super interesting.

Excluding this case, we can see that any two points on a sphere have a unique geodesic! But, we haven't really given a precise analog to a straight line yet. Well, if we look back at our example paths, we can see that each arc path lies on a circle with the same radius as the sphere, where the direction of the circle depends on where the second point is relative to the north pole (the first point). These circles are called **great circles** (which makes sense because they are indeed great!). You can also think about them as the largest possible circle that can be drawn around a sphere. One example of a famous great circle is the Equator! Here's a nice visualization of other great circles:



So let's recap: we've learned that points are the same and that the equivalent of straight lines in Euclidean geometry is great circles in spherical geometry! Thus, we've covered our ass...ets in spherical geometry by defining the basic tools. But what about other objects? Angles? Shapes? Oops, for those questions I'm going to leave you on a cliffhanger that will be resolved in the next column (sorry not sorry)! In the meanwhile—despite the suspense—you can now efficiently run the world! If you're fast enough, maybe you can sneakily grab a medal at the Olympics. Good luck with that!

Until next time! If you found this interesting, make sure to check out the next column! If you have any questions or comments, please email me at apoorvapwrites@gmail.com.

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Times **Local News**

## 'The Largest Annual Antique Auto Show in the West'

21st annual Antique Autos in History Park Sunday, Sept. 19; Presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San Jose

The 21st annual Antique Autos in History Park presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José will take place on Sunday, September 19, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Designated as a "Living History Day," this year's event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 635 Phelan Ave, San José, CA) with 200 period-correct pre-1946 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles, and motorcycles of all makes.

The featured vehicle this year is Pierce-Arrow, (1901 -1938). A special presentation on Pierce-Arrow Co. Automobiles will be held at 2 p.m.

**Registration not required**

There is no registration required to enter a vehicle. Just bring your antique vehicle to the gate at History Park. All vehicles permitted on the grounds of History Park, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., were manufactured between the late 1800s and 1945 and are period-correct. No vehicle will be displayed on the grounds of History Park during the show that is newer than 1945.

Also located on the grounds will be the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association. There will be antique crafts demonstrated and antique collectibles displayed.

A Dixieland Jazz Band will provide music and songs will be sung by The Fabulous



JewelTones.

Food may be purchased from Double-H Catering and ice cream from O'Brien's Cafe. Activities are provided for kids.

**Scheduled activities:**

- 11:15 Dance Performance
- 12:00 The Fabulous JewelTones
- 12:30 Music by Toot Sweet Jazz Band
- 12:30 Video: Pierce-Arrow, Jay Leno's

**Garage**

- 2:00 Presentation on Pierce-Arrow Co. Automobiles
- 2:30 Barbershop Quartet
- 3:30 Drawing for Door Prizes

Entrance Fees: Adults: \$ 10; Children (6 - 12) & Historical San Jose members: \$5. Participants and children under 6: Free

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# Federal court rules CDC's COVID-19 eviction moratorium is unlawful

A federal court ruled July 23 that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) overstepped its authority by halting evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with a lower court ruling that said the CDC engaged in federal overreach with the eviction moratorium, which the agency has consistently extended for months.

“It is not our job as judges to make legislative rules that favor one side or another,” the judges wrote. “But nor should it be the job of bureaucrats embedded in the executive branch. While landlords and tenants likely disagree on much, there is one thing both deserve: for their problems to be resolved by their elected representatives.”

The ruling upheld one handed down by U.S. District Judge Mark Norris, who in

March blocked enforcement of the moratorium throughout western Tennessee.

Under the moratorium, tenants who have lost income during the pandemic can declare under penalty of perjury that they’ve made their best effort to pay rent on time.

The CDC claimed the measure was necessary to prevent people from having to enter overcrowded conditions if they were

evicted, which would, according to the agency, impact public health.

CDC’s lawyers recently argued in court filings that Congress authorized the eviction freeze as part of its COVID-19 relief legislation, while simultaneously asserting that the moratorium was within its authority, but those arguments were rejected by the three-panel appeals court last Friday.

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Times Feature

**Ballpark**

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experience the American mystique of the game that will touch your heartstrings.

The smell of freshly mowed grass, the dirt, the pitcher mound, the strong competition in the air, chatter by fans and players and fueled intensity stoked by animated yet calm coach directives to the players, get you in the game. This national pastime goes beyond the feel of competition, for as one watches, it becomes clear there is much more to it besides the thrill of winning!

Ample free spacious parking is there whenever you decide to visit. It is like a field of dreams for as you and the kids walk in, you begin to reflect on good memories in your youth and then devise plans in your mind on how you or family members might join clubs and teams to participate here.

**Overview of the park**

Nicole of San Jose Parks and Recreation stated, "Welcome Everybody! We are excited to be finally open after one year!" A free glossy poster stated that the Arcadia Ballpark has four grass fields, adult softball leagues, grill and concessions, sports-themed playground, summer camps, tournament play, shaded stadium arm chair seating, and more.

**Public children's playground**

Behind the shaded children's playground is a mini-whiffle ball practice area where kids create and play pick-up games. These youngsters are elementary school age and they go at it by having fun by themselves just like long ago in all-American towns. Some remember playing ball in the streets, and calling out the word "CAR!" then resuming. Well at this ballpark youngsters enjoy safety and pure joy in playing ball. They drop their cell phones on the grass as they assign pitcher, outfield and repeating batter who may swing 20 times.

The enthusiasm of little kids playing their own game in all of its simplicity brings joy and remembrances to adults. Experiencing the wholesome events in the ballpark is a far-removed experience from our High-Tech bend-your-neck-to-view-phone-screen world. Here, the athletic needle is moved up for improving the quality of life for all San Jose residents. Just watching makes you want to eat healthier foods and perform daily workouts! As a result, smiles are manufactured effortlessly due to the four fields of Arcadia Ballpark.

There are clubs such as the 50-year-old and up Vintage Softball teams that come to practice and play. It was expressed that they will try to book the field on a regular basis perhaps three days a week at 10 a.m.



Youth player **Brandon Baldovino** with Coach **Travis Linane**.

**Build it and they will come**

Talking bat and ball be it Softball or Baseball, this Arcadia Ballpark is something special. The close proximity and design of the fields is a plus and allows for tournament play so that several games can be played simultaneously. In tournaments teams can switch easy to continue play and shuffle the use of the fields. The bullpen and dug outs are the best ever!

**Concession Stands**

It is nice to see a place to buy healthy things and to try out maybe the old fan favorite, the hot dog with mustard and onions and a steam bun. Mmmm, sure hope so. Talking baseball and sittin in the stands to watch a son or daughter or grandfather hit the ball and round the bases, teaches all to slow down and have

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Community walkthrough at newly opened Arcadia Ballpark in San José, CA, Saturday, July 17 2021. Photo: City of San José Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Content, Digital Media Communications Unit John Amayun.

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## Symphony Silicon Valley announces its 20th Anniversary Season, 2021-22 Together Again!

SV's 20th Anniversary Season celebrates the return of a full season of Classical Concerts, Holiday Programming, Films in Concert, and the return of ArtSPARK, our Educational Outreach Program. The season offers beloved favorites and new works, dances and revels, a quintet of superb conductors, seven concerto artists, composers from Vivaldi to Bernstein, a celebration of Beethoven's 251st anniversary and the incomparable Mozart composing while cavorting on the big screen.

"Returning from our forced hiatus we have a season full of major works and new treasures," said Andrew Bales, SVV General Director. "We are honored to open our season premiering Mexican composer Gabriela Ortiz' latest work D'Colonial Californio."

Beethoven's 250th anniversary was last December, "but we will not let that stop us from celebrating his 251st all season long," said Bales. "Symphonies and Jon Nakamatsu-performed concertos enhance the season. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the California Theatre for a musical reunion."

2021-22 Symphony Silicon Valley Season programming

### ■ Symphony #1 October 2-3, 2021

California Theatre

Conductor: JoAnn Falletta

Soloist: Marisa Canales, flute

Mendelssohn: A Midsummer Night's Dream Overture and Scherzo; Gabriela Ortiz: D'Colonial Californio - flute concerto World Premiere; Dvořák: New World Symphony

### ■ Symphony #2 October 23-24, 2021

California Theatre

Conductor: John Nelson

Soloists: Christina Mok & Lara St. John, violins

Vivaldi: The Four Seasons; Ginastera Estancia; Piazzolla; Four Seasons of Buenos Aires

### ■ Film in Concert: November 20-21, 2021

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### ■ Symphony #3 December 4-5, 2021

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Conductor: John Nelson

Soloist: Jon Nakamatsu, piano

Beethoven: Leonore Overture No. 3, Piano Concerto No. 4 and Symphony No. 5

### ■ Holiday Special Event: Carols in the California December 11, 2021

California Theatre  
A Family Holiday Tradition! The Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale under the baton of Elena Sharkova presents "Carols in the California", an exciting and festive program of holiday cheer.

### ■ Symphony #4 January 22-23, 2022

California Theatre

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### ■ Symphony #5 Film in Concert: February 12-13, 2022

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Conductor: Jeffrey Schindler

### ■ Symphony #6 March 26-27, 2022

California Theatre

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Soloists: Juan Pablo Jofre, Bandoneon and



JoAnn Falletta, conductor. Program #1. Photos courtesy of Symphony Silicon Valley and the artists

Rachel Lee, Violin with Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale and soloists and Cantabile Youth Singers

Jofre: Double Concerto for Bandoneon and Violin

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California Theatre

Conductor: Tatsuya Shimono

Soloist: Jon Nakamatsu piano

Ravel: Mother Goose Suite and Pavane Pour Une Infante Défunte; Stravinsky: Symphony in Three Movements; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 - Emperor

### ■ Fanime Concert: May 27-30, 2022

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### ■ Optional Program: June 4-5 2022

California Theatre

Conductor: Tito Muñoz

Soloist: Michelle Cann, pianist

Dietrich Buxtehude: Chaconne in E minor; Quinn Mason: Reflection on a Memorial; Florence Price: Piano Concerto in One Movement; Beethoven: Symphony No. 7

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Editor's note: The 20th Anniversary season is in honor of Bob Kieve, a long-time sponsor and trustee of the Symphony. "This season has repertory that Bob would call boffo - grand musical triumphs," said Bales.

## Ballpark

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poise in playing or watching games. Why hurry when one can be a fan in the stadium.

### The timeless game of baseball

Baseball, the All-American game, has stretched out to connect cultures in every country throughout the world. It's timeless and casts its spell to call out for everyone to stop what they're doing to witness and admire the pitching, hitting, catching, coaching, sliding and soak in the special athletic timing of the players who bunt, chip, fly and smack the ball on the field. Bingo, special talent highlighted and comradery built. Instantly without talkin about it, we know we're part of the human race, connected as brothers and sisters in life's joy and sorrow of the sport.

### Coaches inspire

There are numerous leagues and baseball teams that sign up to play on the pristine Arcadia Ballpark fields. On the grand opening day several coaches were there to help youth.

"Actually, I helped come up with the name Helping Young Players Excel (HYPE) stated beaming coach Travis Linane. Youth from all over San Jose join our organization and we're going to try to make Arcadia our home field."

In speaking about youth baseball, HYPE head coach Steve Navarez stated, "This experience helps create team bonding and development. It creates structure in their lives and gives them something to look forward to outside of school. Everyone likes the fact that we are family oriented. All of us coaches grew up here in San Jose and it's nice to come back to have a nice facility like this."

Coach Daniel Felix stated, "I grew up playing baseball right down the street. My grand-

father was a coach for 50 years and he coached me and when I watched him, it made me want to be a coach. I always loved baseball so being around it just makes me happy."

Coach Felix of HYPE continued, "We have coached most kids here today since they were 8 years old. To watch them grow up and develop into young men and baseball players is my reward. From what I see, these kids, from all backgrounds, bond together and become lifelong friends. This is important because now a days, it's hard to make friends." Then Coach Felix made this statement for parents, "Parents, it doesn't have to be baseball but when you get your kids into sports, they become part of a team!"

### Gals and guys 50 and older play Vintage softball

The Vintage Softball Club of Santa Clara County, a California nonprofit was founded in 1987 for men and women 50 years and older to play slow pitch softball. Over 200 active members play both weekend and weekday leagues which enable players of all skill levels- some players are novices, most are intermediate and a few are actually in the Senior Hall of Fame- to participate in organized softball. To play, all you need is a bat, glove and payment of a nominal annual membership fee.

Three games play at the same time. There are 12 players on a team. On this day 6 teams played so 72 players got to participate. That means Arcadia Ballpark provides for maximum joy, exercise, comradery in a well-organized short period of time. Also, there different methods to playing in the Vintage league so the game moves safely and quickly.

Vintage player, Blane Thomas stated, "This

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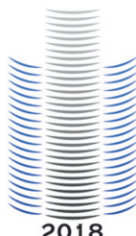
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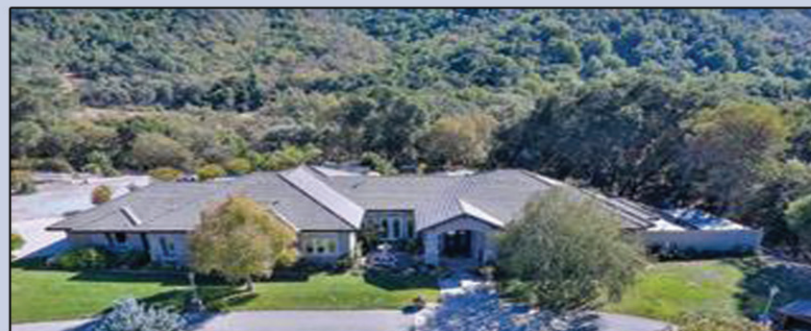
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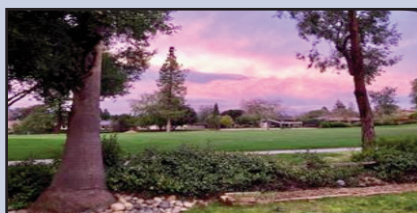
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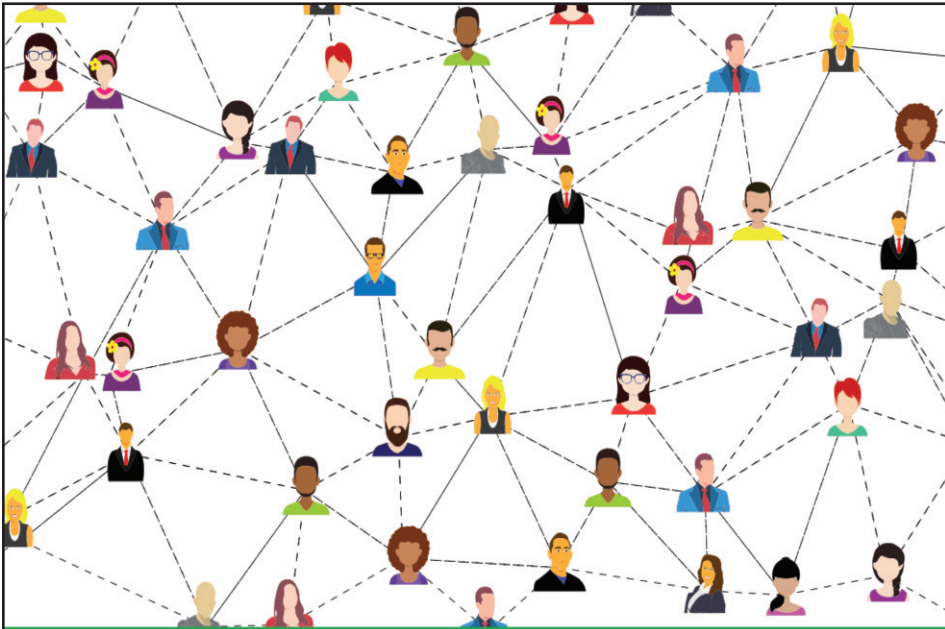
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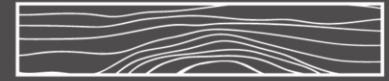
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**Ballpark**

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is a new set of fields for the South Bay. Therefore, it introduces us to brand-new fields and these are done nice. We play two times during the weekdays, good atmosphere and people. The Arcadia fields have no divots so no bad hops and the fields are close together."

Thomas also stated, "The Vintage league is for those age 50 plus. Everyone plays. When one signs up, they are rated 1-5. Then drafts are done and the teams are set up. Every three months there is a redraft of players."

Vintage player George Rodriguez said, "Beautiful field, great condition." In reflecting on his deciding to join the Vintage league, Rodriguez stated, "I was a little hesitant to come here and play on Vintage. We get to play at our own level. I encourage you to look at the website and come out and play and the level you are at is not an issue." To find out more web search Bay Area Vintage Softball.

Vintage player Mickey Butler (seen on the card, inset) said joyfully, "It's a great activity for everyone 50 and older!"

Vintage player Danny Castro said, "Basically it's just a fun league. We umpire our own games. We are playing for fun. No real competition, make mistakes, no big deal. Lots of errors, no big deal, good to be outdoors. A lot of us have been playing for more than 30 years and don't want to stop. When you check out our website you'll see how it works."



Burt Smith, honored war veteran, community activist and more, stated, "It's been a long time in coming but I'm glad to see it happen, the opening of Arcadia Ballpark! These sports for kids will develop them into healthy adults."

**A message from former San Jose City Councilmember Rose Herrera:**

"The Arcadia youth sports fields are a huge win for our Evergreen community. These fields belong to our youth and represent years of hard work by Little League advocates, Parks and Rec leaders like Matt Cano, Economic Development Director Nanci Klein, and many others and of course Arcadia, Owner Eli Reinhart, for his generous donation of the nearly 30 acres of land that made these fields possible and why they are named Arcadia. I am proud

to have played a leadership role in advocating for the Eastridge site to receive the Measure P funding and by bringing the community together to gain approval from the City Council in 2013. We broke ground in 2016 and now in 2021 opening the fields to play ball."

**A message from San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo:**

"I am thrilled to see San José's Arcadia Ballpark officially open for all San Joséans to enjoy. Over the past year, the pandemic reminded us of the importance of outdoor spaces across our city. This new park is another excellent place for our residents to utilize, with a public sports-themed playground, adult softball leagues, youth baseball tournaments, and summer camps. Residents from every neighborhood in our city can find an opportunity to get to the ballpark this summer. Thank you to the Arcadia Development Co. for their generous donation of land that all San Joséans will now get to enjoy."

**A message from Michael Fletcher, President Arcadia Development Co.**

"Arcadia is a diversified locally owned real estate organization engaged in land acquisition and development and professional management of residential and commercial properties. We also have a fifty-year history of building and marketing quality new home communities. We are grateful to be in a position to dedicate the land to the City of San Jose which enabled it to build an outstanding facility with four diamonds, concession stand, children's playground and more. The Arcadia Ballpark provides a safe and beautiful place for all ages to gather and recreate."

*Editor's note: These fields are expertly placed for tournaments, and the San Jose City Parks and Recreation Department signs up tournaments on weekends and reservation of fields all days of the week. Reservations can be made by visiting: ArcadiaBallpark@sanjoseca.gov. Also, you can visit www.ArcadiaBallpark.com The phone number for reservations and information is (669) 275-4940.*



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