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NORAD continues to track Santa Claus

Almaden families are on the lookout for Santa!

Yes, we know, it's hard to believe that the Christmas Day is here!

Perhaps you have some last-minute shopping left to do tonight and some meal preparation, but after that... Woo-hoo!

As Santa's gets ready to visit Almaden Valley, how do you keep the kids calm and reassured that Santa's on his way on Christmas Eve?

Go online to make sure St. Nick and the reindeer are on schedule.

Here are a few places you and little ones can visit together.

For the young and the young at heart, **NORAD** hosts the "official" tracker website, noradsanta.org. The interactive site also features a video arcade, a library of fun facts and a playlist of Santa's favorite holiday classics. NORAD has also introduced a new mobile app.

For those who would like to make an old fashion **phone call** to check up on Mr. Clause, the Santa Operation Center (877-466-6723) opens at 4 a.m. Dec. 24.

Google is also in the tracking game, santatracker.google.com, and its activities include a Santa selfie, a dance class and snow-

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'BEST DAY EVER'

Superheroes spread good holiday cheer

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Kindergarten students at Alex Anderson Elementary School in San Jose couldn't believe their eyes when a group of superheroes dropped in for a visit.

"This is the best day ever!" shouted the kids.

Batman, Superman, Captain America, Captain Marvel and Thor arrived ready to spread good cheer. They were accompanied by the Mandalorian, much to the excitement of the young Star Wars fans.

Interacting with the kindergarteners came naturally to Sean Bassett, who played the Mandalorian, as he has a five-year-old daughter. He remembers seeing costumed characters when he was young, including his father who dressed as Darth Vader to bring joy to children.

Bassett said being able to follow in his father's



Captain America, Thor, Superman, Batman, the Mandalorian and Captain Marvel brought joy to kinder students at elementary schools throughout San Jose this holiday season.

footsteps and do something for kids meant a lot to him.

The children's faces lit up even more when the superheroes gifted them with teddy bears. David Watkins, dressed as Batman, was delighted to hear the children's squeals and peals of laughter.

"It feels great seeing the kids' expressions," Watkins said. "This is why we're all here."

Watkins was grateful other heroes joined him

in uplifting the kid's spirits, especially during the pandemic.

"It's good they see people who still want to show love and support," he said.

The superheroes were also able to distribute teddy bears, donated by Raley's Nob Hill, to students at Horace Cureton, Earl Frost, Hayes and Oak Ridge Elementary Schools.

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Graystone Elementary Girl Scout troops make this year's Family Giving Tree Wish Drive a success

More than 106 gifts and \$500 in online donations generated

By Stefanie Bellucci
Special to the Times

This holiday season, Girl Scout Troops 61416 and 62942 at Graystone Elementary School in Almaden Valley were once again able to bring the *Family Giving Tree Holiday Wish Drive* to their school.

Both local troops, consisting of a total of 28 girls in both 4th and 5th grade, have hosted the wish drive at Graystone for three consecutive years. While last year was done entirely online, this year saw the return to in person wish cards and gift collection.

After the wish drive in 2020 garnered only mediocre participation, the Girl Scouts were thrilled with the



outpouring of gifts in 2021. The reason is, the Girl Scouts were back to school in person enabling them to make signs to post to advertise the wish drive and also to be able to make

morning announcements with details. The final results included 106 gifts provided, 2 gift cards and over \$500 in online donations.

During the week of December 13th

many of the girls were headed to the *Family Giving Tree* warehouse to volunteer their time. They will spend their two hour shift sorting toys, matching gifts to wish cards and providing any other warehouse help as needed.

Family Giving Tree is a Bay Area nonprofit that conducts two drives each year to benefit children, one for holiday gifts and one for filled school backpacks. Their goal is to help the many children living in poverty in the Bay Area.

During the 2020 holiday season, even with the pandemic, *Family Giving Tree* was able to fulfill over 73,000 wishes and strives to do even more this year.

The girls of Girl Scout Troops 61416 and 62942 feel honored to partner with *Family Giving Tree* to help provide a happier holiday season for local children.

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A look at the San Jose city council candidates running for office in 2022

By Lloyd Alaban

Courtesy of San José Spotlight

In less than six months, San Joseans will go to the ballot box to pick their next councilmembers and mayor.

Numerous candidates have already pulled papers, including Cindy Chavez, Dev Davis, Jonathan Royce Esteban, Matt Mahan and Raul Perez who are vying to become San Jose's next mayor.

Here's a roundup of the candidates who have declared so far in the race by office. (Candidates have until March 11 to file to run for political office in San Jose.)

Half of the City Council's seats — all the odd districts — are up for election this cycle. Districts 1, 3 and 5 are open seats, with the current officeholders terming out, while Districts 7 and 9 have two incumbents running for reelection: Maya Esparza and Pam Foley, respectively. The primary is set for June 2022.

The biggest seat up for grabs this cycle is mayor. Sam Liccardo is terming out in December 2022 after eight years as the city's top elected official and a previous eight years representing District 3.

With nearly half the 11-member City Council potentially changing, June's results could shift council power back toward business interests or strengthen labor's narrow 6-5 majority. San Jose is generally divided between the two political powerhouses — the business lobby and labor unions — and the business-aligned leaders lost their majority last year when progressive Councilmember David Cohen unseated conservative incumbent Lan Diep in District 4.

The top two vote-getters in each race will head to a runoff in November unless one candidate wins by more than 50 percent in June.

Mayor

Next year's biggest prize already has four big-name candidates in the race: Councilmembers Dev Davis, Matt Mahan and Raul Perez and

Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez. Also in the mix: former Nevada congressional candidate Jonathan Royce Esteban.

Davis, who won reelection to her council seat in November, has pushed hard in recent weeks against SB 9, a state bill that allows homeowners to build additional units in single-family neighborhoods. She's made preserving these suburban neighborhoods a cornerstone of her campaign.

Mahan, who was sworn into his first term of any political office in December 2020, launched his campaign for mayor in September in what he called a "revolution of common sense." Part of that revolution includes building up to 5,000 pre-fab units on 50 acres of public land, improving policing by holding rogue officers accountable for misconduct instead of defunding police and building housing around transit.

Chavez, who has served on the Board of Supervisors since 2013, has the longest political tenure of anyone in the field. One of labor's most seasoned insiders, she was a vocal leader in the fight to close Reid-Hillview Airport amid concerns that leaded fuel was poisoning the community.

Perez, a former teacher and police officer, is terming out after eight years representing downtown San Jose. He helped launch a business recovery task force to help downtown businesses weather the pandemic. The son of an immigrant and the first in his family to graduate college, Perez said homelessness has been his number one priority.

Here's the rest of the mayoral field

Also in the race is Tyrone Wade, a former marriage and family crisis counselor who used to run a homeless shelter. Wade wants to implement serious criminal justice reform, including community policing and review the San Jose Police Department's use of force policy. Wade's first priority would be to reform the children protective services system, he told San José Spotlight.

Another contender is Brian Smith, a political unknown who lives in East San Jose.

District 1

Planning Commissioner Justin Lardinois was the first candidate to declare for the West San Jose seat in April. He's joined by the president of the San Jose Downtown Foundation board, Ramona Snyder. The district's incumbent, Vice Mayor Chapie Jones, terms out next year.

Snyder's Facebook campaign page is light on details, but she's been a force in downtown for years. She is a former chair of the city's Arts Commission and was part of the team that helped build a playground at Sherman Oaks Elementary School.

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A Macy's employee was injured during a thwarted organized crime incident at Westfield Oakridge Mall.

Macy's employee injured in organized retail crime incident at Oakridge Mall

A Macy's employee was injured during a thwarted organized crime incident at Westfield Oakridge Mall in San Jose at approximately 6:10 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Employees and police stopped 15 would-be male and female thieves who swarmed into a Macy's store in San Jose. While attempting to thwart the thefts an assailant kicked one employee in the head during the fracas, authorities said.

Loss prevention employees called 911 to report that a group of individuals was stealing merchandise and trying to leave the store, according to police.

The incident came amid a string of mass retail thefts in the Bay Area that have created major challenges for law enforcement.

While two female loss-prevention employees tried to detain at least one person, some other group members returned and assaulted one of the employees, "pulling her hair, knocking her to the ground, and kicking her in the head," according to the release from police spokesperson Sgt. Christian Camarillo.

The store employee's injuries were "minor to moderate," and she was treated by paramedics at the scene. Because the attempted theft included violence, the incident was classified as strong-armed robbery, a felony, according to police.

When the first officer arrived and helped the Macy's

employee handcuff the person, a "previously uninvolved adult female" approached at a very close distance, according to police. The officer ordered her to stay back and not interfere, but she refused, and when the officer tried to arrest her, "she physically resisted by swinging her arm" at the officer. Police said they do not know whether she had any connection to the robbery suspects.

Suspect escapes

While officers were arresting her, the person the officer had tried to handcuff fled, and there were no arrests of anyone from the group, police said. More officers arrived and helped with the investigation, and more than \$1,000 worth of merchandise was recovered, according to the release.

"This incident illustrates the challenges for police departments across the state responding to large groups of suspects during organized retail theft incidents," Camarillo said in the news release. "Law enforcement continues to see these organized groups become more brazen, willing to use violence and carry firearms."

Police are requesting help from the public to identify the people involved in the theft and assault on the Macy's employee. Tips can be provided anonymously via the P3TIPS mobile app, calling the tip line at (408) 947-7867, or on www.svcrimestoppers.org.

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Times **Cover Story**



The original trio, **Steve Lam** as Superman, **Dan Nitschke** as Captain America and **David Watkins** as Batman, have been bringing joy and teddy bears to children for six years.

Heroes

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It all started when Watkins wanted to give back to Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center after having a cancerous tumor removed. In 2016, dressed as the Caped Crusader, he was joined by friends Steve Lam as Superman and Dan Nitschke as Captain America in visiting children in pediatric ICUs. With billowing capes, the three marched down corridors to brighten the day for kids spending the holidays in the hospital.

Watkins was especially moved when the mother of a little girl thanked him profusely, saying her daughter hadn't smiled in weeks. He resolved to make the visit an annual holiday tradition and his friends were more than happy to join him.

In following years, more superheroes answered the call. With COVID recently keeping them from visiting hospitals, they turned to schools.

Watkins said he's happy to be able to continue to help kids and show people care.

"It takes a long time to get into these costumes," he said, "but it makes all the difference."

Principal Sarah Kates-March said it was nice for the kids to see life can still be magical. She told the superheroes she was grateful to them for bringing joy to children who hadn't had a lot to look forward to lately.

"These days with COVID...happiness is the greatest gift," she said. "I can't imagine a better gift around the holidays."

Instructional Assistant Gretchen Siri said it was exciting for the kids to see some of their heroes in person. Siri also appreciated their giving out gifts.

"Some of these kids might not be getting too much for Christmas," she said. "So, this is really nice for them."

Lam said when he hands a child a bear and sees their smile and the excitement in their eyes, there's nothing like it. Nitschke agrees.

"Seeing their joy, I want to spend the rest of my life doing this," he said.



The superheroes were as excited to give out teddy bears as the children were to receive them. Anderson Elementary School Principal **Sarah Kates-March** joined the superheroes in making the moment magical.

Santa

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flake coding. And don't forget Santa enthusiasts can track his annual flight on **Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube!**

If your household has become dependent on **Alexa** for everything, just say, "Alexa, open Santa Tracker," and you'll be updated with Santa's progress.

And for the on-the-go family, **OnStar** subscribers can receive updates as you're driving to grandma and grandpa's house.

The Santa Tracker program started in 1955, when a local Sears store in Colorado Springs printed a newspaper ad that invited kids to call

a certain phone number to talk to Santa. The number was misprinted, and the calls ended up going to the Continental Air Defense Command, NORAD's predecessor.

The colonel on duty that night realized the mistake. He ordered his officers and his troops to start tracking Santa using their systems and telling the kids where Santa was throughout the night.

"While the tradition of tracking Santa began purely by accident, NORAD continues to track Santa," according to the website. "We're the only organization that has the technology, the qualifications, and the people to do it. And, we love it! NORAD is honored to be Santa's official tracker!"

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SJPD investigates shooting at Westfield Oakridge Mall

San Jose Police Officers responded to Westfield Oakridge Mall located on Blossom Hill Road for a shooting incident that occurred on Monday, Dec. 20 at approximately 5:48 p.m.

Several 911 callers reported gunshots being fired inside the mall near the Forever 21 store. Witnesses reported at least one shooting victim. At the time of the incident the mall was crowded with Christmas shoppers and the scene quickly turned chaotic.

The first officers to arrive were on scene in less than two minutes. Based on preliminary information they responded as if there could possibly be an active shooter in the mall.

Police utilized protocols to deal with a possible active shooter. Officers quickly deployed into the mall and reported that there was no active gunfire occurring.

As the incident evolved, police confirmed that a shooting had occurred. Evidence of a shooting was located near the reported scene, but the shooting victim could not be

located after multiple hours of searching.

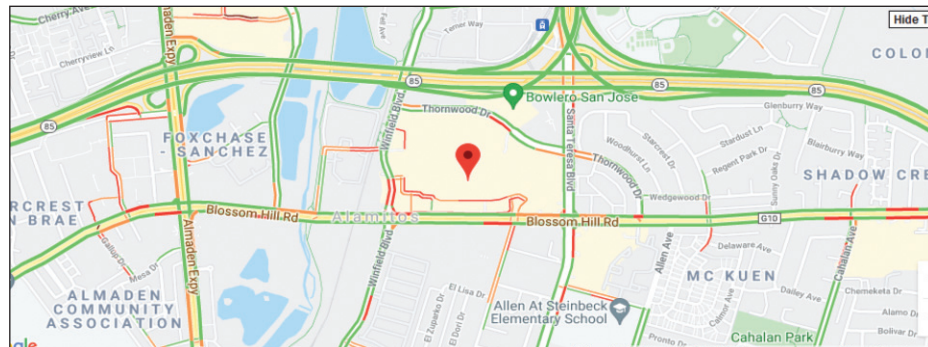
Mall employees and shoppers were asked to shelter in place while police conducted a search for suspects and victims.

As the search was occurring, police escorted everyone from the mall.

Several agencies responded to assist with this incident, including San José Fire Department, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services, and many other first responders who were first on scene.

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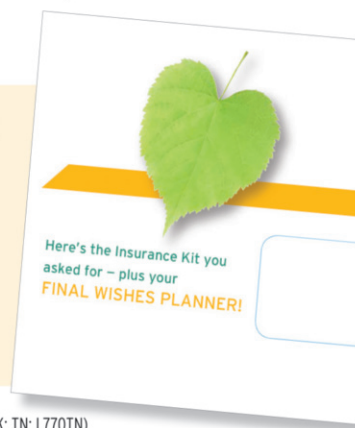
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TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK AI Code of Ethics

Have you ever stumbled into a conversation where everyone is speaking around this “techie” word – and even after you’ve broken in, it is difficult to understand the unfamiliar jargon and acronyms? Well, there’s no need to sweat it. Let us teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

AI Code of Ethics

AI promises a smarter world – a world where finance algorithms analyze data better than humans, self-driving cars save millions of lives from accidents, and medical robots eradicate disease. But machines aren’t perfect. Whether an automated trading agent buys the wrong stock, a self-driving car hits a pedestrian, or a medical robot misses a cancerous tumor – machines will make mistakes that severely impact human lives.

Codes of ethics serve a role in any field that impacts human lives, such as in medicine or engineering. Tech organizations like the Institute for Electronics and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) and the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) also adhere to codes of ethics to keep technology beneficial, but there is a greater need of a concrete ethical framework to guide all researchers involved in AI’s devel-

opment.

An AI code of ethics is a formalized specification guiding the human-generated design of intelligent AI agents and the autonomous behavior of those systems. AI ethics is categorized in the first case as roboethics and in the second case as machine ethics.

The code of ethics, like the social contract for humans, is designed to support the common good of humans and the world we live in. As such, it seeks to prevent artificial intelligence developers from purposely designing AI systems for destruction of humans and the habitat that supports us. Similarly, it seeks to ensure that machine behavior will not evolve in ways that threaten humans.

Isaac Asimov, the science fiction writer, foresaw the potential dangers of autonomous AI agents long before their development, and developed The Three Laws of Robotics as a means of limiting those risks. The first law forbids that robot actively harm humans or allow harm to come to them through refusing to act. The second law orders them to obey humans unless the orders were not in accordance with the first law. The third law orders robots to protect themselves, insofar as doing so is in accordance with the first two laws.

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Lardinois, who has served on the commission since July 2020, is also a former member of the city's Housing and Community Development Commission. His priorities include more affordable housing, more opportunities for first-time homebuyers, sanctioned encampments and safer streets for cyclists and pedestrians.

District 3

Perez terms out next year and is running for mayor. The downtown seat has flip-flopped between labor and business interests over the years—before Perez, Liccardo represented District 3 and before him Chavez held the seat. She headed the South Bay Labor Council.

Health care professional and former Congressional candidate Ivan Torres and attorney Elizabeth Chien-Hale have already declared for the seat. They'll be joined by Gulf War veteran and 2006 City Council Candidate Dennis Kyne, Miles Christopher Linden and Irene Smith.

Kyne, a 15-year Army veteran and insurance worker, previously ran for the seat in 2006. Similar to his prior campaign, Kyne's top priority is ending the homelessness crisis in the city.

Linden declared his candidacy last month. San José Spotlight couldn't find a website or other campaign materials for him.

Smith has lived in the downtown area since 1989, according to her campaign website. She's looking for a different solution to homelessness with a lot more coordination between the county and state.

"No group knows what the other is spending or how the programs might work together. There has been no coordination, no master plan," she says on her website.

District 5

One of the most highly-anticipated council races is the fight for the East San Jose seat.

Three longtime politicians have already declared for the East San Jose crown: Santa Clara County Board of Education Trustee Peter Ortiz, Planning Commission Chair Rolando Bonilla, and former Assemblymember Nora Campos, who held the seat from 2001 to 2010.

Ortiz won election to the Board of Education in 2018, and has kept active in East San Jose's small business community. He wants to launch paid job training programs for the district's

unemployed residents, sanctioned encampments and alternative policing, such as community patrols.

Bonilla, a former City Hall insider, created a grant program in February to help East San Jose small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier this year, he asked the City Council to spend millions in East San Jose for economic recovery and pressured the council to increase illegal dumping fees.

Campos is no newcomer to politics. Both she and her brother, Xavier, have represented District 5 on the City Council. Her latest comeback centers around supplying East San Jose businesses with resources to survive the pandemic.

Radio anchor H.G. Nguyen is the latest to join the race.

Nguyen doesn't have an official campaign website, but she has been active in the city's Vietnamese community. She hosts San Jose Co Gi La, a local Vietnamese language radio station.

Nguyen and husband Thuan Nguyen ran the Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce of Santa Clara Valley, according to a report by the Silicon Valley Business Journal.

District 7

Incumbent Councilmember Maya Esparza, former director of Destination: Home's homeless veterans campaign, has filed for reelection.

Esparza will face two Vietnamese Americans for the East San Jose seat: San Jose Fire Captain Bien Doan and East Side Union High School District Board President Van Le. Esparza is expected to draw significant support from the city's labor camp.

Esparza defeated former Councilmember Tam Nguyen in 2018 leading to a loss in Vietnamese representation — compounded by Diep's loss in 2020. Vietnamese leaders are eager to win back a seat for their community.

District 9

After coasting to victory in 2018, incumbent Pam Foley officially announced her run for reelection on Thursday. She currently has no competition, according to the city's filings.

"It has been an honor to represent the neighbors of District 9 on the San Jose City Council," Foley said in a statement. "We have been able to accomplish so much—but we still have much more to do."

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Almaden Lake Playground Project receives \$20K grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund

New playground equipment designed to assist handicapped children

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Almaden Lake Playground Project, which will replace the existing playground, hillside slides and nature paths, has received a \$20,000 grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

The playground project is designed for children, parents and adults of all ages and physical abilities to play together and socialize with each other in a highly diverse environment within the Almaden Valley community.

"Members of the Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley are excited to have received this grant, which will assist in our effort to help children thrive, prosper and grow," said Clay Marr, Almaden Kiwanis Club Board Member. "We know kids need Kiwanis, in our community and in communities around the world."

Inclusion

The new playground equipment is designed to give handicapped children a chance to play with children of any abil-



ity and allow them to get to know each other. Caregivers, grandparents and any adult can also interact with this highly inclusive demographic and everyone benefits by giving and sharing in normal fun and interaction. By sharing this experience, we can build the future full of hope and well-being.

Playground & Nature Area

Grants from San Jose City and Santa Clara County assisted in getting the Almaden Lake Playground Project, started. Now Grants and donations from service organizations and the community expand the playground beyond the initial grant funding and help to invest in a Playgarden & Nature Area. This will create a space where children and adults of all abilities can gather locally.

Clay said the project was selected based on community need. "We worked with city leaders and other nonprofits to identify their needs and help provide something that will really benefit kids and their families and friends in our community."

Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley is also working with the City of San Jose, the Almaden Valley Rotary Club and several other service organizations on the project", he said.

The Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley is also supporting the following projects:

The Kiwanis Special Games: An all-day Special Olympics-type event where handy capped student athletes from around Santa Clara County participate in a variety of modified sports activities, winning ribbons for their efforts. It has been going on for over 33 years.

Turnaround Scholarships: Provides financial rewards to 'at-risk' high school seniors who have made admirable changes in their lives, allowing them to graduate and go on to attend college or other accredited training programs.

Kiwanis Key Clubs at Pioneer and Leland High Schools.

Playground at Parma Park: Maintenance in partnership with Parks & Rec

Teen Challenge

Second Harvest Food Bank

Family Giving Tree

The Almaden Kiwanis Club currently holds fund-raisers to support the projects, including the gala evening for Turn-Around Scholarships, food stands at Almaden Lake for the July 4th celebrations and supporting Registrar of Voters in all local, state, and national elections.

Clay, who has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley for 5 years, says the club welcomes new members. The club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

"The community is welcome to join us at a service project and find out if Kiwanis is right for you," Clay said. "We have a great time and enjoy planning our fundraisers. Our meetings often feature a speaker or incorporate some of the youth programs we sponsor."

"Kids need Kiwanis, now more than ever before, and this Playgarden is an example of how our club can meet a need in our community," said Clay. "If you would like to find more about this amazing project, please visit <https://kiwanis-clubofalmadenvally.com> and click on the READ MORE button in the right-hand column.

Help needed

"The Almaden Valley Playgarden & Nature Area will become a wonderful destination gathering place for our community, said Clay. "We strongly encourage you to join us by donating to

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Kids are now learning math on their phone

New ways of instantly breaking down math solving approaches with cyber help

Ask any middle or high school student which subject is the hardest to find quality help with online, and you will undoubtedly hear that Math remains the most challenging. Backing this up, a recent survey of students showed that math is the number one subject in 35 states that students are struggling with this year alone, making up 35% of the questions alone on Brainly's platform.

This is why Brainly, the world's largest online learning platform and homework help community, created Math Solver, their online feature focused specifically on providing step-by-step solutions to complex math problems.

Math Tutor is available for



free as part of Brainly's suite of learning tools and is accessible to all 350M users across 35 countries, on supported mobile and tablet devices.

Math Solver, was created to remove the confusion and anxiety from mathematics and provide users with a clear path to solving even the most difficult algebra problems. By simply taking a photo of the problem, or writing it into your mobile device's touchscreen, Math Solver instantly provides a detailed step by step explanation or a graphic visual of the solution. Math Solver's straight forward, step by step walkthroughs have also been created to help parents, who are often just as stumped as kids are when it comes to assisting with math study.

"During the last year, Brainly continues to be an integral part of how students are learning, with the shift to virtual education," said Patrick Quinn, resident parenting expert at Brainly. "Math has always been the most active topic on Brainly so we know just how helpful this product will be for Brainly users."

If your kid is struggling with Math, you know that they are certainly not alone. These top five states are the ones who struggle with math the most: Florida, Georgia, Arizona, Nevada and North Carolina.

For more personal assistance with all other subjects, Brainly Tutor offers one-on-one instant access to qualified teachers to help solve problems and answer questions in real time. With Math Solver and Brainly Tutor, Brainly provides support to both students and parents looking for help outside of the classroom.

Editor's Note: To learn more go to Brainly.com

IN MEMORY

William (Bill) Jackson

*November 1941 –
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Resident of San Jose*

William (Bill) Jackson passed away peacefully after a 10 year battle with Parkinson's Disease.

In 1964 Bill married his childhood sweetheart, Cynthia (Cynie) Witbeck. "Best thing I've ever done." Soon after his San Jose State graduation, Bill began his teaching career. He taught science at Dart-



mouth Middle School for 34 years and coached a variety of sports for many of those.

Bill and Cynie's greatest joy was raising two wonderful sons, Tom and Mike, who grew into great men and made them proud. They brought two special ladies into our family, Jill and Tamra, plus 5 magnificent grandkids, Logan and Delaney (Tom and Jill) and Ava, Owen, and Cole (Mike and Tamra). They provided new joys, laughter, and pride! Bill and Cynie moved to The Villages Golf Community 23+ years ago, providing time to make great friends, play golf, and enjoy years of travel.

A private gathering will be held for family as per Bill's wishes. "I've lived a good life. No regrets."

Playground

Continued from previous page this worthwhile project and promoting this effort with your friends and family!"

You will also find more information about the Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/kiwanis-almadenvalley/>

The Kiwanis Children's Fund raises money and provides support for Kiwanis clubs around the world for projects related to childhood health and nutrition, education and literacy and youth leadership development. Visit: www.kiwanischildrensfund.org for more information.

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Times **Feature**

The importance of establishing a healthy relationship with money from a young age

Finance can be a difficult topic to tackle with young children, but teaching them to have a healthy relationship with money from a young age is important to lots of parents around the globe.

With this in mind, financial experts from money.co.uk have compiled a list of their top 10 tips for teaching your children about money.

I hope you find this release useful. If you do use any of the tips provided, we ask that you provide a clickable link to www.money.co.uk/share-dealing.htm who commissioned them.

1. **Start with the basics of money and finance**
- How you introduce money to your children will partly depend on their age. A good place to start is getting children comfortable handling cash and coins. Explain to them how money is used to buy things and that it must be earned before it can be spent.
2. **Speak openly about small financial decisions**

Start getting your child involved with minor financial decisions, such as which brands and items to buy when shopping. In this way, your child is able to understand the decisions you make while also feeling in control of certain financial choices. Older children could also help with budgeting while shopping if you ask them to keep a running total of the items you buy. Not only will this help their math skills, but it can also help them to understand how small items can still add up in price and not everything is affordable

- on a budget.
3. **Try simple games and toys with younger children**
- Creating easy monetary games such as counting pennies can help your child understand the value of different denominations of money. Try using a pile of 1 cent coins and asking your child to match the number of coins to the price of a higher value coin, such as 10 cents or 25 cents.
4. **Set a good example with your own finances**
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Times **Feature****Finances, continued**

There's no two ways about it, children learn money habits from their parents. Showing them small activities such as checking the receipt after your shop or putting money into savings can start developing positive habits from a young age. Encourage your child to ask questions without repercussion in this setting. While you might not necessarily have all the answers, opening up a dialogue is a healthy way for your child to learn more about finance.

5. Use pocket money as an incentive for small tasks

Using pocket money as an incentive to do chores around the house not only helps you, but it also helps your child learn more about the value of money and what it takes to earn it. Creating a simple plan with a set amount of money for different tasks, along with caps per week or month, is a great way to help your child start understanding where money comes from.

6. Use pocket money to teach children how to save

Alongside teaching children the relationship between work and money, household chores and pocket money is also a great opportunity to show children how to save. If your child has shown interest in a more expensive purchase, you could set them up with an old-fashioned piggy bank where they can 'deposit' their earnings or chart for them to fill out so they can track how much money they have.

7. Reward them by learning about interest

Paying small amounts of interest on the money your child has saved is a helpful way to encourage them to keep saving. Older children will be delighted to learn that the interest they earned last week can be used to earn more interest if they save until next week.

8. Use trips to the shop to learn about saving vs. spending

Another practical way to teach a child about the benefits of saving is by visiting shops. Allow them full control of their own

money on the understanding that if they don't have enough they won't be able to borrow any more. The more they feel in control of their own finances, the more they will be able to make sensible decisions when it comes to spending or saving.

9. Use digital tools with older children

There are a whole range of online tools for teaching older children about online banking and using cards for payments. One of the leading products on the market is GoHenry, which is suitable for those aged six and up, costs \$3.99 a month and allows parents to set strict spending limits, monitor what their kids are buying and where they are spending their money.

10. Teach older children about selling old toys for extra money

If you don't want to give your child pocket money, teaching them about ways to earn money for themselves is a helpful alternative. When they're old enough, you could ask your child to go through their old toys, books and clothes and set aside which ones they'd like to sell. You can then sell these on their behalf through online auction sites such as eBay or Facebook Marketplace. Not only is this a great way for your child to feel independent in earning their own money, it presents an opportunity to also discuss how to use the internet safely.

Salman Haqqi, personal finance expert from money.co.uk, speaks about why teaching children how to handle money from a young age is so beneficial.

"Creating an environment in which you are able to speak more openly with your children about your financial decisions is vital to engaging them from a young age on the value of money. Showing them how to make choices when shopping will set up good habits and understanding of managing money."

Haqqi also states: "It's important to make sure your lessons are age-appropriate and that you continue to involve and teach your children about money as they grow. A healthy relationship with finances starts at a young age, and children learn most of their habits from their parents."

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San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo** is pictured in this file photo.

Proposed congressional boundaries could split San Jose

By Eli Wolfe

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo is urging a state commission not to adopt political boundaries that would potentially weaken the power of Silicon Valley's biggest city.

Liccardo is asking the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to not approve a map that will split San Jose across four congressional districts. Most of the city is now located in the 19th District under Rep. Zoe Lofgren.

"None of the four San Jose districts would have a majority of San Jose residents, so California's third largest city would become the only major city without a congressperson primarily representing the city's collective interests," Liccardo said in a statement.

States are charged with redrawing political boundaries once every decade to make sure a relatively equal number of people

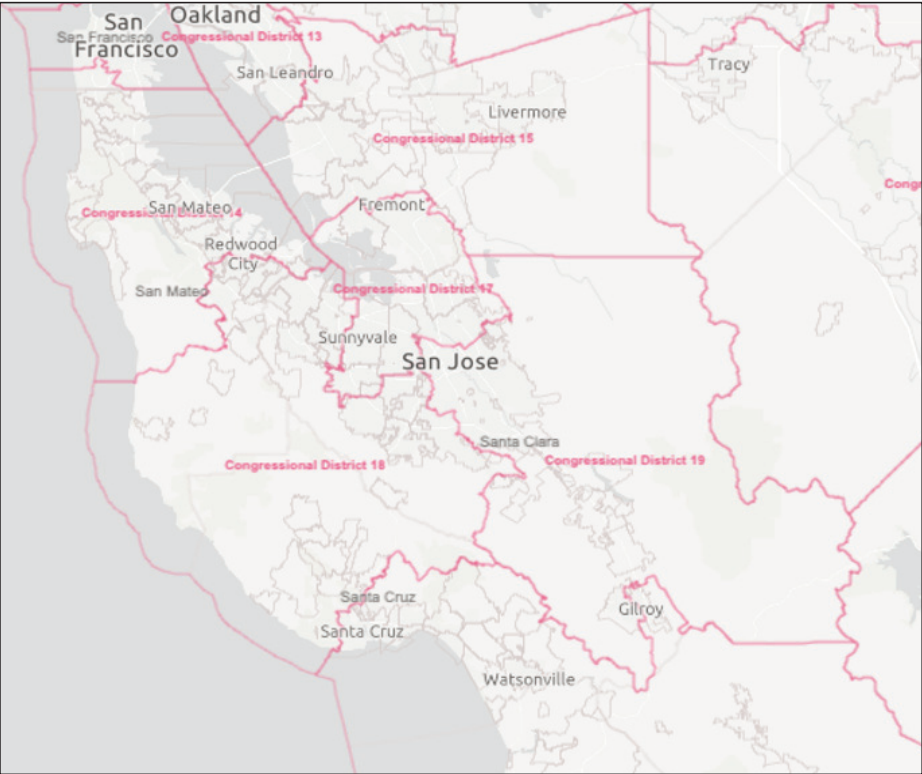
are represented in each district. The process occurs on the local level, too: Santa Clara County is about to approve a new map of its five supervisorial districts, and San Jose is still tinkering with its lines.

California has to establish its final map of political boundaries by Dec. 27. The commission is meeting Tuesday for discussion and to receive public comments.

Shaking up Silicon Valley

The latest iteration of California's congressional map would dramatically shake up Silicon Valley. It would split San Jose into the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th districts. Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara would be split from Mountain View and Palo Alto.

Lofgren, who was not available for comment, would have her district shifted further south. She would have constituents in King City and Salinas in neighboring Monterey County. Rep. Jimmy Panetta, based in that region, would have a district with hundreds of thousands of South San Jose resi-



The current congressional district boundaries for Silicon Valley. Image from California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

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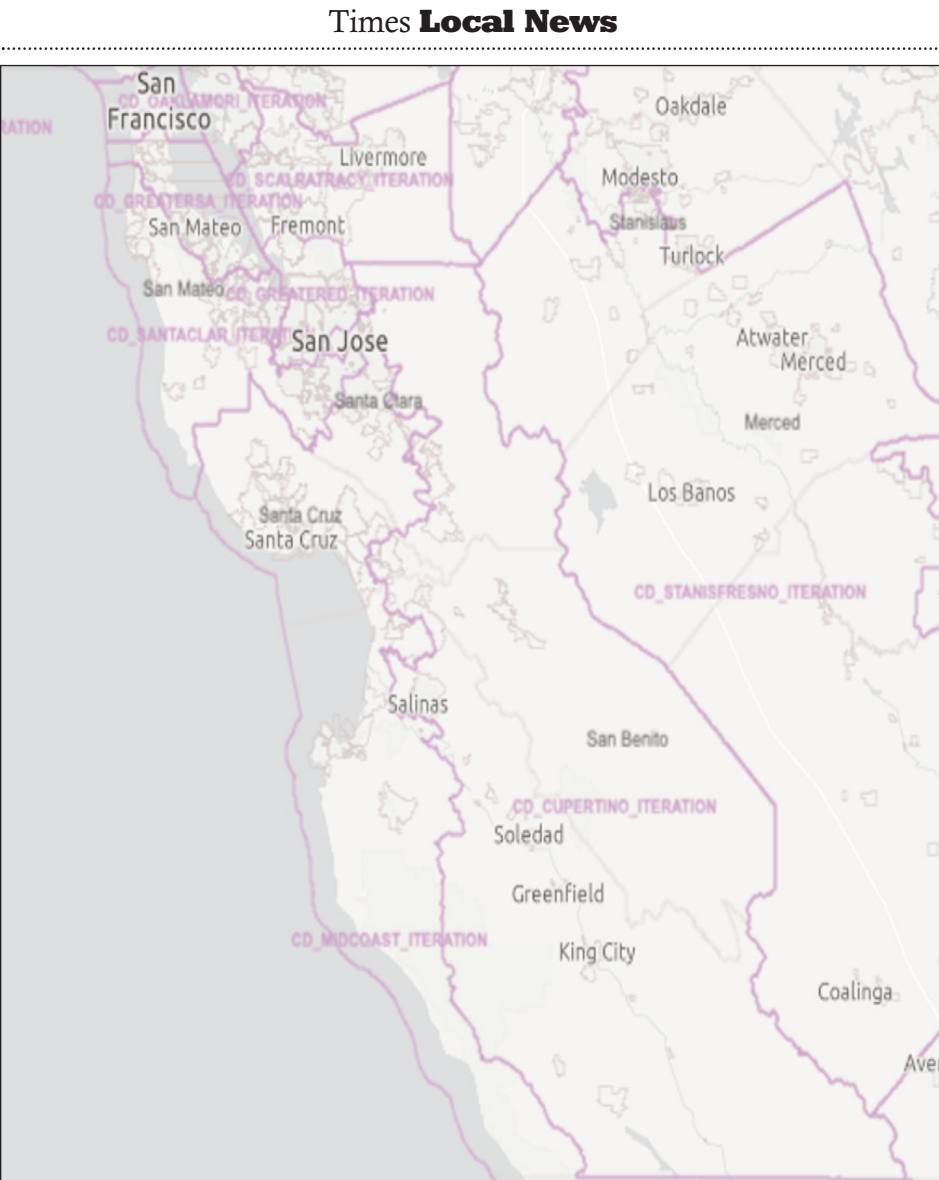
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The proposed new congressional district boundaries for Silicon Valley. Image from California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

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Liccardo said farmworkers in the Salinas Valley and coastal residents in Monterey deserve to have a representative who lives close by.

“(They) deserve the full attention of a congressperson who does not need to drive an hour north to a district office located near the world headquarters of Adobe, Western Digital or Zoom,” he said in a statement.

Commissioner Isra Ahmad told San José Spotlight the state Redistricting Commission follows six criteria for redrawing congressional boundaries: districts must be of equal population; comply with the federal Voting Rights Act; be contiguous; minimize the division of cities, counties and neighborhood communities of interest; and ensure each Senate district has two complete and adjacent Assembly districts. The commission does not consider how maps will affect incumbents or candidates.

“Our mission here is to really prioritize communities and center communities of interest in these maps,” she said.

Terry Christensen, a retired political science professor at San Jose State University, said it’s difficult to see what communities of interest the commission considered when crafting the congressional districts. As an example, he said it doesn’t make sense to redraw lines that place Edenvale and Evergreen together, and Palo Alto with Half Moon Bay.

“The mayor is right that it would be best to have a single San Jose-dominant district,” Christensen told San José Spotlight. “On the other hand, if the city is split into four dis-

tricts we could, at least in theory, have not one but four representatives.”

Palo Alto Councilmember Greg Tanaka says Liccardo is right to be upset about San Jose splitting into multiple districts. Tanaka, who is running for Congress, is similarly concerned with how redistricting will potentially split the handful of tech-heavy cities that form the heart of Silicon Valley.

“They basically carved out Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara away from Mountain View and Palo Alto—the traditional Silicon Valley cities,” Tanaka told San José Spotlight.

He noted some of the tech cities are being mixed into districts with rural communities, such as Pescadero and La Honda. Tanaka is worried these new political boundaries will break up Asian communities in Silicon Valley, diluting their voting power. This concern has been echoed in local redistricting battles, with political leaders saying some maps will harm Asian American voting power.

“I don’t think (the commission) was preserving communities of interest—I think they were trying to keep the same racial balance as ten years ago,” Tanaka said, referring to a time when Silicon Valley had a higher proportion of white residents.

Ahmad noted communities of interest have to be defined by geography. This makes it difficult when considering how to preserve regions unified by a dominant industry, such as tech.

“When we say Silicon Valley is a tech community of interest, where is it? Does it run from Palo Alto to Santa Clara or Sunnyvale, or does it run all the way to San Francisco?” she said.

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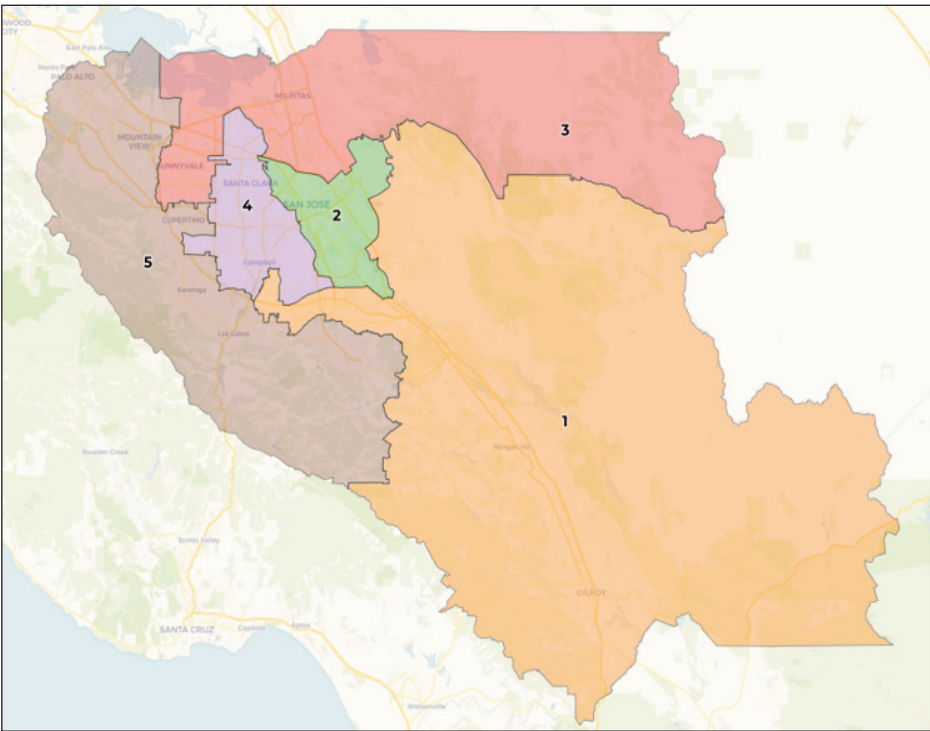
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The Santa Clara County Supervisors voted 3-2 to approve the 90195 Map, introduced by Supervisor Cindy Chavez.

Santa Clara County lawmakers choose new political map

New redistricting map unites Evergreen Valley

By Eli Wolfe

Article courtesy of *San José Spotlight*

After months of intense debate and controversy, Santa Clara County has taken an important step to finalize its political boundaries for the next decade.

The Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 on Tuesday to advance a map known as draft 90195, introduced by Supervisor Cindy Chavez. The map is a variation of the Yellow Map, a controversial option advanced by a coalition of civil rights and labor groups. Supervisors considered eight other maps during their meeting, mostly variations of the Yellow Map.

Supervisors Chavez, Susan Ellenberg and Otto Lee voted in favor of the 90195 Map. Supervisors Mike Wasserman and Joe Simitian voted against it. Chavez’s map is a modified version of the Yellow Map, previously known as the Unity Map.

The 90195 Map has a population deviation of 4.1%, meaning it has a relatively equal number of people living in each of the county’s five districts. It’s similar to the Yellow Map in that it creates a “majority-minority” Asian-Pacific Islander district in District 3, and maintains a Latino influence district in District 2.

Critically, the map removes Los Gatos and Almaden Valley from District 1 and places them in District 5—a point of controversy that has prompted fierce debates in past meetings and legal questions from opponents. The map also unites Evergreen, does not split the Willow Glen neighborhood and uses barriers like the Capitol Expressway and the Guadalupe River to create natural district boundaries.

Chavez expressed confidence in the 90195 Map’s positive attributes. She acknowledged the challenges of the redistricting process, noting every tweak to an existing boundary line can have significant consequences for residents.

“Every time you touch a census tract it has a ripple effect on another area,” Chavez

said. “So these were really challenging to put together.”

Moving the lines

The Yellow Map, introduced months ago by groups including Silicon Valley Rising Action, Asian Law Alliance and the San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP, upset opponents who claimed it would dilute conservative power in District 1 by cleaving off Almaden Valley and Los Gatos.

Gerrymandering accusations

Several community leaders accused the map of gerrymandering because it would exclude two candidates from the District 1 election—former San Jose Councilmember Johnny Khamis and Los Gatos Vice Mayor Rob Rennie. They also raised last-minute legal issues and claimed Chavez should have been barred from voting due to alleged conflicts of interest.

Chavez said the 90195 Map improves on the Yellow Map by reducing the population imbalance between districts and improving contiguity and compactness of borders—criteria required by state and federal law for jurisdictions engaged in the once-in-a-decade redrawing of political lines.

Wasserman reintroduced the EE 2.0 Map, an option discarded at a November meeting. He said it deserved consideration because it has the lowest population imbalance of any proposal at 1.2%. He said the county currently has a 17.2% deviation, well above the state guideline of 10%.

“I attribute a lot of that to the fact we didn’t start with the lowest deviation possible 11 years ago,” Wasserman said.

Residents still unhappy

Residents in favor of Chavez’s map largely echoed what has been said of the Yellow Map: that it will provide better representation to communities historically marginalized in county politics.

“It provides our citizens with equity because of the fact that we will have a voice in South County as opposed to the way it’s set up now,” said resident Marty Estrada.

Several residents spoke in favor of the EE 2.0 Map, arguing it has the lowest
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Times **Local News**Photo of **Tito Muñoz** courtesy of the artists and Symphony Silicon Valley

Symphony San Jose presents American Masters: Gershwin, Copland, Bernstein, Ellington Jan. 22-23

Symphony San Jose presents *American Masters* January Jan. 22 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 23 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San Jose.

Four composers, whose works defined America in the '30s and '40s, come together on one grand program: George Gershwin, Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, and Duke Ellington.

Copland's expansive, optimistic Appalachian Spring became known as "the quintessential American sound." In fact, all four composers could stake that claim. Gershwin and Bernstein each gave us a brilliant mix of symphonic music, jazz and Broadway.

Duke Ellington's stunning reflection on Black history from slavery to the Harlem Renaissance is considered one of the greatest examples of long-form jazz. Drawing on the blues, soaring gospel music, work songs, swing, and more, Ellington created an all-American orchestral masterpiece.

Conductor: Tito Muñoz

The Program:

Aaron Copland: Appalachian Spring

George Gershwin: Cuban Overture

Leonard Bernstein: On the Town

(Three Dances)

Duke Ellington: Black Brown & Beige

Tito Muñoz, conductor: Praised for his versatility, technical clarity, and keen musical insight, Tito Muñoz is internationally recognized as one of the most gifted conduc-

tors on the podium today. Now in his fourth season as Music Director of the Phoenix Symphony, Mr. Muñoz previously served as Music Director of the Opéra National de Lorraine and the Orchestre symphonique et lyrique de Nancy in France. Prior appointments include Assistant Conductor positions with the Cleveland Orchestra, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra and the Aspen Music Festival.

Long-form Jazz: The Rich Legacy of Duke Ellington

One of America's most prolific composers, Duke Ellington is credited with over a thousand works. He often called them 'American Music' rather than jazz. Ellington's 30-year collaboration with composer-arranger-pianist Billy Strayhorn produced not only countless songs but several long-form compositions - suites more at home in concert halls than in, say, Harlem's famed Cotton Club. The greatest of these is *Black Brown & Beige*.

Symphony San Jose is supported in part by a Cultural Affairs grant from the City of San Jose.

Box office: Call 408.286.2600; www.symphonysanjosere.org Or visit the Box Office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at 325 South First Street in downtown San Jose, between San Carlos and San Salvador Streets just one-half block from the California Theatre.

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population deviation and maintains cultural continuity in South County.

"South County fundamentally differs from the rest of Santa Clara County in that our residents do not enjoy the job growth, transportation services or income level as the rest of the county," said Gilroy Mayor Marie Blankley, adding the addition of four San Jose communities to her district will dilute representation of rural residents.

David Noel, president of the Erikson Neighborhood Association, unsuccessfully urged a last-minute recusal before the vote.

"I respectfully ask Supervisor Chavez to abstain from voting on district maps given

her close association with the groups that funded and created the map," Noel said. Several conservative leaders claim Chavez should have been barred from voting on the Yellow Map because she previously worked for South Bay Labor Council and Working Partnerships USA, both of which participated in creating the map. They also claim there is a conflict of interest because Chavez participated in a fundraiser for Morgan Hill Mayor Rich Constantine, who is running for the District 1 supervisor seat.

The board asked the county surveyor to prepare a description of the adjusted supervisorial boundaries, and for County Counsel to report back on Dec. 14 with a resolution of the redistricting plans.

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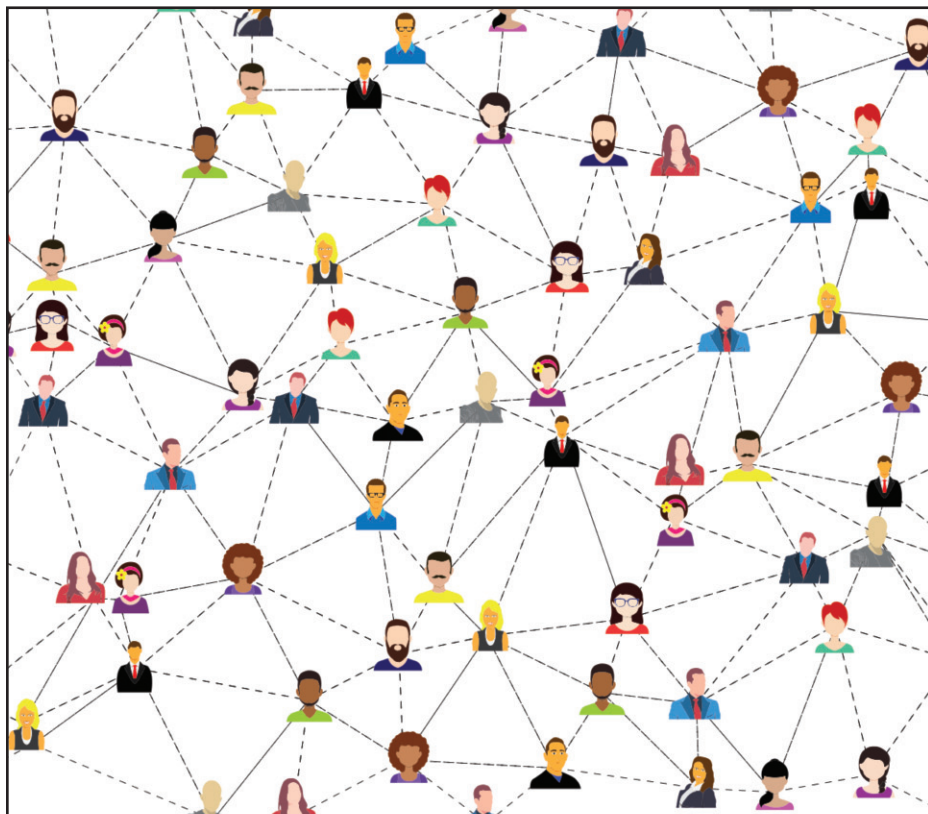
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TENNIS TIPS

Three mistakes that can make your serve slower

By Ken DeHart

Mistake #1 - Not having a target

All ball sports require having a target, somewhere to throw, hit or kick the ball to. "In the court" is not a good target for intermediate or advanced players. The mind needs more definition to recruit the correct muscles to direct your serve to a selected target.

The 5 tactical priorities of serving are:

- Get the ball in play
- Control the direction
- Determine the depth
- Choose the spin
- Select the speed

All 5 of these priorities apply to all level of servers – they just get more specific as the players skill level increases,

Tips for beginners (2.5 and up)

1. Get the ball over the net
2. Direct the ball into the appropriate deuce or ad court
3. Depth is not a key component at this level
4. Spin is best achieved by striking the side of the ball to cause the ball to have a side-spin that will help the ball come down into the court
5. Speed is not as important at this level but will be at the next two levels

Tips for Intermediates (3.0-4.0)

1. Get the ball over the net at various heights
2. Divide the service courts in half length wise then direct your serve to the left or right of the deuce or ad court to your opponents forehand or backhand
3. Depth becomes more important at this level. Preference is deeper into the service box so the opponents cannot move forward to attack your serve. An occasional short serve is a good change of pace to keep your opponent off balance
4. Spin comes into play big at this level. The spin helps to keep the faster serves in the service court. The spin means the opponent must know how to handle the spin as it contacts their racquet to avoid an error
5. Speed is a key factor here – but too many players try to serve too fast for their ability to control the serve. Vary the speed to keep the opponent off guard like a good baseball pitcher – vary the speed, spin and location to be successful.

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Tips for Advanced (4.5-5.5)

1. The percentage of first serves put in play becomes critical at this level. Don't give your opponent too many looks at your serve – especially the second serve. Hitting a second serve at this level puts huge pressure on the server and allows the returner to be more aggressive

2. Direction is huge here and becomes very specific. Short and wide to the deuce court, fast and into the body or up the center to the "T" are important decisions. Variety is very



important to keep the receiver guessing as to the location you will use.

3. Depth is a determining component here and needs to be used in conjunction with direction when serving. Anything short will usually result in the server being put on defense or losing the point outright.

4. Spin is essential to make the serve "heavy", keep the ball in play as serve speed increases and to make the ball move around as the opponent receives it.

5. Speed is usually quite high here (90-130 mph) but speed doesn't matter if it is not in play, in the right direction, right depth and confusing spin to make it put pressure on the receiver.

Mistake #2 - Too much grip pressure

Most players try to grip the racquet handle tighter to make the serve go faster.

• Actually the opposite is true, the more relaxed the grip pressure the faster the racquet can be accelerated toward the ball.

• The hand needs to be able to accelerate the racquet head faster than the hand could normally move.

• On a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the most relaxed and 5 being the tightest, the grip tension should be around 2-3 for the best speed on your serve.

• Try serving while holding the grip with only 2 or 3 fingers and the thumb. You will feel the natural acceleration of the serve motion.

Mistake #3 - Not practicing

Your serve will not get better by its self.. It is the most important shot in your game.

• It starts every point.

• Taking a few practice serves before you start to play will not help your serve get better.

• It is your first chance to put the ball in play the way you want it to be introduced.

• It is one part of the game you can practice by yourself.

• How can your serve get any faster without taking a lesson and hitting the practice courts?

• When practicing ground strokes – instead of dropping the ball to start the point, hit and easy spin serve to start each point. This way you are always practicing your serve and return as you practice working on your ground strokes. Don't wait to the last part of practice to practice your serve. Practice in increments all throughout your practice session.

• Hit the courts to practice to improve your most important shot in your game

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Times **Community News**

In San Jose an unsafe and perhaps unstable sinkhole has been discovered after a recent houseless abatement (removal) took place for clean-up and tree cutting.

'Hotel Sinkhole' discovered along creek in San Jose

Dangerous secret living quarters found

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

Some call them snake holes, swallow holes or sinkholes. They can show up out of nowhere and in some cases devour houses. Certain conditions are needed for them to form.

In San Jose an unsafe and perhaps unstable sinkhole has been discovered after a recent houseless abatement (removal) took place for clean-up and tree cutting.

Sinkholes are cavities and or pits that can be formed when rain or other sources of water erodes the underground rock layers to create spaces. These holes could have been formed long ago perhaps over a hundred years.

Such underground holes are dramatic and dangerous for they can stay intact but when

they get too big and there is not enough support, the ceiling may suddenly collapse creating a hole on the surface. Underground water can erode sediments and spall the cavern walls.

Along Creek near roads and homes

This newly discovered hole is hidden so that if a person or wild animal were to fall into it, they might not be able to get out.

The water company (or tree clearing company) came months ago during pandemic and removed lots of gigantic old growth eucalyptus trees in this area. An A-Frame was put over the hole.

Plight of the houseless

One resident said, "ya, they live in there, it keeps them warm and offers shelter. Some steal from stores, get caught, go to jail and have that happen over and over again."

Another person said that they knew of a young lady who was kicked out of her house

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The camera was lowered into the sinkhole to capture the interior living quarters of the cavern

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Cooking area and pan left untouched.

Sinkhole

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for doing drugs. She ended up in the creek because her family wanted nothing to do with her.

Others have stated that prostitution may be a part of the way of life with some homeless individuals. Social workers may need to play a heavier role.

To be fair, there are also hard workers who are homeless. The rent of rooms and need for good credit ratings can block people from obtaining a place to live.

Tent may have hidden secret den for years

Perhaps a tent was placed over the hole and the houseless group of people used the sinkhole by entering the tent for years on end. When the frosts come (we can see it on the lawns and roofs and even cars) perhaps the warmth of the enclosed clay walls raised the temperature to a warmer hospitable state.

The summer heat may have also offered a choice to go to the underground cave cooling area. The rectangular carving out of the floor could have been an area for a mattress.

At “Hotel Sinkhole” the toilets don’t flush, room service never answers but the robins cheerfully offer wake up reminders for the guests.

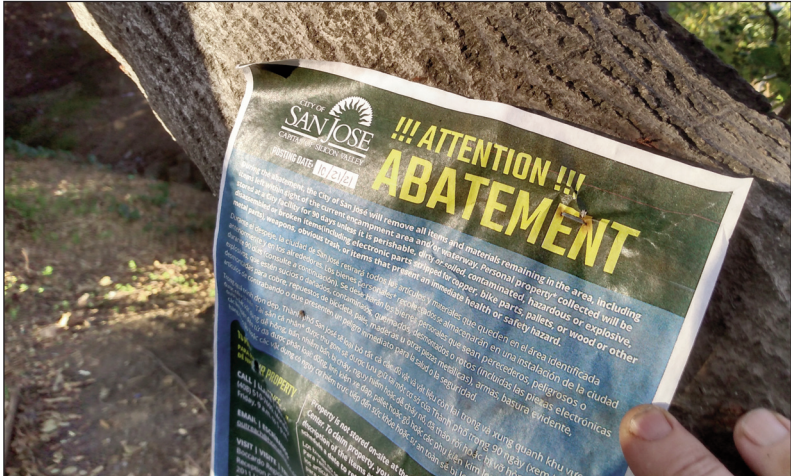
To live underground is a choice. The sinkhole ceiling could collapse for landscape truck tracks can be found on the powder dust ground as they rolled over the hidden underground area the size of a swimming pool. If the dirt is 3’ thick that would equate to tons of rock falling into the cavern.

During the exodus of the abatement while the large old growth trees were cut, those who custodian the creek took time to place a warning over the hole but perhaps found it too expensive to fill it with sand.

For now, the area is clear and there is only a solitary A-Frame put out over the secret subterranean hole. When the rains come perhaps changes in the soil will occur. If it opens up it could swallow someone.

If the A frame is removed, someone might fall into the unseen chasm and have to yell for help hoping a passerby would hear.

Perhaps it’s true that the first step one should take in finding a sinkhole is to keep far away from it.



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