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## Santa Clara County Parks launches *Everyone Belongs at Parks* initiative to foster inclusivity and equity

By Times Media staff writers

Santa Clara County Parks announced last week the commencement of the *Everyone Belongs at Parks* initiative, a transformative effort aimed at promoting inclusivity, equity, and accessibility within our public spaces.

As part of this initiative, County Parks has partnered with Keen Independent Research to conduct an extensive qualitative and quantitative assessment of the demographics and usage patterns in County Parks, with a focus on addressing issues of equity and access.

The *Everyone Belongs at Parks* initiative will actively engage with park visitors and non-park visitors through a virtual online workshop to ensure that a diverse range of perspectives and voices are included in the survey process.

The primary goals for this assessment are as follows:

**1. Understanding Current Usage:** The assessment aims to gain comprehensive insights into the demographics of park visitors utilizing County Parks, as well as the various ways in which these spaces are being enjoyed.

**2. Identifying Barriers:** Gain knowledge of the reasons behind individuals who are not visiting County Parks, and identify any existing barriers and potential obstacles preventing their participation.

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## Former San Jose staffer enters District 10 race to unseat ex-boss

By Jana Kadah  
*San José Spotlight*

Former city employee Nooran Bayzaie was considering a run for the District 10 San Jose City Council seat when his boss and sitting councilmember fired him.

Bayzaie, 22, most recently worked as a legislative and policy aide for District 10 Councilmember Arjun Batra. Bayzaie said he was let go a couple of weeks ago, the day after he told

Batra about possibly entering the race—the same seat Batra is eyeing. Bayzaie is the second person to officially declare his candidacy to represent the Santa Teresa and Almaden area in southwest San Jose, joining longtime media relations specialist Lenka Wright.

"A lot of people have been asking me, 'Why are you running against your former boss?' But I do not see it that way," Bayzaie told *San José Spotlight*. "I'm just giving the residents an option for someone younger, who's going to be more proactive, who will read the memorandums at every weekly city council meeting and someone who will be attentive to resident needs."

Bayzaie's eye for council shouldn't come as a surprise. He previously applied for the vacant District 10 seat earlier this year when the city council did an appointment process to fill the role left by Mayor Matt Mahan. Bayzaie did not make it far and ultimately Batra secured the seat.

Batra was not immediately available to respond to request for comment.

Bayzaie's priorities as a prospective city leader center on public safety, homelessness and economic development—the same platform as when he ran earlier this year. He said he has more insight on how to get things done after six months of working in the city.

In terms of public safety, Bayzaie's mission is to hire more police officers. He also wants to provide officers with more mental health training because he believes they should be readily equipped to respond to all incidents, including mental health crises.

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**Nooran Bayzaie** is running for the District 10 San Jose City Council seat against his former boss. *Photo courtesy of Nooran Bayzaie.*

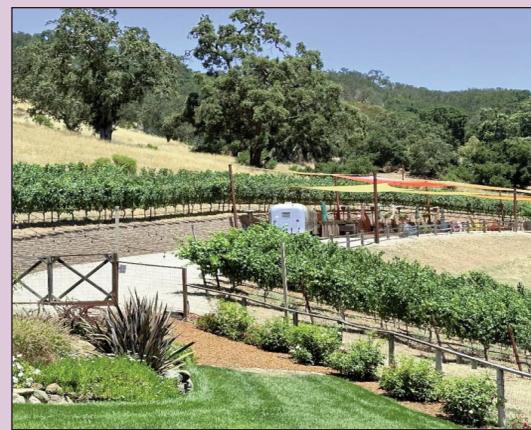
## Alamitos Vineyards garners top vote in 2023 USA Today 10 Best Readers' Choice Contest for *Best New Winery Experience*

Three-year-old New Almaden Vineyard wins Double Gold and Gold in 2023 San Francisco Chronicle Competition

By Denelle Fedor  
*Times contributing writer*

Alamitos Vineyards owners Shaun Coleman and Chris Maune have done it again – they are continuing the tradition of making history in New Almaden by being the top vote getter for the 2023 USA TODAY 10 Best Readers' Choice travel award contest securing the prestigious Best New Winery experience in the Country.

It happened last year. A wine tasting was scheduled at Alamitos Vineyards by a marketing group who promotes San Jose for tourism for a group of travel writers. Amber Gibson, a well-known writer and blogger, was part of this group. Gibson has travelled all over the world, visiting numerous historic sites, hidden gems, well-known destinations and has included numerous wineries throughout the world on her travels. She lovingly shares that she spends 350 nights a year shar-

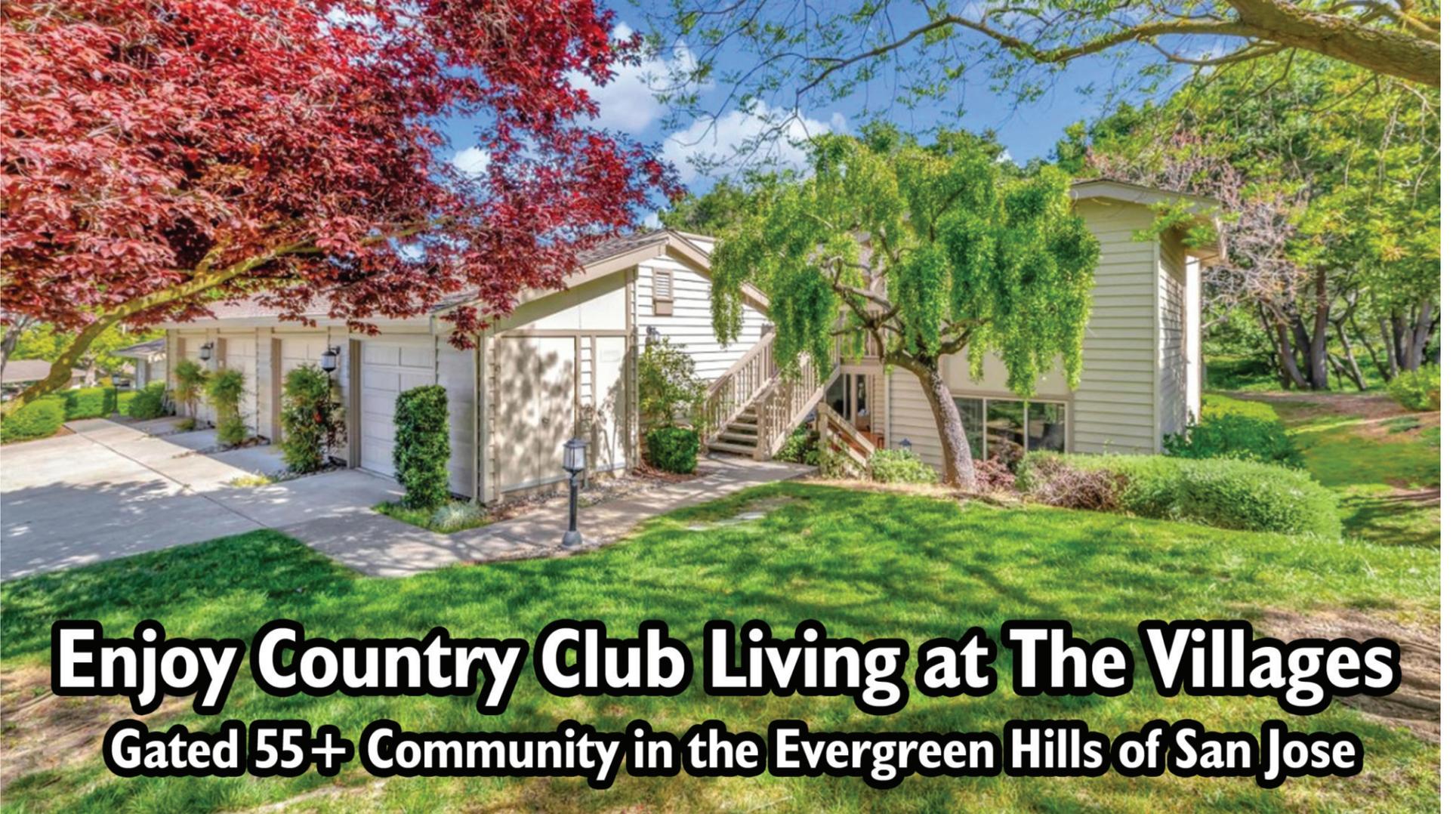


ing the joys of her travels with readers.

Gibson was mesmerized by this young winery of three years and nominated Alamitos Vineyards for the Best New Winery experience in the 10Best.com with USA TODAY. This nomination came shortly after Alamitos Vineyards competed in the 2023 San Francisco

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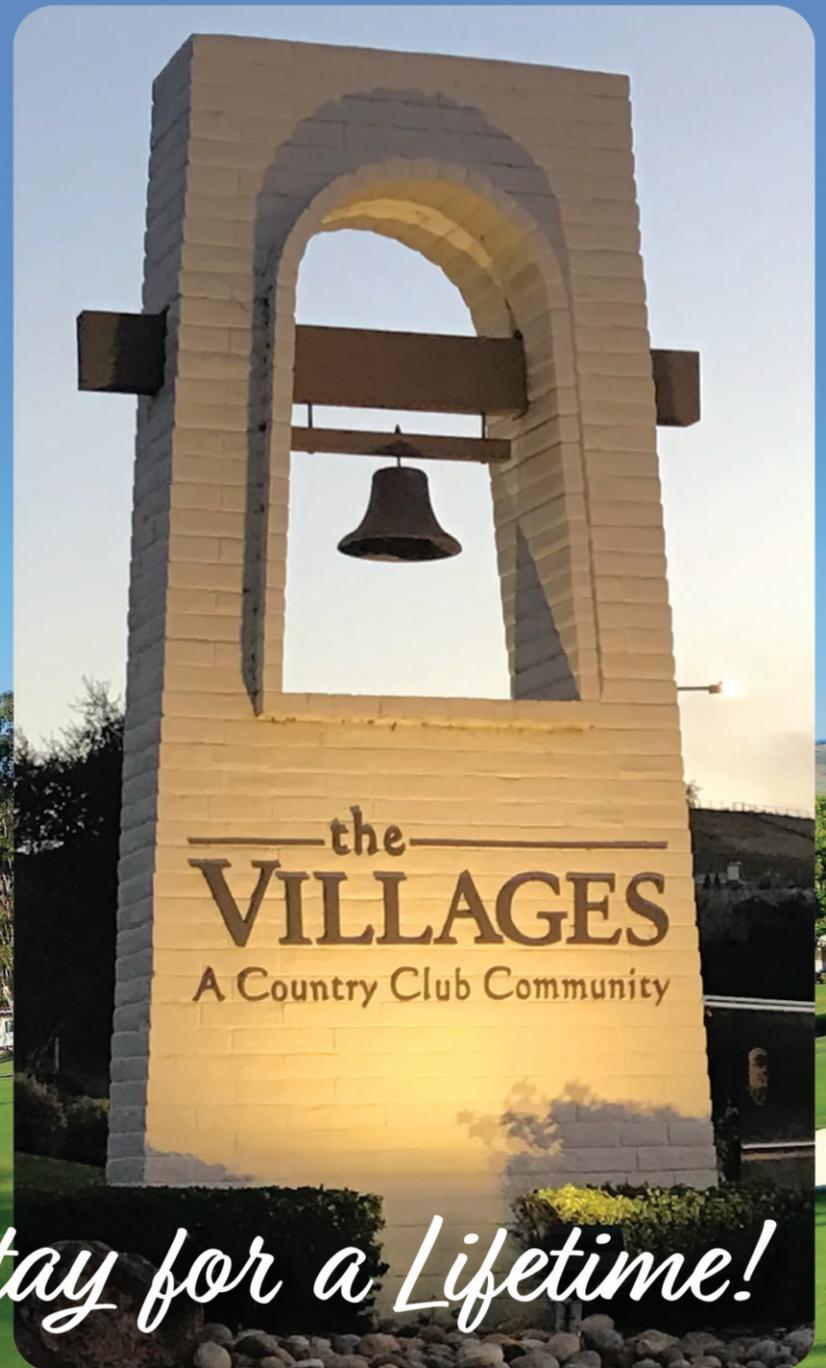
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## NEWS DESK



"Dilli Haat is designed to build further awareness of Indian merchandise and food and culture," said spokesperson Aishwarya Ravichandran.

## 'Dilli Haat' 2023 event scheduled for Sept 16 at Kelly Park

8th year to attract 15K+ attendees from Bay Area

The name "Dilli Haat" comes from the idea of the creation of a large marketplace. In India the traditional weekly village market is called a "haat." This concept is hugely popular and now takes place in San Jose at Kelly Park.

**Aspiring successful women entrepreneurs create Dilli Haat, San Jose**

WomenNow TV is a community of aspiring and successful women entrepreneurs, who join hands every year to create remarkable events in the Bay Area.

This year, WomenNow TV will be hosting DILLI HAAT 2023 on Saturday, September 16th at Kelly Park in San Jose. This is the 8th year of this huge event that attracts 15K+ attendees from the local bay area.

### Over 100 shopping booths

"Dilli Haat is designed to build further awareness of Indian merchandise and food and culture," said spokesperson Aishwarya Ravichandran. "The event will feature more than 100 shopping booths, more than a thousand performers and a variety of cuisines from different parts of India."

### Featuring World Wide Dance Festival

The attractions at this year's event include: World Dance Festival, Food Festival, Clothing Paradise, Kids Carnival, more than 100 booths with clothing, merchandise, accessories, Kids stalls and much more.

*Editor's note: This is a free event! Open 11 am to 6 pm. It is a large-scale outdoor festival featuring 100+ of your favorite clothing, artists and food trucks. It is a gateway to Indian handicrafts and clothing, food trucks with food selections from all over the world, a clothing paradise featuring ethnic clothing from all around India starting from lehengas, sari and Gamcha, a shoe boutique with beautiful shoes/ jootis collection from all over the world. The kids carnival area has a play area with balloons, bounce house and trucks. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/womennowtv>.*

# Valley Currents

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Pictured (left to right) are Pursuit of Excellence (POE-South Bay) scholarship winners, Tamba, Pedro, Ethan, David, Marina, Elyssa, Jimena, Jenny, Desteny, Ximena, and Julio.

## Pursuit of Excellence 2023 scholarship winners enjoy Vasona Park POE-South Bay picnic

POE-South Bay, a scholarship and mentorship program for low income, high achieving students held its annual picnic at Vasona Park in June.

Eleven new scholarship winners, along with their families and mentors, were introduced to each other and to the college scholarship program that they will participate in.

Pursuit of Excellence (POE-South Bay) was founded in 2015 by Donna Guldemann of Saratoga and Rosemary Rossi of Los Gatos. Modeled after the POE-Peninsula Scholarship, POE-South Bay selects students from Independence, Pioneer and Lincoln high schools in San Jose and from Los Gatos High School to receive up to \$4,000 per year during college and to work with a mentor matched with them by POE South Bay.

Due to the generous support of the Summit League of Los Gatos and Saratoga, POE-South Bay added Independence High School to its list of participating schools. The support of Summit League, an all-volunteer, community service organization, allowed POE to select 11 students this year and to offer more substantial scholarships (based on need) to the students.

The picnic was the first opportunity for students and mentors to meet. In addition, current POE-South Bay scholars were on hand to talk about their college experi-

ences and what these in-coming freshmen can expect.

### This year's POE-Scholars from Lincoln High School

**Ximena Soto Hernandez** who will be attending San Jose State University where she is planning to major in nursing. Ximena chose San Jose State so she could remain close to her family.

**Jimena Gomez** is going to the University of Santa Barbara where she plans to major in biology. Jimena tutored younger children during high school and is excited about the experience of being away from San Jose.

**David Zamora** will attend SJSU to major in mechanical engineering. David's interest in robotics led to his choice of mechanical engineering but he still hopes to continue to be involved in theater during college.

**Elyssa Castrejon** is going to UCLA to double major in Biology and Sociology. While she will be far from home, she is joined at UCLA by her twin sister.

**Marina Garcia** will attend UC Davis and plans to major in Bio Medical Engineering. She is already planning to manage her time carefully as college will offer so many activities and choices.

**From Independence High School**  
**Jenny Liu** who is going to USC to major in a new 5-year architecture program that includes a second

major in Architecture and materials. She was active in the architecture construction and engineering program during high school and likes the collaboration that this major offers.

**Ethan Ho** is attending SJSU to major in computer engineering. Ethan enjoys the collaboration needed to work in computing and the challenges that college will bring.

**Pedro Rosas Pedilla** will also attend SJSU to major in mechanical engineering. A power lifter, Pedro is also a skilled plumber assisting his father with his work.

**From Pioneer High School**  
**Tamba Mbawa** will attend Stanford and has yet to select a major. He speaks several languages and is leaning either toward international policy or medicine. Tamba hopes to return to Africa to give back to his community.

**Julio Hernandez Vera** will attend San Jose Community College with plans to transfer to San Jose State to major in electrical engineering. Because of his work after school, Julio is close to receiving his electrician's license and is very enthusiastic about this field.

**Desteny Villa** is also attending SJSU and plans to move into the nursing program. Desteny is delighted to have a mentor through POE-South Bay who can help her navigate college life.

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Times **Community News**

## Certificates of deposit (CDs): How they work to grow your money

Learn how this savings tool works, when to consider it and your options

By **Mariam Abrahams**

*U.S. Bank - Willow Glen Branch Manager*

**Y**ou probably already have a checking or savings account from which you pay monthly bills and cover daily expenses. You might even have a retirement savings account like a 401k or IRA.

If you also have some extra money that you won't need right away, consider growing it with a certificate of deposit (CD). A CD may give you a higher return than a traditional savings account, while still allowing you to withdraw your money after a set period of time that you select when you open the account.

Mariam Abrahams, U.S. Bank district manager who oversees the U.S. Bank Willow Glen branch, has been helping local customers understand CDs and key factors when considering a CD as part of your savings strategy, including:

**CD Maturity:** Your CD reaches maturity at the end of the term you chose when you opened the account. Then, either you can withdraw the money, or you can reinvest in another CD. If you do nothing, a bank typically will automatically reinvest your money in another CD with the same term. If you want to withdraw your money or

move it into a CD with a longer or shorter term, you'll need to let the bank know during the grace period of the CD. This is a period of time after the CD matures during which you can make changes to your account with no penalty. Then, you can transfer your deposit to your checking or savings account, or you can purchase another CD with a different term.

**Early withdrawal:** If you withdraw money before the CD's term ends, you'll usually have to pay a penalty. This penalty varies, but you may have to give up some of your interest earnings – sometimes as much as three or six months' worth.

**CD Laddering:** Many savers may try to take advantage of the higher interest rates CDs tend to offer while also attempting to keep their savings semi liquid. They often do this by purchasing more than one CD. For example, you might deposit money in a one-year, two-year, three-year, four-year and five-year CD — a strategy known as laddering. With this approach, one CD would mature each year, and you would be able to access the original funds and earned interest without paying a penalty. This also may be a valuable approach if interest rates rise more generally throughout the economy. When interest rates increase broadly, you are likely to earn a higher interest rate on a new CD account.

**When should you consider a CD?**

CDs may be a good choice if you have budgeted well and have some money in savings that you're unlikely to need right away.

CDs can be part of a sound financial plan. To learn which kinds of CDs might be best for you, talk with your local banker.

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## Bayzaie

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On the housing front, Bayzaie said he wants to strike the right balance between affordable and interim housing development in San Jose. To him, that balance means providing more immediate, temporary solutions while affordable housing is in development. He said if he was on council during the contentious Measure E discussion on how to spend the millions of tax dollars, he would've voted alongside Mahan to allocate most of the dollars to temporary housing for homeless residents, instead of affordable housing.

The soon-to-be college graduate hopes to use his economics degree from San Jose State University to hone in on the city's economic development. He wants to create incentives to attract businesses to San Jose with a goal of increasing the city's revenues, while bringing more customers to local eateries and smaller businesses.

"We have a great property tax base because this is a living city. However, a lot of people leave the city, they go to Sunnyvale and Mountain View to work, so we're missing out on a lot of that income tax," Bayzaie said. "If we were able to incentivize and encourage businesses to come, we could utilize those dollars to improve our city."

Though Bayzaie has a semester left before he graduates, he brings in notable work experience. He said he was the youngest

financial advisor at Merrill in the company's history nationwide. A year prior to joining Batra's office, he worked as a District 10 parks commissioner. He is also a cofounder of the nonprofit Youth Care Initiative in San Jose, which focuses on wider access to education and medical services to disenfranchised youth.

Rachael Parakh, a board member of the Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association, said she is impressed by Bayzaie's entrepreneurial spirit and sincere interest and passion to help the community. That is why she is supporting his run.

"Nooran continues to reach out to see how we are doing and how he can be of assistance. His availability and open door policy for constructive conversations is remarkable," Parakh told San José Spotlight. "(Our organization) knows that if we ever need a new contact or to brainstorm new opportunities for growth, we can count on Nooran."

Parakh added she particularly appreciates his "contagious" youthful energy.

Bayzaie said he knows his age might lead to people underestimating him, but maintains it is a strength.

"We're trying to revitalize our local government and trying to give it a fresh face and the best way to do that is with a youthful face, someone who's been living in the district his entire life," Bayzaie said. "I can definitely bring a lot more to the table than the typical candidate."

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### IN MEMORY

## Nancy Pyle 1938 - 2023

Resident of San Jose Nancy Pyle passed peacefully on July 14, 2023 of natural causes. Her husband was by her side.

Nancy was born in Syracuse, NY on January 21, 1938 to parents who owned a dairy farm in nearby Camillus, NY.

She was the oldest of four: brother Larry, who lives near the former dairy farm, and sisters Patricia and Maureen (both deceased). She played flute and piccolo in her high school band. She once injured herself in a fall in the dairy farm barn, but still marched in a parade hours later.

She graduated from Le Moyne College, a Jesuit school, with a Bachelor's degree in French. She worked full time during college. In 1960, she married and moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, where she later had a son and a daughter.

Nancy was a beloved and award-winning teacher for some 35 years. She started at Challenger pre-school in Saratoga, then moved to elementary school. She primarily taught fifth grade in San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD). Her schools included Carson, Erickson, Schallenberger and Bachrodt Elementary. She also taught eighth graders at Castillero Middle School.

During this time, Nancy demonstrated her characteristic energy and determination in parallel endeavors. She became a licensed realtor, and sold residential real estate in her spare time, and during her summer breaks. She obtained her Master's Degree in Educational Administration at United States International University. Nancy was promoted to SJUSD staff, where she became a registered lobbyist.

She also became the publisher of a weekly SJUSD newsletter in four languages.

After Nancy's service as a lobbyist in Sacramento, she returned to teaching. She taught two more years of fifth grade at Schallenberger Elementary before retiring from education. Never one to remain idle, Nancy leveraged her lobbyist experience to start a second career in political service to the community. She ran for the job of San Jose Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) Trustee, where she served eight years.

During her tenure, she was instrumental in developing funding through a Bond Measure and other means. One revenue source included commercial development of an unused corner of Evergreen Valley College. The SJECCD kept ownership of the land, which resulted in a long term revenue stream, at no cost to taxpayers. This deal, plus other revenues she helped coordinate,

directly enabled San Jose City College to build a new library and refresh their track/football field. Evergreen Community College was able to build a new nurse training facility.

In 2004, Nancy won a close race for District 10 (Almaden and Blossom Valley) on the San Jose City Council.

In 2008 she was re-elected by the largest margin in District 10's history, and the second largest in Santa Clara County history. She served the maximum eight-year term on the San Jose City Council. During this time she helped bring numerous businesses to the Blossom Hill and Almaden Expressway corridors. This included the first Whole Foods Market in San Jose. She helped raise funding needed to keep a swim program open at Almaden Lake Park. She turned vacant space next to Pioneer High School into a much-needed day care business. Nancy supported her community by repaving streets, upgrading parks, and securing funding for after school youth



recreational programs. Nancy worked hard over a number of years with the SJUSD, the City of San Jose, and community donors to secure the funding to develop the Patty O'Malley joint use soccer fields. She was there in 2014 to celebrate the grand opening. She was proud to support the police and fire departments in their efforts to keep the community safe.

After leaving office, Nancy was able to travel around the world with her husband. She later retired to The Villages in San Jose where she was President of the Democratic Club for three years.

Nancy is survived by her husband Roger, her son Jim and her daughter Lisa, who all live in the SF Bay Area. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley or The American Heart Association.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Nancy at Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA on Friday, August 11 at 5PM.

Catholic Mass will be said in her name at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1200 Redmond Ave, San Jose, CA on Saturday, August 12 at 10AM.

Times **Feature**

## Opera San José kicks off 2023-24 season with Gounod's Romeo And Juliet September 9–24

Opera San José launches its 40th Anniversary season with an all-new production of Gounod's Romeo and Juliet, directed by OSJ General Director Shawna Lucey, her first production for the company she now helms.

Following on the heels of Lucey's critically acclaimed legacy production of La Traviata for San Francisco Opera, this production will also bear Lucey's inimitable stamp.

For this work, OSJ will bring Shakespeare's play about feuding factions and illicit love to the stage in a vibrant new production. Audiences can expect swashbuckling sword fighting, lively dancing, and an exhilarating cast. Lucey describes her vision for this production as "a piece for our time, with a focus on how deep divisions can make love illegal."

Several artists will make role debuts, including rising star tenor Joshua Sanders as Romeo and two dazzling sopranos taking on the role of Juliet: Melissa Sondhi and Jasmine Habersham. Armed with a sword and commanding tenor voice, Alex Boyer returns to the California Theatre in the role of Tybalt, and former Adler Fellow and



Tenor **Joshua Sanders** makes his role debut as Romeo in Opera San José's all-new production of Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet," Sept. 9 – 24, 2023 at the California Theatre.

renowned bass Kenneth Kellogg joins the production as the Duke. Bass Vartan Gabrielian makes his OSJ debut as Frère Laurent and baritone Efraín Solís returns to the company as Mercutio, with additional casting to be announced. Opera San José Director of Music Joseph Marcheso will conduct.

### Tickets

Subscriptions (\$150–\$585) and single tickets are on sale now. For more information, the public can visit [operasj.org](http://operasj.org) or call (408) 437-4450 (open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.).

## Celebrity Grape Stomp... the winner: Mayor Matt Mahan

By **Kattie Marulla**  
*Special to the Times*

Typically, politicians stomp.  
At the Italian Festa held at the San Jose His-



San Jose Mayor **Matt Mahan** stomped his way to victory in the inaugural Festa Celebrity Grape Stomp.

tory Park on Aug. 5, they stomped!

Santa Clara Mayor Lisa Gillmor and Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano put up a good fight (with their feet), but in the end, Mayor Mahan stomped out the most grape juice volume, collected in a mason

With Lissa Kreisler, host of KCAT-TV's "Community Stories," serving as emcee, the trio of city leaders did their best Lucy and Ethel impersonations by jumping into tubs of grapes and crushing them with their bare feet.

All three mayors said they would be back again to stomp again at next year's Italian Festa.



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Times **Feature**

# Phishing and other cyber crimes: How to avoid getting scammed

By County Supervisor Joe Simitian

In 2001, when I was a new member of the California State Assembly, a newspaper reporter alerted me to a strange development on the web page from my 1997-2000 term on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

Visitors looking for my old Supervisorial site instead found themselves on something called “Tina’s Live Webcam.”

Let me just say I was not amused. The District Attorney’s office quickly determined that “Tina” was apparently located in New York, the company running the website was somewhere in Canada, and the server was in China. Fortunately, the whole thing was shut down within a matter of days.

That early brush with online scamming sparked my interest in privacy protection and data security. During my time in the State Legislature, I authored more than a dozen related laws and chaired the State Senate’s Select Committee on Privacy. After returning to the Board of Supervisors in 2013, I successfully pushed to create our County’s first Office of Privacy Protection — because all these years later, the problems, of course, have grown even more complex.

Which is why, earlier this year, as a member of the County’s Library Board, I was enthusiastic to help organize and moderate the Library District’s two-part series on protecting ourselves and our families from online and telephone scams.

To give some sense of the scope of the challenge, according to the FBI, recently there were more than 847,000 complaints in a single year to the agency’s Internet Crime Complaint Center.

Phishing — where criminals find crafty ways to get us to reveal passwords, credit card numbers, and personal information — is one of the top three online crimes, along with nonpayment/non-delivery schemes and personal data breaches. The FBI also recently reported an uptick in romance scams, which often target people with fake crypto investments. In 2021, losses from suspected online crimes approached \$7 billion. Many cases go unreported, with victims embarrassed or ashamed to admit that they were deceived, or unsure of where to turn for help.

But remember this: Any of us can fall prey to these scams, regardless of age, gender, education, or economic background. Every demographic is vulnerable, but older folks — typically more trusting, often retired, more likely to have a nest egg, and who may have access to substantial home equity — are known to be specifically tar-

geted. For an older person on a fixed income, these scams can have a particularly devastating financial and emotional impact.

At the Cupertino Library’s “Protect Yourself from Scammers” event, Riana Pfefferkorn, a researcher at the Stanford Internet Observatory, talked about a number of common schemes to bilk victims by phone, email, text, and online marketplaces.

Scammers, she said, come up with new tactics all the time — software to impersonate your bank, fake cryptocurrency platforms, stories that build trust or sound like a family emergency. All prey on people’s vulnerabilities, compassion, or fears. Her commonsense tips for spotting a scam included:

- The domain of an email or web address that seems to be coming from your bank or credit union but doesn’t match — check carefully.
- Messages that have misspellings, typos, poor grammar, or are in all caps.
- The “accidental misdial” caller who strikes up a conversation.
- The tone is off — a message from a family member or colleague saying they’re in trouble that doesn’t sound quite right.



**County Report**  
By Joe Simitian  
Supervisor

• An urgent call to action, often with a threat for not complying.

- Being asked to pay in advance, in an unusual way — gift card code, cryptocurrency, a payment app (e.g., Zelle, Venmo), or a wire transfer.

Pfefferkorn offered additional advice on keeping personal information safe, being proactive about protecting your finances, and what to do if you do get scammed. (Step one, as I learned all those years ago: don’t be reluctant to ask for help.)

Financially literate consumers are folks who have the skills to assess the credibility and detect the fraud at the earliest opportunity. I hope you’ll check out Pfefferkorn’s full video presentation, as well as the Library District’s “Protect Yourself from Scammers” event featuring Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Erin West, both available on my website at: <https://district5.sccgov.org/district5events>.

With a little effort, you can keep yourself safe!

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian represents the Fifth District which includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, Stanford, portions of San Jose and unincorporated communities in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Stay up to date on news and events happening in District Five by signing up for Supervisor Simitian’s monthly newsletter at his website: [SupervisorSimitian.org](http://SupervisorSimitian.org).

# Steinway Society - The Bay Area launches 29th season with performance by pianist Nikolay Khozyainov

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Steinway Society – The Bay Area is launching its 29th Season with a performance by Nikolay Khozyainov, one of today's most remarkable classical pianists.

The concert will take place on October 7, at 7:30 pm at the Montgomery Theater in San Jose, CA.

To meet the needs of a diverse community of patrons, Steinway Society also offers a live stream option to watch the concert live and provide “unlimited listens” for 48 hours afterward. Complimentary program notes and a recorded pre-concert lecture by classical music expert Dr. Gary Lemco are available for ticket holders at [www.steinwaysociety.com](http://www.steinwaysociety.com)

Khozyainov's musicality and formidable technique have thrilled audiences around the world, and his recitals and concerto engagements include sold-out performances on the world's foremost stages.

In 2012, he won First Prize at both the Dublin International Piano Competition and Second Prize at the Sydney International Piano Competition, where he also received several special prizes, notably “Best performance of both Concertos voted by members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra”, “People's Choice”, “youngest finalist”, and for his performances of Liszt and Schubert.

Khozyainov has performed with leading symphony orchestras, including those in London, Tokyo, Sydney, Warsaw, and Russia, as well as the Czech National Symphony Orchestra, The Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra, and RTE National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland.

“The Music World is taking note of Nikolay Khozyainov's stunning virtuosity and prodigious technique.” - The New York

Times

Born in Blagoveshchensk, Russia in 1992, Khozyainov started to play piano at the age of five, and at the age of seven he made his public debut with the Handel Piano Concerto at the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory. He graduated from the Moscow P.I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory with the Gold Medal and “The Best Student of the Year” award.

Khozyainov now lives in Germany, where he received an Advanced Degree at the Hannover Hochschule for Music. In November 2022, Khozyainov was awarded the Gold Medal of Peace from the United Nations Peacekeeping Force - the Blue Helmets.

#### PROGRAM

Chopin, Nocturne D-flat major, Op. 27 No. 2  
Chopin, Nocturne in F-sharp minor, Op. 48 No. 2  
Chopin, Ballade No. 4, Op. 52

Ravel-Khozyainov, 3 Movements from Daphnis et Chloe

1. Lever du jour
2. Pantomime
3. Danse générale

Scriabin, Sonata No. 9, Op. 68

Scriabin, Sonata No. 3 in F sharp minor, Op. 23

Scriabin, Sonata No. 5, Op. 53

Single Tickets: \$50 to \$70; General Admission: \$70/\$60/\$50; Senior & student: \$65/\$55/\$45; Livestream online: \$25 per household / live + unlimited listens for 48 hours; The Nine-Concert and Four-Concert Subscriptions available. To purchase tickets, visit: <https://steinwaysociety.com> Box Office: 408.300.5635; Email: [office@steinwaysociety.com](mailto:office@steinwaysociety.com)

*Editor's Note: Steinway Society - The Bay Area is a nonprofit organization based in Silicon Valley. Now in its 29th season, this dedicated group of musicians, pianists, teachers, and arts lovers promotes excellence in piano*



The Bay Area presents **Nikolay Khozyainov** making his West Coast debut performing at the historic Montgomery Theater in San Jose on October 7, 2023.

performance and music education. Each season, Steinway Society presents a series of classical piano concerts featuring international award-winning pianists, as well as an active

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Times Feature

# EntHERprise promotes gender equality in business

By William Bellou  
Publisher

**Emily Parastie** and **Ruby Chen** are Bay Area high school students passionate about business and gender equality.

As freshmen in high school, (Evergreen Valley High School and Archbishop Mitty High School) they noticed the blatant deficiency of female peers willing to participate in business-related extracurricular activities was undeniably discouraging.

They stated, “Although feelings of discomfort were nothing new to us in the pursuit of our business interests, we began to recognize that this same feeling of inequality likely deterred other girls from participating in similar activities—a problem that ultimately magnifies in the corporate world.”

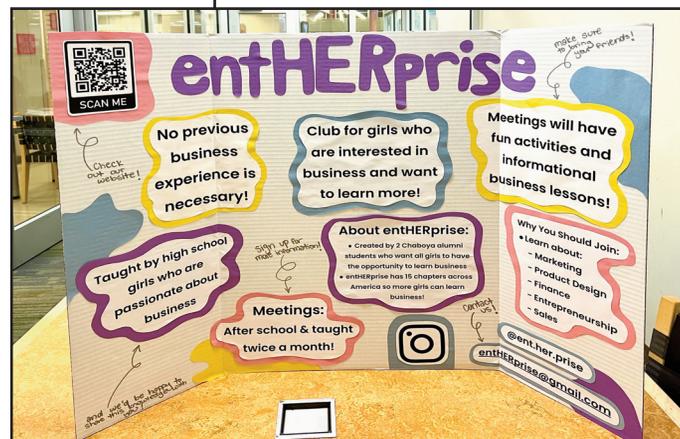
**Motivation**

Chen and Parastie stated, “This motivated us!” They then founded EntHERprise, an organization that offers free business knowledge, lessons, and events for female students interested in business.

“We started our first chapter in San Jose in 2020, teaching girls of all ages about the fundamentals of business and eventually transitioning into collaboration with schools. By

integrating EntHERprise and its curriculum into middle schools, we continue to provide girls of all socioeconomic backgrounds the necessary resources to feel prepared and well-educated in business before college.”

“By 2023, we have expanded to 21 chapters across the United States.” As co-founders of



EntHERprise, Emily and Ruby are incredibly proud of their organization’s reach and impact. They stated, “Nothing compares to the strong community of talented businesswomen we have created.”

Parastie and Chen stated, “Through EntHERprise’s mission to empower girls through business education, we can shape a brighter future where the potential of every girl is realized and celebrated.”

To learn more about EntHERprise, email: entherprise@gmail.com.



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The Santa Clara County Housing Authority has purchased the Girasol Apartments in East San Jose to preserve affordable housing. Photo by Annalise Freimarck.

# Santa Clara County preserves affordable apartments for seniors

By Annalise Freimarck  
San José Spotlight

San Jose housing advocates are praising a deal between county and federal agencies to preserve affordable housing for low-income seniors on the east side of the city.

The Santa Clara County Housing Authority purchased Girasol Apartments and Jardines Paloma Blanca last week from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$4.15 million and \$2.65 million, respectively. Girasol Apartments provides 60 affordable homes for seniors and 42 are offered at Jardines Paloma Blanca.

Nathan Ho, senior strategic advisor for the housing authority, said the agency pur-

chased the sites to protect affordable housing for residents and to avoid potential displacement, which could have happened if a private entity bought the properties.

“That fits very much into the housing authority’s mission to not only provide, but also to preserve affordable housing in our community,” Ho said.

The housing authority will conduct an assessment of the properties to determine the renovations needed, but a spokesperson said the properties are in good shape. Residents will be able to stay in their apartments while renovations are made.

The purchase marks a new role for the agency to preserve affordable housing—an issue with a complicated history in San Jose.

Times **Feature**

## Investing in Santa Clara County

By Senator Dave Cortese

August brings with it a sense of anticipation, signaling the approach of a new season and the opportunity for progress and positive change. I'm excited to celebrate some of the investments that we have fought hard to secure in the state budget that we adopted this summer, driving positive changes in crucial areas that shape our community and California as a whole.

Here's a snapshot of these programs:

### Guaranteed Basic Income Program for Unhoused High School Students

I joined Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Susan Ellenberg, along with unhoused and formerly unhoused students to celebrate a state budget allocation of \$3 million toward a new Santa Clara County guaranteed income program that will benefit homeless students. Recipients will receive a \$1,200 monthly stipend and access to financial mentors and peer support to facilitate their transition to college or a quality career through this first-in-the-nation program. This is modeled after the successful 2020 guaranteed basic income program for foster youth I championed, and I've authored legislation this year to scale this guaranteed-income program statewide – Senate Bill 333.

Back in 2021, we were able to secure \$35 million toward our state's first investment in guaranteed income programs that is currently directly serving foster youth and pregnant women across California.

### The Tech Interactive Field Trip Program Incorporating the Silicon Valley Kid's Climate Club

I secured \$3 million so that students can join field trips to The Tech Interactive, a Silicon Valley museum focused on hands-on education in areas like AI, robotics, digital art, and environmental science. The field trip program will incorporate teachings from the "Silicon Valley Kid's Climate Club," a program I launched back in 2009 that includes a series of lessons and resources we developed with scientific experts. These field trips will bring youth from all over Silicon Valley, including underserved communities, to participate in the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and math.

### College of Adaptive Arts - Investing in Inclusive Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Differing Abilities

I'm proud to announce that I've secured \$2.2 million for the College of Adaptive Arts (CAA), located on the West Valley Community College campus, to fund collegiate-level educational opportunities, workforce development, and career counseling for young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Unlike other programs, CAA welcomes graduates back for continuous, lifelong education. It is thought to be the first program of its kind in the country. Since its start in 2009, CAA has

grown to serve over 140 students with over 75 course offerings across 10 Schools of Instruction.

This funding would not be possible without the support of CAA Executive Director DeAnna Pursai and the entire CAA team, the West Valley-Mission Community College District Board of Trustees, and West Valley-Mission Community College Chancellor Brad Davis. We hope to scale this program across California and across the world!

### Silicon Valley African American Cultural Center

The African American Cultural Center is a planned mixed-use development at 2001 The Alameda. I secured \$3 million for the Center, which will include affordable housing, a health clinic, a performing arts theater, a museum, athletic facilities, and retail spaces.

In 2007, the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) Board of Directors formed the AACC, a 501(c)3 nonprofit community development corporation, for the purpose of creating, developing, and building the Silicon Valley African American Signature Project (SVAACC). It will include affordable housing, an expansion of the African American Community Service Agency, Ujima Adult and Family Services, a Roots Community Health Clinic, as well as a performing arts theatre, museum, athletic facilities, and retail and commercial spaces.

The African American Cultural Center is Silicon Valley's first Black-owned non-profit community development entity, and this signature project is undertaken by AACC in partnership with First Community Housing and the African American Community Services Agency.

### Other Statewide Budget Wins!

This year's approved state budget stands as a testament to our commitment to responsible budgeting and preserving our core programs in vital areas.

We fought hard to restore billions for transit operators like Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) to avoid drastic cuts to transit service. We've increased funding for Child Care and State Preschool programs to support young learners, invested in debt-free college options to our state's foster youth, secured billions for climate and energy initiatives, provided funding for local governments to combat homelessness, and have taken measures to ensure accountability and progress across these efforts.

And, we've taken extra steps to build our total reserves to \$37.8 billion – the highest in history – to help protect future budgets during these times of economic uncertainty.

To find out how you can support any of these programs, or for any general questions or feedback, please contact me at senator.cortese@sen.ca.gov.

Senator Dave Cortese represents State Senate District 15, which encompasses much of Santa Clara County in the heart of Silicon Valley. Visit Senator Cortese's website: <https://sd15.senate.ca.gov>.



### Senate Report

By Dave Cortese  
State Senator

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OSC has opened a new program for women based upon equine interaction and equine-assisted-learning, designed to develop self-awareness and self-acceptance, confidence and resilience, and safe boundaries.

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**TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK:**

**Virtual Reality**

By Shubhi Asthana



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 me teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

**Virtual Reality**

Did you miss on your favorite band’s live show because the tickets sold out in minutes? Worry not! In the last few years, musicians have been

able to stream concerts to Virtual Reality (VR) headsets, allowing fans to enjoy the virtual spectacle from the comfort of their homes. Now some VR platforms are going beyond just recreating the live experience, by offering viewpoints and interactions that users could never get if they were at the venue.

Let’s understand virtual reality more closely!

Virtual reality is an artificial environment that is created with software and presented to the user in such a way that the user suspends belief and accepts it as a real environment. On a computer, virtual reality is primarily experienced through two of the five senses: sight and sound.

The simplest form of virtual reality is a 3-D image that can be explored interactively at a personal computer, usually by manipulating keys or the mouse so that the content of the image moves

in some direction or zooms in or out. More sophisticated efforts involve such approaches as wrap-around display screens, actual rooms augmented with wearable computers, and haptics devices that let you feel the display images.

Virtual reality is making a huge foray into music. Launched in 2018, a startup called MelodyVR has built a library of live shows, recorded for streaming to Oculus VR headsets or iPhone and Android devices through its app later. It says it has worked with more than 850 musicians, including Kelly Clarkson, Wiz Khalifa and Lewis Capaldi.

As well as being able to watch from a position in the audience, users can view the concerts as if they were backstage, behind the sound booth, or even on stage with the band. The company has also created more novel experiences; a VR

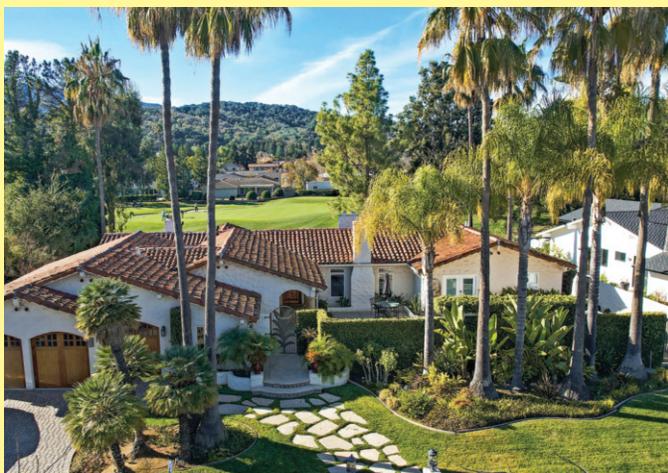
performance by British singer Emeli Sandé displays two images of her simultaneously, one playing the piano and the other singing.

Virtual reality fits the music industry’s exploratory nature. However, it’s a fact that VR experiences still have room to grow to be considered mainstream. It will be up to the artists, producers, and technologists to create opportunities for people to access different VR music experiences. Experts predict that the trend will be about artists letting fans into their own VR universe, rather than simply engaging with a single music video or concert.

*Do you enjoy reading this column? Send in your comments or feedback to the author at [shub.saxen@gmail.com](mailto:shub.saxen@gmail.com). Shubhi Asthana works as a Research Senior Software Engineer at the IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose.*

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# Largest annual antique auto show in the West to be presented at History Park San Jose Sept. 9

Go back in time at the 23rd annual Antique Autos in History Park San Jose on Saturday, September 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The 23rd annual Antique Autos in History Park presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José will take place on Saturday, September 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 693 Phelan Ave, San José, CA) with 200 period-correct pre-1946 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles, and motorcycles of all makes.

Also located on the grounds this year will be the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association. There will be antique crafts demonstrated, antique collectibles, and toy trains. Also, take a trolley ride and see blacksmith demonstrations. Food will be available from food trucks and other possible outlets. Several activities will be provided for children attending the event.

### Music venue

Rhythmairs Dixieland Band will provide music. Songs will be sung by The Fabulous JewelTones along with dancing by the San Francisco Bay Area Vintage Dancers.

### Requirements for entering an antique vehicle

For those interested in entering their antique vehicle, there is no registration required. They can just bring their antique vehicle to the gate at History Park. All vehicles permitted on the grounds of History



Park must be manufactured between the late 1800s and 1945 and are period-correct. No vehicle will be allowed on the grounds of History Park during the show that is newer than 1945.

The featured vehicles this year are 1916 to 1930 Orphan Autos.

An example of an orphaned U.S. vehicle, is a 1920 Liberty Model 10-C, the nomenclature proclaiming that it's the longer and more powerful version of the two six-cylinder model lines that Liberty produced in 1920, pretty much the precise midpoint of its existence. This 10-C model is based on a 117-inch wheelbase and develops 56hp.

### Plan your day around the following:

- 11:15: Dance Performance
- 12:00: The Fabulous JewelTones
- 12:30: Music by Rhythmairs Dixieland Band
- 12:30: Video: Merrily we Roll Along, narrated by Groucho Marx
- 2:00: Model T Put Together
- 2:30: Barbershop Quartet
- 3:00: Silly Ricky's Juggling & Fun
- 3:30: Drawing for Door Prizes

Tickets prices at the door are: Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$8, Children (6 to 12) & History San Jose members: \$5. Participants & Children under 6 are free. (Adjacent City Parking: \$10.)

*Editor's note: There is NO alcohol, NO pets (except service dogs), and NO BBQs allowed inside the park. These are History Park rules and must be followed by everyone in attendance.*

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**Parks**

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**3. Promoting Equity and Access:**

Based on the assessment findings, develop specific recommendations to address identified barriers and promote racial and social equity and accessibility for all. The ultimate goal is to strengthen access to people of all abilities at County Parks' open spaces, properties, and programming.

The *Everyone Belongs at Parks* initiative believes that meaningful progress in achieving inclusivity and equity can only be achieved by involving the perspectives of community members. Everyone is invited to join in shaping the future of Santa Clara County Parks by actively participating in the virtual workshop.

To view or participate in the study, visit <https://keenindependent.com/santaclaraparksdei>

Your information will remain anonymous, and the results will be reported in aggregate to protect individual privacy. The virtual workshop has gone live through October 2, 2023.

Contact [santaclaracountyparks-DEI@keenindependent.com](mailto:santaclaracountyparks-DEI@keenindependent.com) for further information.

If you have any questions about this initiative, please contact the department's Partnership and Equity Manager, Melissa Hippard at [melissa.hippard@prk.sccgov.org](mailto:melissa.hippard@prk.sccgov.org).

**Vineyards**

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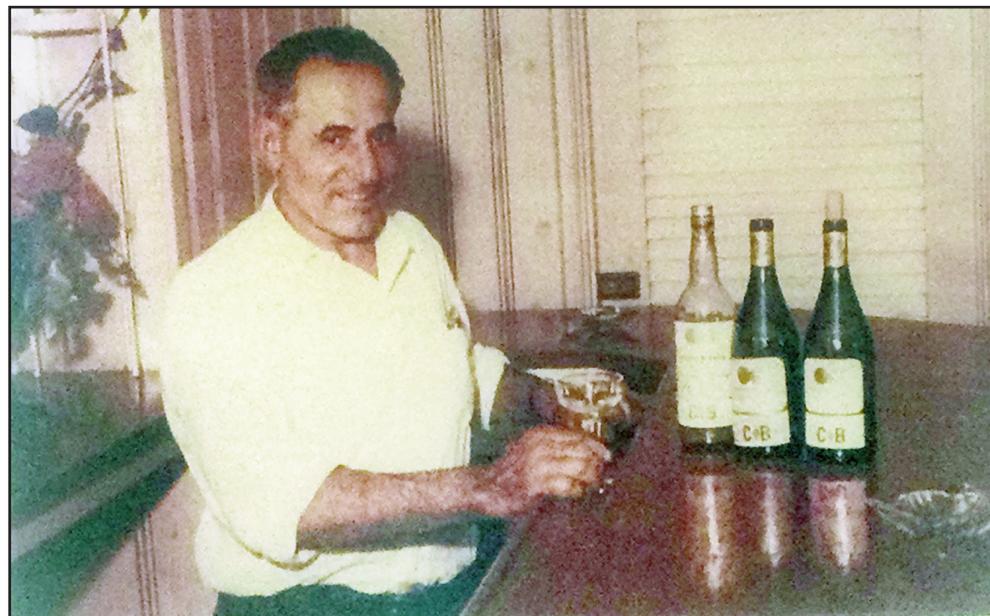
**Best new winery in the United States**

Alamitos Vineyards was in the company of nine other exceptional wineries/vineyards throughout the United States. Each winery – vineyard has something special to offer and certainly posed strong competition for earning the number one recognition.

Here's a list of USA TODAY's Top Ten Wineries:

- 10. Newby Vineyard – Rome, Georgia
- 9. Hillick & Hobbs – Burdett, New York
- 8. Nicolas-Jay – Newberg, Oregon
- 7. Sauvage Spectrum – Palisade, Colorado
- 6. Abbott Claim – Carlton, Oregon
- 5. The Ordinary Fellow – Palisade, Colorado
- 4. Bledsoe McDaniels – Walla Walla, WA
- 3. Los Milics Vineyards – Elgin, Arizona
- 2. Anacreon Winery – Newberg, Oregon
- 1. Alamitos Vineyards – San Jose, CA

The process of choosing the best new winery experience consisted of readers of USA TODAY voting for their favorite over the course of four months. Additionally, each nominated winery was encouraged to share their nomination with the link to vote with their winery members and supporters. Upon learning that Alamitos Vineyards was voted number 1, Shaun shared, "We were surprised, as Amber was here with the



**John Enos Vargas** at the Cresta Blanca Winery in Livermore, CA in 1962.

tourist group only once and she travels extensively throughout the world." Shaun and Chris were very pleased and humbled that after only 3 years, they would be recognized as the best new winery experience in the United States.

Shaun and Chris have provided New Almaden and the greater San Jose area with a gift – Alamitos Vineyards. As shared in an earlier Times article, when they purchased the property, it was not a vineyard. The Alamitos Vineyard is the physical outcome of Chris and Shaun's shared dream – and pays homage to Shaun's grandfather, John Enos Vargas a for-

mer Sauvignon Blanc winemaker at Cresta Blanca Winery in Livermore, CA in the 1960's. They recently completed the inside tasting room renovation where a picture of Mr. Vargas is proudly displayed along with the artwork that beautifully decorates the Alamitos wine bottles.

Shaun and Chris gift - their vineyard - to the local community and beyond, allows friends and strangers to gather and savor the beauty and history of New Almaden while enjoying wine produced from the boutique Alamitos Vineyard.

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Times **Community News****Small but mighty**

New Almaden is small but mighty, rich in history both locally and nationally. It was once recognized through the United States as the hub of quicksilver/mercury mining. In fact, in 1863 then President Abraham Lincoln attempted to seize the mines but was blocked. This humble community – which is a National Historic Landmark - continues its annual parade, recognizes its hometown soldiers, is home to the first second story hotel – now home to La Foret Restaurant and now, is home to the only winery in San Jose that is recognized as the Best New Winery experience in the United States.

Prior to purchasing the property that would become Alamitos Vineyards, the couple's original plans were to tear down their Rose Garden home and build a 9,000 square foot home in its place. They lived in a beautiful neighborhood rich in history and located down the street from the famous Rose Garden Park.

Before moving forward with their remodeling plans, they decided to take a quick look at a few open houses first to see if they might see another home that would be more practical than a huge remodel. The day they went out to look at houses, it was pouring rain, but they drove out to New Almaden anyway to see a home with acreage. Both men instantly fell in love with 23505 Alamitos Road – which did not include a winery at the time – but their vision was in full play. They made an offer which was accepted the same day. They traded one close knit community for another saying goodbye to the Rose Garden and hello to New Almaden.

In the early 1800's Chris and Shaun's land served as the home to thousands of miners who once lived within the English, Spanish and Hacienda villages. The Almaden Reservoir – across the street was created as part of the New Deal in 1935. Their property includes their personal home with a large lawn area, pool house, and caretakers' home. They share the property with many wild animals, including the infamous feral pigs that roam Quicksilver. Foxes will play with any shoes left outside. Bobcats live in the brush within the property and a pair of mountain lions tend to meet up for late night visits outside the winery gates. They have posted pictures and videos to their Facebook page – Alamitos Vineyards.

Spencer and Abby are the caretakers and live on the property. Abby assists with the wine tastings and events. Shaun and Chris wanted to include a waterfall or something similar at the front gate, but it was prohibitive. When they shared the idea with Spencer, he said he could create a water display that



would meet their budget, and he did. The beautiful water feature welcomes you as you arrive at the gates.

Sonoma may have the oldest winery - The Buena Vista founded in 1857 by Hungarian "Count" Agoston Haraszthy, but San Jose was home to the first commercial winery in Northern California – the former Almaden Winery in 1852 which is a CA. historic landmark. San Jose was also home to Mirassou Winery built in 1854 located on Aborn Road in Evergreen Valley. Both of these wineries closed decades ago ending agricultural winemaking in San Jose until now, where Shawn and Chris have given the winemaking industry a rebirth in San Jose. Alamitos Winery is part of the Santa Clara Wine Trail and is included in the Passport event for those who are participating.

Shaun's grandfather, John Enos Vargas (a distant cousin to former dairy owners Vargas family who had a dairy at the end of McAbee in Almaden) immigrated to Livermore in 1923 after learning the Azorean wine making craft. Grandfather John made wine for many well-known wineries including Concannon and Cresta Blanca Winery – known today as Wente Vineyards. What is most interesting is that Mr. Vargas made the white wines for the former Almaden Winery. Shaun and Chris pay homage to him and the art of winemaking by bringing onsite estate winemaking and tasting back to San Jose.

**Alamitos Wine Labels**

Each Alamitos wine bottle features artwork of a different bird that populate the New Almaden area. The drawings are from original paintings that have been created by Shaun and Chris's family members. For example, Chris's aunt painted the raptor that appears on the 2018 Hawk Eye Syrah. Shaun's mom painted the Acorn Woodpecker and Chris's uncle painted the Barn Owl for upcoming wines. Chris's mom passed on in 2017; Laura's Love Rose (2019) is named after her. The artful bottles make beautiful vases after wine consumption.

**Alamitos Estate Wines**

Chris and Shaun unitized the hillside of their property to plant grapes – creating Alamitos Vineyards which opened during COVID in 2020. Alamitos has three levels to their Wine Club which is located on their website. They immediately gained numerous wine club members on the outset.

Due to the unique soil and temperate – and because the reservoir is across from their property which cre-

ates a late afternoon breeze, the microclimate keeps the area warmer during the day and cooler in the evening. These temperatures are responsible for the successful growth of Alamitos estate wines.

Shaun and Chris began planting in 2014 with two blocks of Syrah, one block of Sauvignon Blanc and one block of Touriga Nacional. Touriga Nacional is a Portuguese varietal considered the top notch of Portugal's finest vines which contributes to the blends that are used in traditional ports and Rose'. All of their wines are from the grapes Shaun and Chris grow on their property. The wines are extremely good – you can taste the earth and smell the vines with each sip. Combine the good taste and small batches made, they do sell out.

They use original cooperages which is an older version of creating estate wines. They reused an older commercial refrigerator by hooking it up to an air conditioner in it for temperature control. The barrels keep the estate wine until bottling, and they also do barrel tasting.

Shaun and Chris brought on George Troquato as their winemaking consultant. Mr. Troquato is a third-generation vintner with 30 years of winemaking experience from California's Central Coast. He has worked with Los Gatos's Testarossa and Cinnabar Wineries. He is well respected and well known for his winemaking philosophy and understanding of sustainable soils and a minimal-intervention winemaking style.

Their wine is available for purchase directly from Alamitos Vineyards and delivery is

available to those in Almaden and within San Jose by appointment.

Shaun and Chris also have license to create Aguardiente which is a distilled spirit considered a Portuguese grape-based vodka. They consider Spencer to be the Master Distiller who allows the barrel to age and then he places the Aguardiente in a mason jar to sell. Consumption must be off site of Alamitos Vineyards.

**Alamitos Fire Truck – Emergency and Delivery**

Not every winery can share they sport an actual working fire truck; but Alamitos Vineyards can. The truck has come in handy. There have been at least two fires within the vicinity of the winery where the truck was used. Chris, Shaun, Spencer, and Abby all have protective clothing and have been professionally trained on how to operate the truck in times of emergency.

The truck is also used for wine deliveries in the Almaden area, leads the New Almaden parade and residents have shared they have seen Santa Claus driving the fire truck during the holidays when Santa's sleigh was in for repairs.

**Alamitos Winery – From Vines to Wines – Estate Wine Tasting is Open!**

Alleluia! Alamitos Vineyards is open for their wine tasting experience on the weekends beginning on May 1st through October of this year – and/or weather permitting. Step up to the vintage and original 1964 Silver Streak trailer where a bar made from a 150-year-old barn wood from Gilroy, CA, sits. Chris and Shawn provide the hand-crafted small batch wine tasting experience through wine flights showcasing their estate grown wines. Summer wine-tasting is outside where you can overlook the Almaden Reservoir and picturesque hillside.

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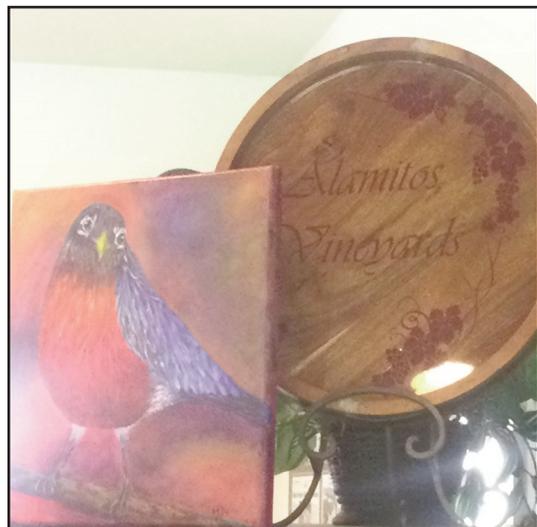
Shaun and Chris are dedicated to Alamitos and becoming a part of the New Almaden Community. "So much of San Jose's agricultural land has been developed; here we are bringing agriculture back to San Jose, shared Shaun."

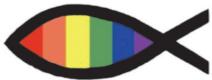
"The nice thing is that we can share this with people – we can enjoy this property with the community while enjoying our estate wines."

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(6155 Almaden Expressway)  
 Monday, Thursday 10:00am-10:50am

\$23 per session

8 sessions: \$140  
 12 sessions: \$180

### BEST CORE Level 2

(6155 Almaden Expressway)  
 Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am-9:50am  
 Tuesday, Thursday 6:15pm-7:05pm

\$23 per session

8 sessions: \$140  
 12 sessions: \$180

### BEST CORE Level 3

(6155 Almaden Expressway)  
 Monday, Wednesday 5:45pm-6:35pm  
 Friday 4:00pm-4:50pm

\$23 per session

8 sessions: \$140  
 12 sessions: \$180

### BEST Balance

(6155 Almaden Expressway)  
 Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs  
 11:30am-12:15pm

\$25 per session

8 sessions 2x week: \$170  
 12 sessions 3x week: \$220

### Boot Camp

Every Saturday: 9:00-10:00am  
 Class Minimum: 3 participants

1 session: \$35

8 sessions: \$240  
 12 sessions: \$300

### Youth Strength and Conditioning

1 session: \$40  
 8 sessions (2x/week): \$300  
 12 sessions (2x/week): \$420



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