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4,000 ride new electrified Caltrain

By Times Media staff writers
More than 4,000 people toured the new electrified Caltrain trains recently, and San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan was one of the riders.

"This is truly the future of transportation and a gift for generations to come," said Mahan. "There is an incredibly long list of people to thank for it, but I'll stick with the biggest — the people of Santa Clara County who made the strategic decision to invest even during some tough economic times."

The new vehicles offer enhanced amenities, including new digital onboard displays, power outlets at each forward-facing seat, a new seat color palette selected by the public, energy-efficient lighting, coat hooks, security cameras, and expanded storage under the cantilevered seats.

The new trains generate less noise than their diesel equivalent, making the trip more enjoyable both for riders and residents that live near Caltrain tracks.

Starting in fall of 2024, this new fleet will come online, eventually taking 1 million vehicle miles off Bay Area roads.

Editor's note: Caltrain is the oldest continually operating rail system west of the Mississippi.

Experience the wonder of horses

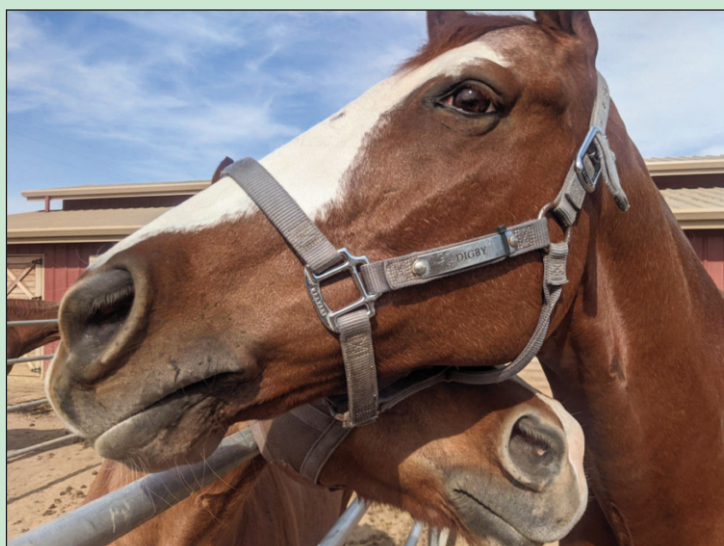
Local Horse Associations to host the public: September 9th, October 14th and December 16th

By Rachael Parakh
Special to the Times

Three local Horse Associations want to invite the public to experience the joy and wonder of horses.

Being Present in the Moment

Santa Cruz County (September 9th), Santa Clara County (October 14th) and San Martin Horsemen's (December 16th) will have consecutive events. You, too, can meet horses and join in the community of others who are looking for a slower pace of life and being



present in the moment! Children's faces light up when they

watch a horse nibble on a carrot, and adults' hearts skip a beat

when they see horses running in the field.

California Horse History

Horses have been a part of ranch life for Californians since the late 1840's when settlers came to the Golden State to stake their claim - both for gold and wide open pastures.

The green rolling hills, with stately California Oak trees, were the perfect landscape for families eager to set up ranches for grazing cattle. Many generations have come and gone, with equestrians now riding for pleasure versus livelihood, yet, the rural setting of ranches is a welcome change to modern life here in the Bay area.

Santa Cruz County Riding Demonstrations

Since 1945, the Santa Cruz County Horsemen's has been a
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WATER-WISE

The Wednesday Willow: The Calculus

By Matthew Frazier
Qualified Stormwater Manager,
Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper

Willow Glen, San Jose, California — What a whimsical place this is.

Under the supervision of The Willow, they keep a watchful branch as one would keep a watchful eye. There are many who grow here. There are many who have lived here longer than those whose size is eclipsed by their sheer behemoth stature.

One such willow tree, The Wednesday Willow grows on the frontage of Willow Glen High School and has grown there for many years.

August 1997 at age-18, I stood before this magnificent entity, in awe of its beauty and solemn state. I am now a student at West Valley College in Saratoga, California. Two months have passed since I received my diploma and walked the aisle at The Santa Clara Municipal Rose Garden.

August 2023, age-44, my mind harkens back to the former imagery of this tree. This



willow tree gave me shelter as I studied math analysis below its canopy years and years ago. Now, seeking to re-educate in Higher Mathematics once more, I close my eyes and focus on this willow tree.

The Wednesday Willow speaks to me once more: "Go forth. Go to The Calculus." The words resonate in my ears and in my mind. Calculus Camp -- the time has come for you to return to the place you left so long ago.

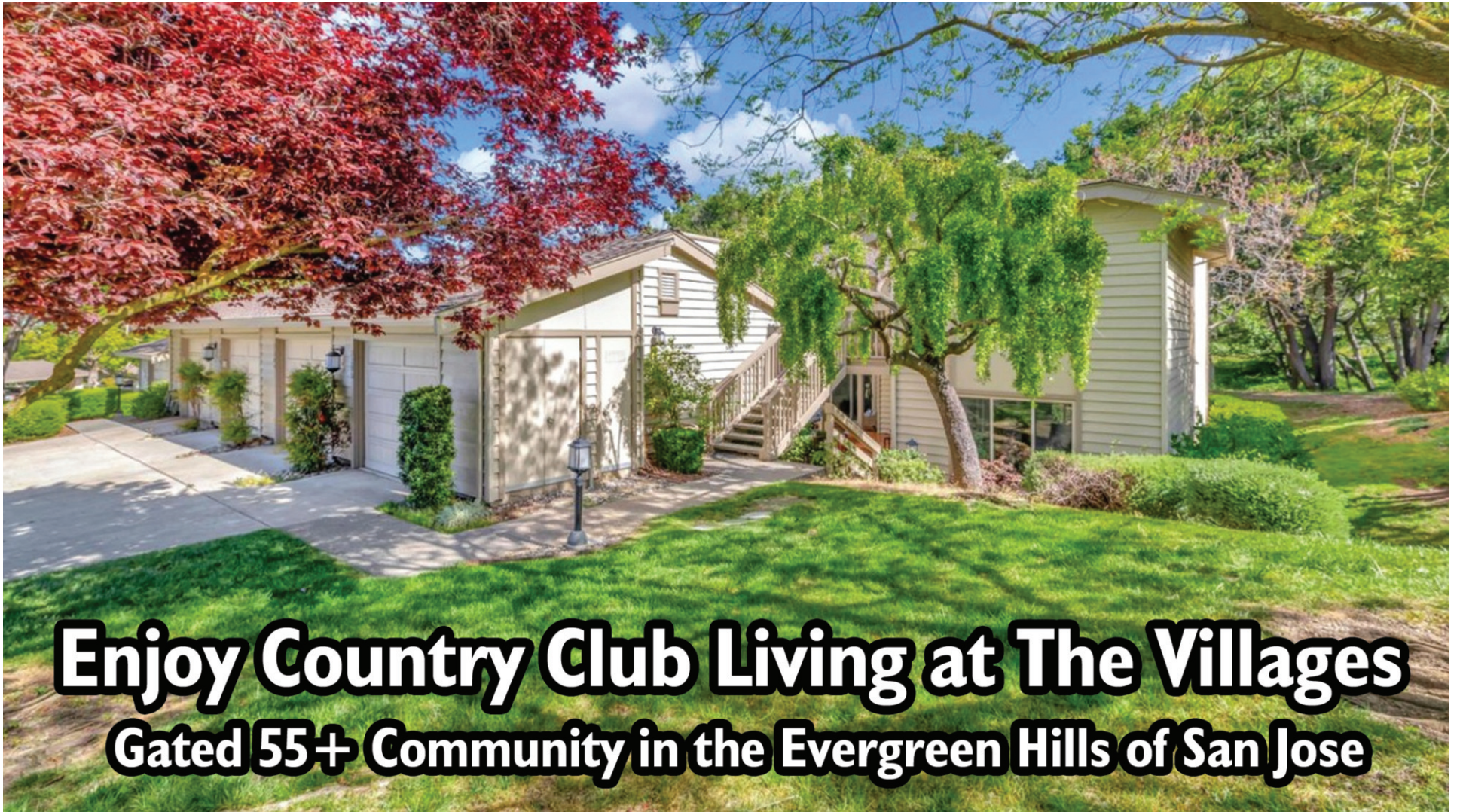
I was 18 when I left the shelter of the canopy of The Wednesday Willow. My meal breaks and rest breaks were spent beneath

its majestic canopy.

Now, 26 years later, I see the value in the hours spent with this tree. It is a teaching tree, essentially. Wednesday was my day among days to stand below the canopy of this tree and let my mind wander to the abstract and complicated principles of Math Analysis and The Calculus which awaited me.

I have seen The Calculus. I have traveled its path once before. Now, years later, I am ready to tread its rugged path once more! Older. Wiser. "What words of wisdom do you have for me now, Wednesday Willow?"

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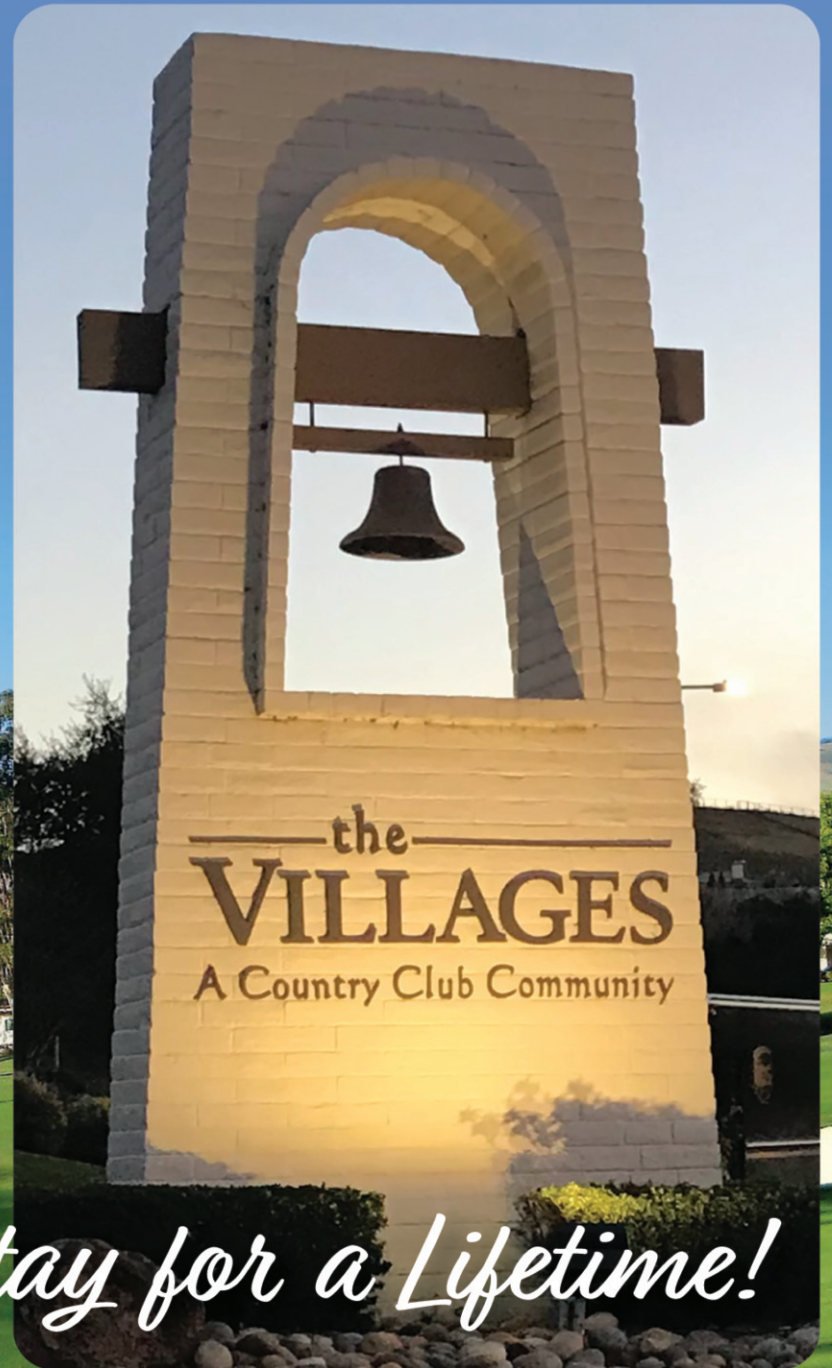
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Introducing The Gigis

Special to The Times

The residents of Almaden Valley and surrounding areas have a new way to stay engaged with the founding of The Gigis, an organization designed for women ages 50+ in the community.

Founded by longtime Almaden resident, Shana McLean Moore, as a way for women to feel visible during a time of life when society's messaging says it's time to wind things down, the group is formed with the purpose of growing a deeper sense of purpose and connection in our community.

"I am excited to connect with other women who are hungry to use their skills and energy to grow and maintain a dynamic lifestyle," Moore says.

She says the impetus for the group came from watching her beloved mom's life get small as she got older. As her mom's friends moved away, she didn't make the effort to replace them with new ones. Over time, she gave up her volunteer work and social groups to focus on her grandkids and family. But as her grandkids grew up and became involved with school and friends of their own, there wasn't as much time to spend with her, leaving her lonely.

"It made me sad to see my mom's vibrant spirit wane, and I really don't want that to happen to me," Moore explains. "Even though I look forward to the day when I am someone's actual grandma, I want that to be one component of my full life, not all

of it. This is why the name Gigi carries the obvious connotation of Grandma but also stands for something else when we're in the company of our peers: 'Gathering Indivisibly, Growing Inspiredly,'" Moore adds.

The first event is co-hosted with the non-profit We and Our Neighbors and will include time to connect with new people, an author reading, and a presenta-



Shana Moore

tion from Santa Clara University's OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program director. Andrea Saade will speak on the importance of being a lifelong learner and share resources available to people in our community. The event will conclude with the announcing of the group's first volunteer opportunity with the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Lake Cunningham Park on October 14.

The kickoff event takes place on Wednesday, September 20 from 6:00-8:00pm at the San Jose Clubhouse. Tickets for "The Gigi's Kickoff" are available through Eventbrite. For more information about The Gigis, visit thegigis.com.

Valley Currents

cur | rent (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.



Pickleball is a clever combination of ping-pong, badminton, and tennis. Photo courtesy of Pickleheads

Pickleball is on the rise in San Jose

Are you ready to be captivated by the newest sensation taking the sports scene by storm?

Pickleball is rapidly gaining popularity and has firmly established itself in San Jose.

With easy-to-learn rules and a welcoming atmosphere, Pickleball is attracting players of all ages, backgrounds and fitness levels – and they just keep coming back for more.

Luckily for San Jose's growing pickleball community, there's a range of indoor and outdoor venues now located in the city for players to choose from.

What is pickleball?

Pickleball is a clever combination of ping-pong, badminton, and tennis, delivering an enjoyable sporting experience that's less strenuous but equally as fun.

In a standard game, players will hit a small, perforated plastic ball back and forth over a low net with large paddles, trying to make their shots difficult for the other team to return.

Although the sport is most commonly played in doubles, singles games take place too.

Thanks to its smaller court size and laid-back pace, most first timers report that it's easy to learn how to play pickleball, at least compared to rival racket sports.

It's no surprise, then, that the sport's popularity has skyrocketed. Around 36.5 million players participated in games last year and over

10,000 courts are now set up nationwide.

To keep up with the demand, many parks and facilities are offering low-cost or even free court rental and classes, making Pickleball a sport that anyone can get stuck into.

Pickleball isn't just about staying active though – it's all about making connections and being inclusive, welcoming players of all skill levels. In fact, studies show it has awesome health perks, like boosting cholesterol levels, blood pressure, and cardio fitness.

Where to play Pickleball in San Jose

If you're wondering where to get started, we've got the inside scoop on the best pickleball courts in San Jose.

Almaden Valley Athletic Club

This venue offers five outdoor acrylic courts exclusively dedicated to pickleball, equipped with permanent lines and nets for your convenience.

A membership is required to play here, but in addition to the courts, Almaden Valley Athletic Club also offers delicious food options, access to restrooms and water facilities, and the option to receive guidance from trainers or take lessons.

AVAC members have the advantage of reserving pickleball courts up to three days in advance, and each member can reserve one court per day for a duration of 1.5 hours.

However, there are slots dedicated to open play time available seven days a week, so there's still time and space to play even if you don't book ahead.

Canoas Park

Canoas Park is a great choice for an active day out that the whole family will enjoy.

The park contains six outdoor

acrylic courts with permanent lines, but you'll have to bring your own nets. However, it's completely free to play here.

After your game, feel free to use the picnic area to relax and recharge. There's also several playgrounds and a horseshoe pit for children, so it's easy to turn your trip to the court into a day out if you like.

Calabazas Park

Calabazas Park offers six outdoor courts with a hard surface and permanent lines, but make sure to bring your own nets. Just like Canoas Park, it's also free to play here!

In addition to pickleball, Calabazas Park offers a variety of other sports, from BMX racing and volleyball to softball and basketball. You'll also find a playground, the Calabazas Community Center and the area's community garden nearby.

John Mise Park

At John Mise Park, you'll find four dedicated outdoor pickleball courts open for public use.

This venue also offers a lighted softball field, perfect for evening games, as well as a soccer field, two full-sized basketball courts and a nearby youth playground, ensuring fun for everyone.

Seven Trees Community Center

The Seven Trees Community Center offers three indoor hard courts. The court lines are permanent, but don't forget to bring your own net.

Amenities such as restrooms and water are nearby, and lights are provided for evening games. Like the other venues we've discussed so far, it doesn't cost anything to play here.

Pickleball is welcoming, inclusive and easy on the body, offering significant health benefits. Don't miss out on the fun – get out there and get playing today!

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Times In Memory

Delphina Turner

October 5, 1951 - August 4, 2023
Resident of Willow Glen

Delphina Turner passed away the morning of August 4th, 2023.

She was a beautiful woman, beloved mother, awesome grandmother, hip great-grandmother, and most importantly a Child of God. Born in Ventura, CA she was blessed to live all over the world.



Hawaii and Japan were a couple places but ultimately she settled in Sunnyvale, CA. She demonstrated great work ethic and dedicated 35+ years of service to NASA building great relationships along the way. Once her children were grown she spent her last days in San Jose, CA near her family.

Delphina is survived by her three children, Ranessa, B.J., and Daylon along with their wonderful families. She touched the lives of everyone who crossed her path.

She leaves behind a lasting legacy as a Mighty Woman of God with incredible faith and an unwavering love for her family.

A Celebration of Life was held August

17th at Cathedral of Faith, 2135 Canoas Garden Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125.

Lenore Norona Luedemann

March 3, 1914 - August 10, 2023
Resident of Willow Glen

Lenore N Luedemann, 109, of Willow Glen, went to her eternal home Aug. 10, 2023, in the comfort of her home.



She was born March 3, 1914 in San Jose, Ca. She was the daughter of the late Josephine Smoot Norona and Cayetano P. Norona who had a rich history in the New Almaden Mines. The mercury mines were one of the most productive in the country.

Lenore, known by her family and friends as Ellie, attended schools in SJ and graduated from San Jose State in 1936. As a devout Catholic, she attended St. Christopher Church since it was founded.

She married Henry (Hank) A. Luedemann, from Flandreau, SD in 1947. Ellie and her sisters enjoyed dancing at the Coconut Grove in Santa Cruz where she

met Hank. They carried on a courtship through letters during and after the war. After 52 years of marriage, Hank preceded her in death in 1999.

Ellie had a long career as Registrar at SJSU, retiring in 1975.

Ellie and Hank traveled the world and had wonderful stories to tell.

In addition to her parents and husband, Ellie was preceded in death by her sisters Josephine Norona and Freida Norona Bonetti; brothers Richard O. Norona Sr and Robert N Norona Sr.

She is survived by a large extended family and numerous neighbors and friends she will be missed by all who knew her.

Mass was held at St. Christopher Catholic Church August 24. Interment followed at Santa Clara Mission Cemetery with a Celebration of Life to at the Three Flames Restaurant, San Jose.

Loretta Louise Palla

October 31, 1933 - August 6, 2023
Resident of Willow Glen

Loretta Palla was a San Jose native through and through. Born to a family of 12, she met Frank Palla and they soon married. After marrying they moved to Willow Glen, where they raised their two children

in their forever home.

Loretta is preceded in death by her beloved husband Frank. She also leaves behind her daughter Diane Palla-Lovaglia (Larry), son, Gerald Palla, grandson, Anthony Lovaglia and granddaughter, Lara Lovaglia-Angelo (Artie).

Loretta will be fondly remembered by many for her wonderful homemade meals her open door policy and her warm kind heart.

Funeral services were held at Chapel of Flowers.

In lieu of Flowers please make a donation to St. Christopher's Parish.



Mary Eileen McElroy

January 13, 1953 - July 7, 2023
Taught language arts at Yerba Buena, Silver Creek, and Overfelt High Schools

Mary Eileen McElroy, cherished daughter of Roberta and the late Walter McElroy II, beloved sister of Cardinal Robert McElroy, Kathleen (John) Schreiner,



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SEPTEMBER 9th
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OCTOBER 14th
Santa Clara County Horsemen's will host in October from 3-6pm, at their clubhouse and arena: 20350 McKean Road, San Jose, CA 95120. Fall festival in the countryside with a mounted drill team performance and a variety of horse breeds on display. Participate in fun horse crafts, games and grooming station. They'll have a seasonal photo backdrop and delicious BBQ. To RSVP: <https://horsemens.org/event-4576502/Registration>

DECEMBER 16th
San Martin Horsemen's will host in December at Harvey Bear Park: Harvey Bear Ranch entrance at E. San Martin Avenue & New Avenue, San Martin, CA 95046. Ride, lead or join without a horse along a flat, paved 2 mile loop and jingle all the way with bells on the horses! A great time spreading holiday cheer interacting with children and families along the route. Event begins at 12noon. RSVP or questions: toni.whedon@cbnocal.com.

Times **Local News**

Valley Water to expand level of service dedicated to cleaning trash generated by encampments

Valley Water Board of Directors allocated additional resources to support greater service and coordination toward cleaning up trash, debris, and hazardous pollutants produced by encampments along waterways in Santa Clara County.

The allocation of additional resources was voted on during the Valley Water Board of Directors meeting held August 22, 2023.

The Board of Directors approved two new staff positions, adding to Valley Water's cleanup efforts countywide. The decision follows the Board of Directors' approval earlier this year of two new jobs dedicated to encampment cleanup operations and increased funding for related services and supplies.

"This investment in additional resources reflects Valley Water's commitment to protecting the health of Santa Clara County's creeks," Valley Water Board Chair John L. Varela said. "We continue to tackle the issue of creek pollution in collaboration with local and county governments, organizations that provide outreach services to unhoused individuals, and dedicated community volun-

teers."

In the previous fiscal year (July 2022 – June 2023), Valley Water's encampment cleanup crew removed more than 2.7 million pounds of trash, debris, and hazardous pollutants generated from encampments. The Board's recent actions to expand the level of such service will allow Valley Water to double the number of cleanups during the year.

Recently, the Board of Directors also voted to support two new programs that further enhances cleanliness along our waterways. The Clean Camps, Clean Creeks Program will provide debit cards to unsheltered residents who maintain tidy camp areas free of trash and debris or collect and bag trash accumulated on land owned or managed by Valley Water.

The Portable Toilet Facilities Program will administer the provision and servicing of portable toilets and wash stations at 20 critical locations along local creeks to reduce biowaste entering the waterways.

To help support these efforts, Valley Water was recently awarded a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency providing approximately \$2.2 million to perform encampment cleanups and provide portable toilets on heavily impacted creeks. The grant also provides about \$900,000 to address encampment-generated environmental impacts on Coyote Creek.

TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK

Content Personalization

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:

Content Personalization

Content personalization is a branding and marketing strategy in which webpages, email and other forms of content are tailored to match the characteristics, preferences, or behaviors of individual users. Data is crucial to support organizations' personalization strategies. With relevant and updated data, companies can better understand their visitors and customers and use this understanding to create personalized content. This content can potentially boost user satisfaction, improve customer experiences, and increase the probability of lead and purchase conversions.

Examples of personalized content include the following:

- interactive quizzes
- emails
- retargeted ads
- e-commerce recommendations
- gamified apps

Content personalization benefits both customers and brands. Informative, relevant and tailored content on a website or in an email makes customers feel valued. They also feel that the company has invested time and effort in understanding them and creat-

ing content they would find useful. These emotions go a long way toward enhancing their experiences with the brand. Great customer experiences (CX) play a vital role in strengthening customer-brand relationships.

Content personalization improves customer experience, which plays an essential role in strengthening customer-brand relationships.

In addition, personalized content that aligns with their specific preferences and unique needs (or wants) encourages customers to spend more time and money on a company's products or services. Thus, it can boost an organization's sales and revenues. In the long term, it can garner customer loyalty and trust, and increase the likelihood that the brand will achieve preferred status in its customers' hearts, minds, and wallets.

Real-world examples of content personalization

Spotify, Netflix, and Amazon are all well-known for delivering personalized content to their users.

- Spotify makes song, artist and album recommendations based on the user's past listening history, engagement behavior patterns and what other similar user personas are listening to.

- Netflix's recommendation engine uses data about viewing history, user interactions, title information, duration of user sessions and device type to recommend new shows or TVs to users.

- Amazon generates product recommendations from page views, purchase history and other behavioral data. Users can see these recommendations on both Amazon's website and app.

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Times **In Memory**

Memories

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the late Patti Merriman and Walter McElroy III (Theresa); loving aunt of Eric and Courtney Schreiner; Meredith, Walter and Erin McElroy; and Ryan and Christopher Merriman; great-aunt of Aiden Merriman. Mary went to God on July 7, 2023.

She graduated from Our Lady of Angels Elementary School in Burlingame, Notre Dame High School in Belmont, where she was class valedictorian, and the University of California at Davis, where she majored in English, Spanish and French and also received her teaching credential.

For twenty-seven years, Mary was a gifted and self-sacrificing teacher of language arts at Yerba Buena, Silver Creek and Overfelt High Schools in San Jose.

During that time she made pioneering contributions in bilingual education by identifying the role that puzzles could play in contributing to language development and helped to secure millions of dollars of federal grants for her district.

Mary was a caring, creative, faith-filled, and compassionate woman who deeply enriched our world, and she will be profoundly missed.

A private Mass and Burial was held in mid-August.

Raymond V. Castello

*April 25, 1939 – August 3, 2023
Resident of Willow Glen*

Raymond Castello, beloved son, brother, father, uncle, grandfather, and friend, passed away August 3 surrounded by family.



He was born in Willow Glen where he lived all his life. His parents Joseph and Josephine (Gallina) were ranchers, so Ray grew up in the beauty of the fruit orchards, learning farming from a young age. His mother read him the Bible when he was young and he attended St. Christopher's Church from the time of its inception in his father's barn.

He enjoyed school and was a standout student while attending Lincoln Glen Elementary, Markham Junior High School and Willow Glen High School. At San Jose State, he was top of his class in Accounting and he went on to attend Stanford Law School. Ray met Karla Grusonik, on a blind date at the cafeteria at San Jose State. "She was the most beauti-

ful woman I had ever seen." They were married almost sixty years until her death just five weeks before his; he was devoted to her his whole life. As they raised their family, Ray cheerfully supported them in all their endeavors, from coaching soccer teams and attending concerts/dance recitals to fishing and camping trips (not his favorite), to cross country skiing and building a cabin in Tahoe. He had so many close friendships because he was such a wonderful friend. He purposefully sought to emulate Jesus and many can testify that it was evident. He was generous with his time and resources and he was as loyal as they come. God blessed him in so many ways and he in turn blessed others.

He was proud of his children and grandchildren and he was so pleased to be a great-grandpa! He had some particular joys: family gatherings, collecting things, old Westerns, classic cars, casinos, and traveling (esp. cruises). He was a skilled card player and businessman and had an exceptional memory for detail. He is survived by his son Joe Castello (Nashell), his daughter JulieAnn Personius (Matthew), sister Linda Orr (Jack), brother-in-law Bill Grusonik, sisters-in-law Anne Foisy and Joann Watkins, Grandchildren Julian (Tressa) Personius, Christian (Nataley) Personius, Bennett Personius, Ruby Buenrostro (Elijah), Josephine Personius, Nicole Castello,

Nathaniel Personius, Brianna Personius, Lyla Personius, baby Buenrostro, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. May all who knew and loved him carry on his spirit of steadfast kindness to others in honor of him.

Funeral Mass was held August 24 at St. Christopher Parish with committal service to at Santa Clara Mission Cemetery.

Robert "Bob" Martin

*May 21, 1942 - August 9, 2023
Willow Glen*

Sadly, Bob Martin passed away on August 9, 2023 at his home surrounded by family.

Bob succumbed to complications from injuries he previously suffered from an attack at a local pharmacy store.



Bob was born in Michigan to June Crook and Alfred Martin. Bob grew up in Mountain View and graduated from Mountain View High School and then attended Foothill College. Bob was married and had three children before moving to San Jose in 1962. In San Jose he met Barbara Hanlon, and they married in 1977, and were happily married for 46 years.

Bob loved to travel with his wife and grandchildren. Their
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Times **Community News**

Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose season opener to feature dances, songs and melodies from the past

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Mission Chamber Orchestra of San José (MCOSJ) opens its 2023-4 Season with a concert programmed and conducted by Juan Cristóbal Palacios, one of the four finalists in its search for a new Music Director.

“Dances, Songs and Melodies from the Past” on Saturday, Sept. 30th at 7:30 at the Hammer Theatre Center in San Jose features music ranging from Boccherini’s best loved cello concerto, through folk-song inspired works by Kodály and John Rutter, to the dancing rhythms of Beethoven’s 7th Symphony.

Conductor Juan Palacios was born in Caracas, Venezuela. His career has encompassed conducting, composition and education, and has taken him to countries

around the world including South and North America and Europe. For this season opener “I chose a varied program where each of the works represents independent thought, but they as a whole express a feeling of freshness,” says Palacios. “Rutter’s pavane songs, Kodály’s traditional melodies, and Beethoven’s dance-like symphony will take us on a beautiful musical-historical journey full of emotions, freshness, reflection and passion.”

Performing as soloist in Boccherini’s cello concerto is Palacios’ lifelong friend, Germán Marcano, one of the most important cellists in the Latin American music scene. He was principal cellist of the Simón Bolívar Symphonic Orchestra and has premiered and recorded many works by Venezuelan and Latin American composers. Says Palacios, “Our friendship and



passion for music began as early as elementary school. By the time we were adolescents we ... began to realize that music was going to be our life. This unique opportunity to start the season seemed like the ideal situation to share the stage, not only with the extraordinary musicians of MCOSJ, but also with a great friend that life has given me.”

MCOSJ’s subscription concerts this season give the audience the opportunity to enjoy thrilling live music in intimate venues with programs chosen and conducted by the four outstanding candidates for Music Director. It’s a unique chance to be part of this important transition for the orchestra. Ticket prices are affordable - General: \$25, Senior: \$20, Student: \$15, Child: \$10 - and the “pay what you can

afford” option ensures the concerts are accessible for everyone to enjoy.

Event: Mission Chamber Orchestra of San José Concert

Sat., Sep. 30, 7:30 p.m.
 Hammer Theatre Center, 101 Paseo de San Antonio, San José
 Juan Palacios, Guest Conductor
 Germán Marcano, Cello Soloist
 John Rutter - Suite for Strings
 Zoltán Kodály - Dances of Marosszék
 Luigi Boccherini - Cello Concerto G. 482
 Ludwig van Beethoven - Symphony no. 7
 Season Tickets: General: \$80, Senior: \$65, Student: \$48, Child: \$30
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Memories

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travels covered almost every state in the U.S. and over 15 countries, extending from Europe, Africa and South America. Bob loved cars and worked as a credit union auto broker, and was well known and respected in his profession. Bob made many long term friends through his career and life.

Bob will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Barbara, children Leslie (Mark), Susan, Robert (Terri), Jill (Andy), Karen (Eric),

grandchildren Brianna, Crystal (Paul), Cassandra, Matthew and Daniel, great grandchildren Brandon, Royce (Carolina), Victoria and Aubrey, and greatgreat grandchildren Tania and Royalty.

Funeral Mass was held on August 23 at St Christopher's Catholic Church (2278 Booksin Ave, San Jose, CA 95125). A reception followed Mass.

The family wishes to extend its great appreciation to Redwood Hospice and staff for their kind and compassionate care.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

O P E D

Hot San Jose Nights 'changes a few gears'

Look for upcoming Dream Machines HSJN event for 911 Day of Remembrance

Hot San Jose Nights (HSJN) has changed a few gears.

The organization has joined the Bay Area with events that support the community and good values for this great hobbies.

Just like we did for Memorial Day with our support to Dream Machines, HSJN will be hosting a special event for the up-coming 911 "Day of Remembrance." The event will be huge and fantastic! Everyone, especially car enthusiasts are invited to attend.

Tradewinds at Reid-Hillview Airport was going in the direction to make the event very political



and all about saving the airport.

I have always agreed and have fought for finding a way for the airport to co-exist as an airport, while also developing the unused land. For this cause, this is not the time or place to put the car community in a battle over the airport's politics.

HSJN has always been a community and charity driven event. I will not partner with anybody who tells us that someone is not welcome. This was an HSJN decision to not be involved

with having somebody ride the coattails of HSJN and to have our event be filled with propaganda of saving the airport.

I agree that the airport received some unfair press, but there's a better way to fight this and I do not agree with their way.

It is good for people to know the facts.

Mike Hennessy
San Jose Hot August Nights
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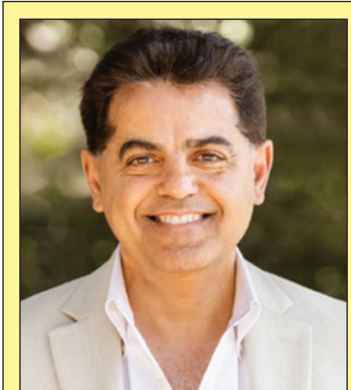
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Horses

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center for coastal equestrian activities. During the '40s, their Association was dedicated to routing hiking trails through the county.

In the years since, they've sponsored several youth groups, increased horseshow competitions and brought in special guest speakers as part of their educational program. Most recently, they partnered with fire and emergency personnel and shared their grounds as a community animal evacuation site during several wildfires.

On September 9th, Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association will offer unique equestrian demonstrations every hour (vaulting, archery, breeds and exercise) with horse painting and mini horse/donkey grooming for kids from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Horse camping is limited to 40 horses and their riders who RSVP and reserve space.

Club President, Robin Musitelli, will be on hand to encourage young and old to gather round. For questions or to RSVP for the event, email: manemom@gmail.com. To learn more, visit their website: <https://sccha.wildapricot.org/>

Santa Clara County Fall Festival
The oldest Horse Association, Santa Clara County, was formed in 1939 and has played an important role in the Almaden Valley and helped to establish the California State Horsemen's Association.

Their clubhouse serves as a meeting hall for weddings, school dances, banquets and community organizations. And their arena hosts many equestrian playdays and buckle shows for surrounding riders.

They're currently partnering with the Santa

Clara County Parks Department to bring shared-use trail safety to park visitors and working with Almaden Quicksilver and Santa Clara Preservation Alliance to highlight the historic value of the area and ranching culture.

On October 14th, from 3-6 p.m., Santa Clara County Horsemen's will open their McKean Road property for a Fall Festival complete with a mounted drill team performance and a variety of horse breeds on display. Participate in fun horse crafts, games and grooming station. They'll have a seasonal photo backdrop for individuals and families, plus a delicious BBQ."

Club President, Tami Moore, will be available to answer questions. Come and enjoy the beautiful Fall season out in the countryside. To RSVP for the event, visit <https://horsemens.org/event-4576502/Registration> and to learn more, visit their website: <https://horsemens.org>.

San Martin Holiday Caroling
Nestled between Gilroy and Morgan Hill, San Martin Horsemen's was formed in 1968. Each year, the organization works with state and local parks to keep trails maintained, sponsor charity rides and hold a yearly canned food drive. They host multiple workshops to help riders learn new techniques or practice important skills such as backing up trailers and desensitizing horses to obstacles and situations.

On December 16th, San Martin will host a holiday caroling ride through Harvey Bear Park. The public is welcome to bring their own horse or to walk alongside others that will be participating.

Join President, Toni Whedon, in spreading holiday cheer by interacting with children and families along the paved route in the park. Ride-out starts at 12 noon. For questions or to RSVP for the event, email: toni.whedon@cbnorcal.com. To learn more, visit their website: <http://smhorse.org/>. See our event flier on page 5.

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

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

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 performance will take place on October 7, at 7:30 pm at the McAfee Center at Saratoga High School, 20300 Herriman Ave., Saratoga, 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

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.



The Bay Area presents Nikolay Khozyainov making his West Coast debut performing at Saratoga High School's McAfee Center October 7.

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
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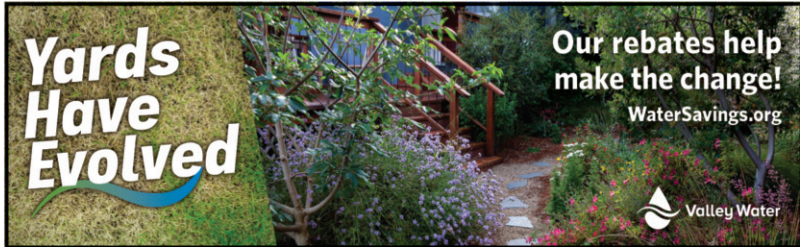
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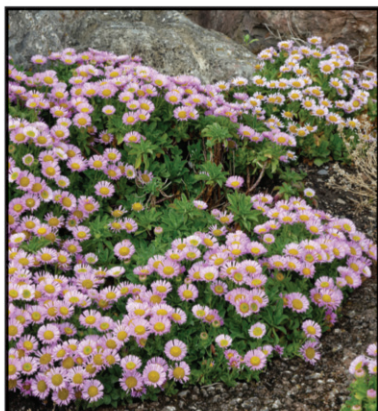


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