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The Gigis was founded by longtime Almaden resident, **Shana McLean Moore**.

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

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New Almaden Quicksilver County Park Association collaborating to refurbish Hacienda Cemetery

By William Bellou
Publisher

New Almaden Quicksilver County Park Association, in collaboration with the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County, has begun refurbishing the Hacienda Cemetery located in New Almaden.

The refurbishing involves restoring and rebuilding the crypts in addition to an overall cleanup of the cemetery.

The 19th century Hacienda Cemetery, located in New Almaden, is listed on the National Registry of Historical Sites.

"We are also in dialog with the local Boy Scouts regarding the possibility of providing Eagle Scout opportunities if they would like to help in our cemetery refurbishing program," said Tere Johnson, President of the New Almaden Quicksilver County Park Association. "Our volunteer crew was busy on August 30 cleaning up lower cemetery.

The 19th century Hacienda Cemetery is divided into two sections, as it is divided by Bertram Road.

Editor's note: This year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the New Almaden Quicksilver County Park Association. On July 23rd, current and past Board Members, key volunteers, and County Parks staff gathered at



Pedro's in Santa Clara for brunch to celebrate NAQCPA's achievement of 40 years serving Almaden Quicksilver County Park and Santa Clara County. In October, residents will gather for the annual Pioneer Day celebration in New Almaden. This year's Pioneer Day will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the historic Casa Grande.

Homeless encampment goes up in flames



A homeless structure (above) located just off Coleman Road between Meridian and Almaden Expressway went up in flames Sept. 6. Here is what it looked like now (left) and before the fire (right). Photos by Gary Hecter.

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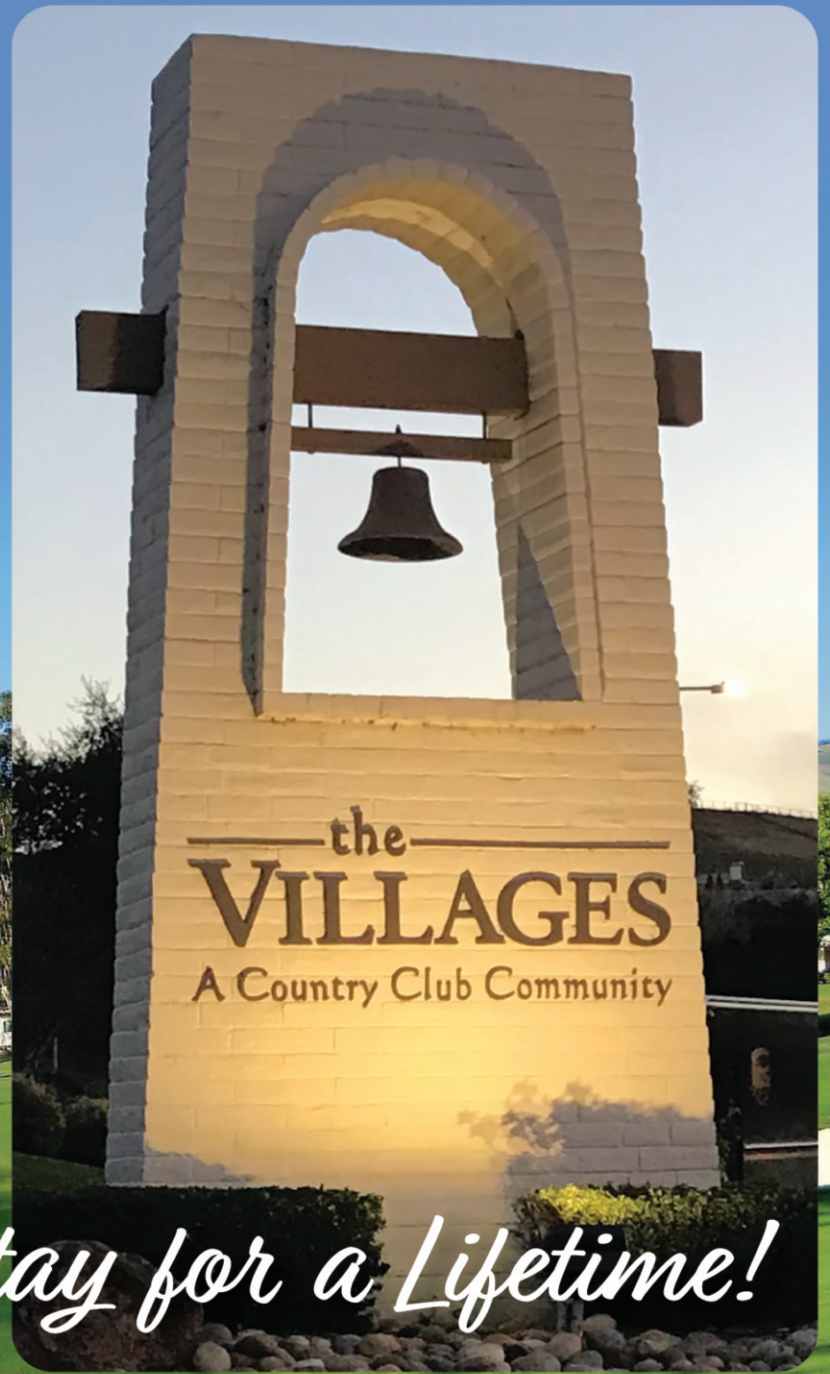
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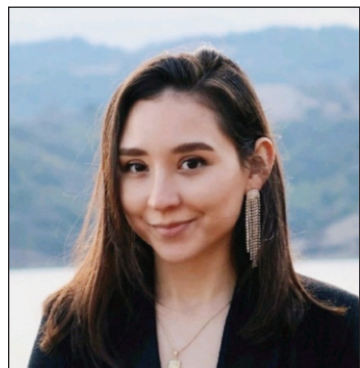
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NOTEBOOK



Almaden resident Julissa Lee named to Southern NHU President's List

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) announced that **Julissa Lee** (above) of Almaden Valley has been named

to the Summer 2023 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester.



Governor signs senator Cortese's bill to streamline CEQA; speed up housing production

Governor Gavin Newsom signed legislation by Senator Dave Cortese intended to speed up housing across California. SB 406 will eliminate certain types of repetitive reviews under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) while maintaining California's strong environmental protections.

The Governor also signed Senator Cortese's SB 642 to help protect the public from pollution and deter unfair business practices.

"Our state and regional housing crisis is complicated, but we continue to work together to find ways to ramp up housing production, particularly affordable housing for people in need," said Cortese. "SB 406 will speed up housing by cutting bureaucratic red tape while keeping environmental protections intact."

SB 642 is sponsored by the County of Santa Clara, the California State Association of Counties, and Rural County Representatives of California with support from California Environmental Voters, the Center on Race, and Poverty & the Environment.

Senator Dave Cortese represents Senate District 15, which encompasses much of Santa Clara County in the heart of Silicon Valley.

Valley Currents

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



Mark your calendars for Picnic by the Lake on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the beautiful Hellyer County Park.

Cortese: 'Join me for a picnic by the lake'

'This free event is a celebration of our vibrant community...'

By Dave Cortese
State Senator

I'm thrilled to extend a warm invitation to my inaugural Picnic by the Lake Multicultural Festival and Resource Fair. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the beautiful Hellyer County Park.

Free event

This free event is a celebration of our vibrant community, and everyone is welcome. You'll be greeted by a line of county firefighters generously grilling up beef and veggie burgers—and yes, it's all on the house. You'll get to explore a pumpkin patch filled with free pumpkins, while supplies last, and a chance to win some exciting raffle prizes.

Kid Zone

For the little ones, the Kid's Zone will be a world of enchantment and fun, complete with inflatables, whimsical face painting and even a rock-climbing wall for all adventurers. And the excitement doesn't stop there—brace yourselves for mesmerizing multicultural performances by incredible artists from Folklorico Nacional Mexicano, dancers from Viet Steps and more groups that reflect the rich tapestry of Silicon Valley. We're also committed to offering valuable public resources. Attendees can benefit from free COVID vaccines and flu shots, along with a treasure trove of up to 100



resource booths.

Learn about access to vital resources

For more than 20 years, through numerous multicultural festivals, I've had the honor of bringing together diverse groups of residents on a radiant autumn day and providing them with access to vital resources, local entertainment and engaging attractions. I host these events to celebrate the spirit of our multicultural community—a community that speaks more than 100 languages—as we unite in one of our gorgeous parks.

Honoring multiculturalism

Hellyer County Park serves as a testament to our celebration of multiculturalism. For millennia, the Tamien and Matalan tribes of the Ohlone Indians called this area home, finding solace in the temperate climate, abundant wildlife and bountiful plant food sources. This land has been a gathering place since ancient times, where differ-

ent cultures intersected. We will keep that rich tradition alive on Sept. 30 by the Lake Multicultural Festival and Resource Fair.

Celebrating the tapestry of cultures in Santa Clara County

Join me, alongside our partners, the County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department and the San Jose East/Evergreen Rotary Club, in celebrating the tapestry of cultures that make Santa Clara County truly unique and special. This is our chance to gather, eat and listen to music we may have never heard before. We'll learn about state, regional and local resources, and experience the joy of watching our children play and explore with kids from different backgrounds and neighborhoods.

Visit the pumpkin patch and take home a pumpkin while they last

We invite you to come out, connect with your community and leave with a smile—and a free pumpkin.

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Times **Local News**



Photo: Conductor **Lidiya Yankovskaya**, courtesy of the artist and Symphony San Jose

Symphony San Jose presents 'Myths, Fairy Tales, & Legends' Sept. 30 and October 1

Symphony San Jose's 2023 – 2024 Season opens with a musical story book Saturday, Sept. 30 (7:30 p.m.) and Oct. 1 (2:30 p.m.) at The California Theatre, 345 South First Street, San Jose.

The journey begins with an imaginative retelling of three classic tales: a cautionary myth by Lera Auerbach, a tragic love story from Richard Wagner, and a magical fantasy told through Sergei Prokofiev's famous ballet music.

The program
Lera Auerbach: Icarus

Richard Wagner: Prelude und Liebestod from Tristan und Isolde

Sergei Prokofiev: Cinderella

Conductor Lidiya Yankovskaya

Lidiya Yankovskaya, conductor, is a fiercely committed advocate for Slavic masterpieces, operatic rarities, and contemporary works on the leading edge of classical music. She has conducted more than 40 world premieres, including 17 operas, and her strength as a visionary collaborator has guided new perspectives on staged and symphonic repertoire from Carmen and Queen of Spades to Price and Prokofiev.

Tickets: Single ticket prices: \$55 - \$115; phone: 408.286.2600 ext. 1; website: <https://www.symphonysanjose.org>; email: jmeyers@symphonysanjose.org

Walk-Up Box Office: 325 South First Street, San Jose, 95113. Located between San Carlos and San Salvador Street next to the California Theatre. Ticket Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Concert Length: Approximately 1 hour 50 minutes, with intermission.

Gigis

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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 presentation 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 Gigis' Kick-off" are available through Eventbrite. For more information about The Gigis, visit thegigis.com.



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Times **Local News**

Automotive seshows endanger lives for the sake of 'likes' & shares

By Matt Mahan
Mayor

Last November, the San Jose Police Department issued over 700 citations to people who chose to put their own lives and the lives of their neighbors on the line for the sake of likes, clicks and shares.

This was the largest "sideshow" bust to date in our city – and though our officers are working day in and day out to shut down these events, we need the entire community to get involved to stop them. This includes the largest companies who call Silicon Valley home.

These dangerous and illegal events that have literally taken lives are fueled by social media. They are increasingly spread, consumed, and attended primarily for the purpose of generating content to get likes and build a social media following.

And we want to work with the companies whose platforms sideshow participants are using, to find a solution for the good of our entire city. I have sent a letter asking these companies to come to the table and talk through solutions.

Research shows that sideshow posts can attract hundreds of peo-

ple in a matter of minutes. We are asking social media platforms to work in tandem with our police department to suspend the accounts of people who post content promoting these events for 30 days the first time they do it – and indefinitely if they continue to use the platform to promote dangerous, criminal activities like sideshows.

We're inviting these companies to City Hall to discuss other ideas for how we can work together to prevent sideshows, and together, join us in sending a strong message that such behavior will not be tolerated – not in the City of San Jose and not on TikTok, Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram or anywhere



From the Mayor
Matt Mahan
Mayor, San Jose

else online.

It will take all of us – public and private entities – collaborating to keep our community safe.

We all have a role to play. We all see this content each day, and it's our responsibility to report it. The companies can't stop it, if they can't find it. Luckily there are thousands of us who care about creating a safer city, and together, we

can get there faster.

Sideshows hurt San Jose. And we all need to do our part to stop them.

Editor's note: You may send your comments and suggestions to Mayor Matt Mahan via email: mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov, or call 408-535-4800



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WATER-WISE

Days of The CESSWI - Reign of 'October'

By Matthew Frazier

Qualified Stormwater Manager
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Welcome to the soon-coming rains of September and October. Welcome to all they entail. Welcome to the peace and the solace they will bring. Welcome to The Reign of October.

One may be inclined to ask: "What does this mean for Almaden Valley?" To this, I retort: "The rains will come. The rains will cleanse all in their path. The rains will rejuvenate that which has gone dormant and still for so very long.

In earlier column entries I have alluded to my affiliation with Stormwater and the discipline of CESSWI. CESSWI is a Certified Erosion, Sedimentation, and Stormwater Inspector. The rains will bring wrath upon dried lands.

The compacted soils of the valleys of Santa Clara County will be rejuvenated by the coming rains; the rains of September and the rains of October. This aggregate will be known as The Reign of October.

Clay soils are slow to absorb rainwater. This precious water moves across the compacted soil in sheet flow, carrying with it the constituents and the contaminants of landscape chemicals and metal residues. We must take heed.

The valleys of Santa Clara County, and especially Almaden Valley, are ripe with chemicals that have long been used in the landscapes and terrains of these valleys. Turf lawn fertilizers are no exception.

The coming rains will merge with landscape chemicals and wash them across our soils and into our storm inlets if we are not careful. This rainwater must be captured and harvested on-site at the very first opportunity. We must act.

Detention and retention basins and swales must be built now before the rains come to us. There are precautions that must be taken and creating these basins and swales is a good start; in our gardens and our landscapes.

In the course of studying Green Infrastructure, I have found blueprints and schematics illustrating how we might go about this. Commercial properties and educational institutions are already employing these techniques.

The Reign of October requires each and all to prepare for the coming rains of September and October and be ready to capture and harvest this precious rainwater and



Water Wise
Matthew Frazier,
Certified Water
Manager

stormwater that will hydrate our gardens and landscapes.


Autumn is the ideal and optimal time to plant shrubs and trees. We have many options. I have opted for valley natives. I live in Santa Clara Valley. Almaden Valley has hills and sheet flow will be a challenge. We must take heed.

The country club and the golf courses of Almaden Valley are rich and ripe with herbicides, fertilizers, insecticides, rodenticides, and other chemicals. These will merge with rainwater and stormwater and move across the soils and to the drain inlets if we do not

manage and mitigate.

Make preparations now. Prepare your basins and swales. Create the ideal and optimal conditions to detain and retain rainwater and stormwater. The time is now. Soon come the rains. Soon come The Reign of October.

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Mission Chamber Orchestra season opener to feature dances, songs and melodies from 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, September 30th at 7:30 at the Hammer Theatre Center in San Jose features music ranging from Boccherini’s best loved cello concerto, through folksong 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

Saturday, Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m.

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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

State kids score among worst for math, language

By Dan Walters
CalMatters

Gov. Gavin Newsom and other political figures like to brag about California's role as a national or even international leader in all things wonderful.

They tend, however, to gloss over or ignore indications that California is falling short in some very important indices of societal achievement, such as public education.

When measured against other states, much less other nations, California's nearly 6 million public school students rank among the lowest in national education testing for mathematics and language skills.

The latest round of National Assessment of Educational Progress test results, released last fall, revealed that California's fourth- and eighth-graders were once again in the bottom tier of states in reading and math.

Moreover, California's unusually long school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic reduced achievement even more, as a recent report from the Public Policy Institute of California revealed.

Before the pandemic, 51% of students met standards in English language arts, or ELA, and it had dropped to 47%. In mathematics, proficiency declined from 40% to 33%.

"Only 35% of low-income students met state standards in ELA and 21% were proficient in math," PPIC reported, "compared to 65% of higher-income students in ELA and 51% in math."

Also, PPIC noted, the nationwide tests of reading and math proficiency "shows that California has consistently lagged behind most other states ... 38th in math and 33rd in reading."

We may not need more evidence that Californians lack competence in basic skills, but

last week we got another data dose from the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies, a global program of testing supported by the U.S. Department of Education.

A new analysis of its data reveals that in "numeracy" — the ability of adults to use mathematics in daily lives — California ranks near the bottom of states, virtually identical to Georgia and other states in the second lowest tier. Within California, just one of its 58 counties — Marin — scored in the highest tier.

The numeracy report was issued just a few weeks after the state Board of Education adopted a new framework for math instruction that advocates claim will increase the computational acumen of California students by making it more culturally relevant.

Board member Gabriela Orozco-Gonzalez, an elementary school teacher in Montebello, said, "The framework's focus on fundamental concepts, open-ended tasks, justice, student inquiry, reasoning and justification aligns with effective mathematics teaching practices. I am encouraged by the incorporation of strategies to support diverse learners, such as promoting multilingualism, facilitating group work, employing visual aids, and establishing cultural connections."

Tom Loveless, a former senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who wrote a book on the Common Core standards, was one of many critics during a three-hour hearing prior to adoption, saying the framework sends a "message that math facts can be treated lightly."

The climactic board meeting reflected years of often bitter debate, dubbed the "math wars," over how best to raise math skills, not unlike a similar conflict over language skills dubbed the "reading wars."

Traditionalist supporters of phonics emerged triumphant in the battle over reading but traditionalists lost on math. Ultimately, the board made a few tweaks aimed at placating critics but left the original concept of downplaying rote skills and early introduction to algebra largely intact.

Too many of our students and adults are

"innumerate" — the mathematical equivalent of illiterate — and that has vast societal impacts, from lessening Californians' ability to manage personal finances to depriving the economy of workers with crit-

ical skills.

We'll see if California's new woke math curriculum improves its standing, or drives us even lower.

Dan Walters is a CalMatters columnist.



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- Trips to local and not so local places of interest.

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Current Events:

Murder is a Fine Art: Afternoon Murder Theater, Sat Sept 23, 12pm, \$22 includes buffet lunch. Come help solve the mystery and decide who done it. Ticket sales MWF, 8am-10am in the Almaden Community Center lobby.

Diwali, Festival of Lights: Saturday October 21st 4-7pm. \$22.00 for members. Tickets will go on sale Sept 27th, MWF, 8am-10am in the Almaden Community Center lobby.

Current Trips:

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For more information, go to Almadenseniors1@gmail.com or call

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IN MEMORY

Patricia Diane Owen

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Patricia Diane Owen, 82, passed away on August 15th, 2023. She was a loving and compassionate person, a cherished mother, and a devoted grandmother.

Patricia was born in Pueblo, Colorado, on August 10th, 1941, then relocated to California, where she later met her husband, George. She grew up with both of her parents, Lucile and Albert, and her younger siblings, Linda and Gary.

Patricia met George at the San Jose News (which later became the Mercury News). They were married on August 8th, 1964. John (deceased), Robert, and Michael were the couple's three children. Patricia raised the three boys while her husband continued to work for the Mercury News for another 30 years. They remained together for 52 years until George's death in 2017.

Patricia took great pleasure in working with flowers. In 1987, she supported the first opening of Bloomster's flower shop in Almaden and spent many happy years working in the back office,



enjoying all of the flowers and interacting with customers.

She cherished spending time with her two boys, Robert and Michael. She loved when Robert visited from Santa Cruz as well as driving "over the hill" to spend time with him on the beach. Patricia deeply appreciated spending time with her youngest son, Michael, chatting, watching cooking shows, and cooking meals together.

Patricia is survived by her two sons, her sister, and three grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son, John, husband, George, mother, father, and brother. She will be dearly missed.

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 Saratoga High School's McAfee Center October 7

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 Saturday, October 7, at 7:30 pm at Saratoga High School's McAfee Center, 20300 Herriman Avenue., 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.

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 Orches-



tra, 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 and 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

Editor's Note: Steinway Society - The Bay Area is a non-profit organization based in Silicon Valley. Now in its 29th season, this dedicated group of musicians, pianists, teachers, and arts lovers promotes excellence in piano 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 school music program. For more information on season subscriptions, individual tickets, the artists, and Steinway Society, go to www.SteinwaySociety.com or contact (408) 300-5635.

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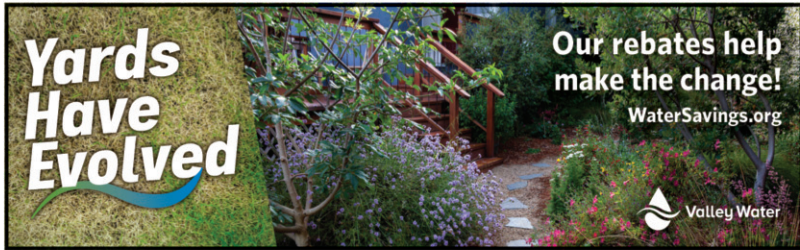
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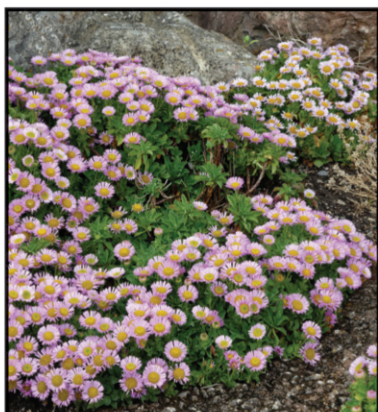


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