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Quimby Oak Lobo Wrestlers win their fourth consecutive Santa Clara County Championship

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Quimby Oak Middle School's Lobo Wrestlers just finished a historic winning season.

It was a fresh start with a team of 45 wrestlers that were mostly new to the sport. But, with great work ethic, consistency, and commitment to long practices every day, this team improved quickly from a team that looked like novices to one of demonstrating skill and experience.

"With hard work and the support of family, Lobo wrestlers just kept winning and winning by very large margins," said Coach Sam Spengler. "All nine duals against section opponents were mostly won with lopsided scores."

Hoover Hawk Classic

The Hoover Hawk Classic was the first big tournament of the season with 17 teams in total held November 3. Quimby wrestlers took first place at the tournament, but it opened their eyes that work needed to be done if they wanted to continue to win.

Hyde Classic

Two weeks later was the Hyde Classic, an 8-team dual tournament,



which Quimby won with a more comfortable margin.

"The wrestling room continued to stay full as the Lobo wrestlers continued to show their toughness and dedication day in and day out," Spengler said.

League Tournament

The League tournament, which is a varsity tournament that ad-

vances the top four from each weight class was next. Being hosted by Quimby Oak and defending the League Championship, Lobo wrestlers pulled through big time by winning the league tournament for an unprecedented 23rd year in a row.

All 19 Lobo wrestlers qualified
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Trash pickup by volunteer Michael McGeough

Evergreen Valley resident Michael McGeough and friends cleaned up trash on the bottom half mile of Silver Creek Valley Road heading north.

"We filled seven bags full of trash along with several large items," explained McGeough. "Someone had tossed a container of 'sharps' into the bushes. It appears that it has been there for a few years. It looks like syringes but no needles."

While local neighbors cleaned up trash on Silver Creek Valley Rd., a container of syringes were found in the bushes, but no needles.



The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors provided a one-time matching grant to Camp Via West to fund camp facility renovations, including critical accessibility modifications for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

County helps make camp more inclusive

By Sean Eastwood
Times Staff writer

Youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities across Santa Clara County are enjoying a more inclusive camp experience due to support from Santa Clara County.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors provided a one-time matching grant to Camp Via West to fund camp facility renovations, including critical accessibility modifications for individ-

uals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. County Supervisor Joe Simitian proposed the grant.

The County's support enabled Camp Via West to address necessary infrastructure needs. The camp used County funding for the development of a newly renovated sports field, which also includes ADA-compliant bathrooms, storage for sports equipment, and a concession stand to

See **CAMP**, page 2

Update on upcoming public meeting for city-led Pleasant Hills Golf Course Redevelopment

Evergreen Times news sources indicate that the January public meeting to discuss the housing redevelopment proposals for the Pleasant Hills Golf Course will most likely be held in February. As stated in previous ET article (Oct. 20, 2023), the City of San Jose is charged with leading the outreach for future meetings, not the developers. The city has retained a non-profit organization to lead an outreach effort to ensure that meeting notices reach the public.

Editor's Note: You can sign up on the mailing list update for the Pleasant Hills Golf Course by visiting: <http://tinyurl.com/yc8j2u46>

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Camp

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provide food and water for campers and spectators at the sports field.

“This should help alleviate some longstanding accessibility and mobility challenges for youth and adults who want to engage in camp activities,” said Simitian. “I’m delighted we’re making the Camp, and our community, more accessible for all.”

One of the few remaining camps serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the region, Camp Via West provides programming and a wide variety of respite and inclusion camps for children and adults in Santa Clara County on a 13.5-acre campus located on County-owned land in the Cupertino foothills. The Camp’s innovative programs are supervised by trained staff who help campers learn new skills, develop meaningful relationships, and build confidence, all while enjoying the outdoors.

“This is an extraordinary opportunity for the County to support an inclusive social and recreational space that addresses the immediate needs of the community,” said Bryan Neider, Chief Executive Officer of Via Services Inc. “The sup-



port from the County helped us address the accessibility issues and enhance the sports field to allow for more campers to enjoy athletic and outdoor activities.”

Operated by Via Services Inc., an independent nonprofit that has been serving the disability community in the Bay Area since 1945, Camp Via West operates youth, teen, and adult outdoor day and overnight summer camp programs. The camps typically offer program sessions from June to August, specifically designed for young people ages 5 to 17 and specific sessions geared to young adults and adults, including seniors, with a wide array of activities including swimming, arts and crafts, sports and games, and gardening.

Sessions are usually one week long and the camp typically serves approximately 80 campers per session, totaling nearly 800 campers each summer. The camp alternates weeks for children with developmental disabilities and adults with developmental disabilities.

“Our daughter, Zoe (age 19), has been going to Camp Via West and participating in their weekend recreation days since she was 10,” said Los Altos resident Shannon Fallick. “This organization has benefited Zoe and our family in a myriad of ways. Zoe has grown so much from her experience at Camp Via West, and we, as her family, have gotten some much-needed respite time. I can say with confidence that there is not another recreational organization in our area that provides this level of service and care to the special needs community.”

That sentiment was echoed by San Jose resident Cheryl Snyder. “My son, Adam, has attended Camp Via West for almost 30 years, starting at age 10,” said Snyder. “The opportunity to be away from home in a safe and inclusive environment is one of the many gifts of being a camper. Camp offers Adam and his peers an opportunity to have an away from home, typical camp experience. For Adam, these activities are an opportunity to be independent, to be ‘one of the guys’, and to be included. This feeling of belonging is really the greatest gift Camp Via West offers.”

To learn more about Camp Via West and its events, visit: <https://viaservices.org>.

Wrestlers

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for the East Section Championship. Placing first were **Derek Giang, Noah Tran** (Captain), **Jamison Solla, Isaac Yap, Owen Hardesty** (Captain), **Aahil Ahmed, Derek Nguyen, Carlos Magana Ortiz, Mateo Jimenez** (Captain). **Logan Brasil, Mateo Nievera-Lozano, Patrick Nguyen, and Tyson Pham** all placed second.

Section Finals

Section Finals followed the next week on December 5, with the top two in each weight class moving on to the County Finals, which were held at Quimby Oak Middle School. The qualifying Lobos were **Noah Tran, Mateo Nievera-Lozano, Jamison Solla, Patrick Nguyen, Isaac Yap, Owen Hardesty, Tyson Pham, Aahil Ahmed, Derek Nguyen, Carlos Magana Ortiz, and Mateo Jimenez**. Quimby won the tournament for the seventh consecutive year.

Now it was on to the grand finale just two days later. On December 7, the Santa Clara County Finals were hosted by Quimby Oak Middle School and the Lobos pulled out the win for the fourth consecutive year in a row. County champions were **Noah Tran,**



Carlos Magana Ortiz, and Mateo Jimenez. Second place were **Isaac Yap** and **Aahil Ahmed**.

“This was an unforgettable season thanks to so many including principal **Ginger Gaeta**, Coach **Ray Jacob Jimenez**, Coach **Ray Jimenez Sr.**, and the family support system of the entire team,” Spengler said. “I would like to give special recognition to Coach Ray Jacob for his tireless coaching, dedication, and commitment to the entire team. Without him none of our achievements would have been possible especially our six team managers and our team captains who keep our team running smoothly.”

For more information about the Quimby Oak Lobos wrestling program, contact Coach Sam Spengler by email: SamSpengler@hotmail.com

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Times **Local News**

SJPD arrests two suspects for burglary string in Evergreen and Silver Creek Valley neighborhoods

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

San Jose Police patrol officers responded to three separate residential burglaries in the Evergreen and Silver Creek neighborhoods last month.

Due to an increase in recent burglary incidents, SJPD had already deployed additional Burglary Suppression overtime cars in the area. After a burglary took place in the 3000 block of King Estates, Burglary Suppression Officers located a vehicle matching one used in the commission of the burglaries earlier that evening.

Officers initiated an enforcement stop near Fontanoso Way, and the suspects Daemori Hunt, 20, of Mereno Valley, and Dametrius Batchelor, 23, of Riverside, CA, abandoned their vehicle, fleeing on foot into a nearby creek area and field.

SJPD Air Support Unit Officers responded to the vehicle stop and assisted via helicopter (Air 3). Air3 directed arriving Officers to where the suspect had hidden in heavy brush. The two suspects were subsequently taken into custody without incident. The suspect vehicle was recovered and contained property taken during the burglaries, including cash, jewelry,

and high-end purses that are being processed and will eventually be returned to victims.

Burglary Detectives in the Financial Crimes Unit took over the investigation and conducted extensive follow up that linked the suspects to at least seven other recent residential burglaries in San José, and potentially linking them to approximately several additional burglaries in the Bay Area with an estimated loss of at least \$300,000.

"This is an amazing, coordinated effort by Patrol Officers, Burglary Suppression Officers, Financial Crimes Unit Detectives and our invaluable Air 3 Officers that leveraged technology and equipment to locate these suspects and take them into custody without incident," said Chief of Police Anthony Mata. "This is yet another example of the exceptional proactive policing at SJPD that brings criminals to justice and sends a clear message to would-be criminals: Don't come to San José to commit crime."

Anyone with information about these cases or similar cases is asked to contact Detective Robertson #3658 of the San José Police Financial Crimes, Burglary Unit via email: 3658@sanjoseca.gov or 408-537-1315.



Suspect **Daemori Hunt** (L) and Suspect **Dametrius Batchelor** (R)

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—Chief of Police
Anthony Mata

Four very important ways you can prepare for earthquakes in 2024

By Glenn Pomeroy
Special to the Times

No one knows exactly what 2024 will bring, but we all know that the Bay Area is earthquake country and that the next quake could strike at any time.

Did you know that California has more than 500 active faults and that most Californians live within 30 miles of an active fault?

The greater San Francisco Bay Area is sitting on top of three major faults and scientists say there is a 98% chance of a magnitude 6.0 or greater quake hitting the Bay Area in the future. Many of us remember the magnitude 6.9 Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 that killed 63 people, injured thousands, and caused about \$6 billion in damage, including destroying parts of I-880 in Oakland and rendering the Bay Bridge unusable for about a month.

So, as we step into the New Year, one of the most important resolutions you can make is to help protect your family, your loved ones, and yourself from preventable earthquake damage.

Here are four things you can do to prepare this year.

Get Organized with an Emergency Safety Kit:

Create an easy-to-reach emergency kit with essentials for each family member – and your pets! The American Red Cross recommends a three-day supply of food and water, along with items such as medications, a cell phone charger, flashlights, a first aid kit, and a whistle for signaling help. These emergency supplies can make a big difference after an earthquake or other emergency.

Strengthen Your House:

Take some time to learn about your home and understand its unique structural risks. Many older homes in the Bay Area – especially those built before 1980 – are at risk of earthquake damage because of outdated building codes.



And did you know that many homeowners in the Bay Area may be eligible for the Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) grant program? EBB offers up to \$3,000 to qualifying homeowners to help them strengthen their homes with a seismic retrofit. The program has helped more than 23,000 California homeowners strengthen their homes and help protect their families from earthquake damage. Registration for EBB opens January 10th – visit EarthquakeBraceAndBolt.com to learn more.

Different house styles may need different safety measures. Raised foundation homes, living space over garage homes, post and pier homes, hillside homes, and mobile/manufactured homes are all common types of houses throughout the Bay Area, and each has unique vulnerabilities. Visit StrengthenYourHouse.com to learn more about your home type and the specific retrofit you might need.

Create an Emergency Plan:

Communication is key during emergencies, especially because some family members may not be at home during an earthquake. Text messages may work better than phone calls during and after seismic events, so make sure everyone has emergency contact information saved on their phone, memorized, or written down. Practice your preparedness plan and keep copies in easy-to-reach locations. And make sure all family members know where the emergency supplies are kept.

Secure Your Home:

Look around your home and identify anything that could be a risk if the ground starts to shake. During an earthquake, heavy furniture can topple over if it's not anchored and secured to studs. Move large, heavy items away from doors. Install flexible connections for gas lines and appliances to reduce fire risk. Brace overhead fixtures that could come crashing down and move beds away from windows. A lot of earthquake injuries are caused by household items and furniture falling and hitting people – taking simple precautions can reduce the risk of injury and help protect your family.

It is not a matter of if, but when the next big quake will strike the Bay Area. Make earthquake preparedness a priority this New Year. Organize supplies, create an emergency plan, secure your living space, and understand your home's structural risks. Prepare for the next earthquake now, and rest easier knowing you've taken concrete steps to protect your home and family for many New Years to come.

Editor's note: Glenn Pomeroy is CEO of California Earthquake Authority (CEA). Since 2008, Glenn Pomeroy has led the not-for-profit CEA—the largest earthquake insurance provider in the United States and one of the largest in the world.



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District 8's major accomplishments

By Domingo Candelas

Happy New Year!
Reflecting on this past year, I am grateful and proud of everything we



San José Chamber Orchestra presents FANTASIA, February 11 at St. Francis Episcopal Church

San José Chamber Orchestra (SJCO) continues its 33rd concert season with FANTASIA in Willow Glen at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Sunday, February 11 at 3 p.m.

The program features the West Coast Premiere of conductor Alyssa Wang and soloists James Blanchard on flute and Matthieu Cognet on piano.

"SJCO is looking forward to conductor Alyssa Wang making her SJCO debut with the program FANTASIA, featuring four unusual, yet complimentary musical works from two esteemed composers of the past and two composers of the present," said Music Director, Barbara Day Turner.

The evening promises to be uniquely satisfying and entertaining."

Music by Daniel Kidane, Germaine Tailleferre, Dobrinka Tabakova, and Benjamin Britten.

The Program

- Daniel Kidane: Be Still
- Germaine Tailleferre: Concertino for Flute, Piano and Strings featuring James Blanchard, flute and Matthieu Cognet, piano
- Dobrinka Tabakova: Fantasy Homage a Schubert
- Benjamin Britten: Young Apollo featuring Matthieu Cognet, piano

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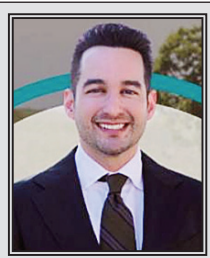
Below are some high-level 2023 highlights:

Events and Community Beautification

- 39 clean-ups removing 550 bags of litter
- 11 dumpster days removing over 200 tons of junk
- Family Fall Festival at Lake Cunningham Park, Health Fair Wellness Walk at Eastridge Center, Fire Safety Town Hall workshop at the Villages Clubhouse, 2 scam stoppers, 2 budget town halls, 2 CERT preparedness workshops, and 2 holiday celebrations including our Santa at the Square -- all serving thousands of District 8 residents.

Community Empowerment

- \$150,000 in Small Business Grants for local mom-and-pop shops
- Funded 30 new police officers in the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24



Council Report
Domingo Candelas,
District 8 Councilmember

- \$1.5 Million awarded towards Lake Cunningham for restoration and open space preservation
- Championed Pleasant Hills Golf Course community engagement
- Redesigned 4 intersections to improve pedestrian and traffic safety
- \$8 Million grant to prevent both retail theft and burglaries by adding 300 new license plate readers throughout the City as well as District 8

The leadership and collaboration that have made this work possible will continue working diligently to improve District 8 and empower our neighborhoods.

As we gather with our loved ones, I want to honor our different traditions with full hearts and a spirit of kindness.

Thank you for being a part of District 8. Please stay connected as we have amazing things to look forward to in 2024!

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Times **Local News**

Here's who's running for Santa Clara County supervisor

By **Jana Kadah**
San José Spotlight

In about two months, Santa Clara County residents will be asked to select a candidate in the primaries who can govern through a landmine of challenges over the next four years.

Three of five seats on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors are up for election this year. Districts 2 and 5 are open contests, with current officeholders terming out, while in District 3 the incumbent is running unopposed. The primary is set for March 5, 2024.

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

Here's a roundup of Santa Clara County candidates running in the primary:

District 2

With Supervisor **Cindy Chavez** terming out, there are five candidates seeking to fill her seat and represent the district centered in San Jose, which includes swaths of downtown and East San Jose.

Alum Rock Union School District board member **Corina Herrera-Loera's** No. 1 priority is inequity—particularly in East San Jose. Through her roles as county deputy juvenile probation officer for 18 years and current Alum Rock trustee, she's been able to address ongoing inequality while also advocating for youth to be connected to their identities.

Jennifer Celaya, founder of nonprofit New Beginnings, is a fresh face in a race full of politicians and is running without the backing of special interests. She is a Native American woman with tattoos. Celaya is aware that's not what a typical elected official looks like, but is what people in her community look like, and she believes they deserve a voice. Her top priorities are expanding social services, mental health support and housing across the county.

Former San Jose Vice Mayor **Madison Nguyen** is a well-known politico looking to make a comeback. She began her career in public service as a Franklin-McKinley School District board member in 2002 and later became the first Vietnamese American San Jose councilmember in 2005 and vice mayor in 2011—serving on the council until 2014. Her goals are to increase affordable housing projects on county-owned land and tackle homelessness with more mental health, substance use and workforce development programs.

Betty Duong, Chavez's chief of staff, is also eyeing the seat after decades of work in the county. Duong worked in the county executive office for several years where she led the Vietnamese American Service Center project, the first of its kind in the nation. She was special counsel for the Vietnamese American Workers' Rights Project at Legal Aid at Work, and also the campaign manager for Measure A, an affordable housing bond measure that was approved by voters in 2016.

Nelson McElmurry is a practicing attorney and father of four who wants to advocate for county residents. The San Jose native's priorities include homelessness and affordable housing, mental health and crisis support, public safety and restorative justice, access to afford-



Numerous candidates are running for seats on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 2024. File photo.

able child care and creating a business-friendly environment.

District 3

Incumbent Supervisor **Otto Lee** is running unopposed. He won his District 3 seat in 2020 on a platform of environmental activism, addressing homelessness and improving mental health care.

Lee's political career began in 1996 when he began serving on the Sunnyvale Planning Commission before being elected to the City Council in 2003 and serving a term as mayor.

Lee worked as an intellectual property attorney and served in the U.S. Navy for 28 years. He earned a bronze star for helping to lead the drawdown of U.S. troops in Iraq.

District 5

Supervisor **Joe Simitian** is terming out of his north Santa Clara County seat—which represents Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, Stanford and por-

tions of Sunnyvale and San Jose. Five candidates are competing to replace him.

Mountain View Councilmember **Margaret Abe-Koga** is looking to continue her work at the regional level. Abe-Koga said she's most concerned with climate change and the needs for more mental health services. As supervisor, her priorities would be working with local cities to address those issues, as well as public safety and the housing and homelessness crisis.

Sally Lieber is a "corporate free candidate," according to her campaign site. Lieber was elected to the California State Board of Equalization in 2022 and currently serves as its chair. She also previously served on the Mountain View City Council and in the California Assembly. She said she has the experience and knowledge to focus on each of the county's policy areas: medical and mental health care, social services, environmental protection, homelessness and the criminal justice system—to name a few.

Barry Chang is a former Cupertino mayor and councilmember looking to serve at the county level. His priorities are traffic congestion, environmental protection, affordable child care, mental health services and senior services, according to his campaign site.

Peter C. Fung is a doctor and director of the El Camino Healthcare District. His priorities are mental health services, financial accountability and affordability for all. He said his work in the medical field equips him to solve some of the county's most pressing issues.

Sandy Sans is a business owner and father living in Los Altos. He is the founder of real estate business Los Altos Holdings Inc. Sans holds a master's degree in material science engineering from UCLA and an undergraduate degree from University of California, Davis.

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3 California walks voted among top 150 nature walks to start 2024 in survey of 3,000 families

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Nature walks stand out as a refreshing way to start the year with nature's tranquility and beauty.

People everywhere are coming together to enjoy the outdoors, creating memories that last a lifetime.

Among these cherished traditions, nature walks stand out as a refreshing way to start the year with nature's tranquility and beauty.

Sustainable Jungle recently commissioned a survey aimed at discovering the best nature walks. They surveyed 3,000 families asking them to rate which nature walks across the U.S. they would most like to experience at the start of 2024.

Here are the top 10 most popular nature walks:

#1 Lanikai Pillbox Hike in Oahu, Hawaii.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, given the islands' beauty, Lanikai Pillbox Hike on Oahu emerged as the most sought-after nature walk to experience the start of the new year. It is a 1.6-mile hike offering panoramic views of Lanikai and Kailua. It can be a challenging hike with some rocky parts, ideal for families who hike often.

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#2 Lookout Mountain Trails in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

In second place came Lookout Mountain Trails in Chattanooga. Offering a range of trails with varying difficulty, the area around Lookout Mountain is perfect for families. The Guild-Hardy Trail is a popular option, providing a relatively easy and scenic walk through the forest with views of Chattanooga.

#3 Waimea Valley Botanical Gardens Trail in Oahu, Hawaii.

The third most popular walk in the country is also in Hawaii. This 1.9-mile trail is more of a walk than a hike, passing through beautiful botanical gardens and ending at Waimea Falls.

#4 Tomoka State Park, Florida.

In fourth position is Tomoka State Park. It offers scenic trails where families can enjoy a leisurely walk amidst natural beauty. The Tomoka Trail is a half-mile trail that takes you along the Tomoka Point peninsula, and it's known for its beautiful shady maritime oak trees.

#5 Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico.

This walk offers a unique experience of exploring cool cave formations. The Big Room trail is around 1.25+ miles and has an option to take an elevator back up, which can be great for kids.

#6 Amicalola Falls State Park Trails, Georgia.

Located in the North Georgia mountains, this park is home to the tallest waterfall in Georgia, Amicalola Falls. The park offers various hiking trails, including the East Ridge Trail, which is a moderate 2.1-mile loop that provides stunning views of the waterfall and surrounding forests. There's also a short, paved path to an overlook for those looking for an easier option.

#7 Discovery Park Loop Trail in Seattle, Washington.

This 2.8-mile loop trail in Seattle's largest park offers a mix of forest and beach with views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains. It's an easy, well-maintained trail that's perfect for families looking for a nature escape within the city.

#8 San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, Texas.

This park offers a unique blend of natural beauty and historical significance. The Mission Reach Trail connects several historic missions and provides an easy, flat path suitable for all ages. It's a great way to enjoy nature while also learning about Texas history.

#9 Great Falls Park Trails near McLean, Virginia.

Just outside of Washington, D.C., this park offers several easy trails that provide spectacular views of the falls where the Potomac River builds up speed and force as it falls over a series of steep, jagged rocks and flows through the narrow Mather Gorge. The River Trail, in particular, is a favorite for families.

#10 Radnor Lake State Park Trails in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rounding up the top 10 is Radnor Lake State Park. This state park features several easy trails that loop around Radnor Lake, providing a tranquil nature experience right in the city. The Lake Trail, in particular, is a flat, 1.3-mile path that's perfect for a leisurely family walk.

The state of California had 3 nature walks voted among the 150 most popular in the country. These are as follows:

#14 Los Angeles River Trail

This trail offers a range of distances from less than a mile to moderate lengths (4-8 miles). It

follows the river's curves and flows, providing flat areas perfect for family hikes or bike rides. Starting from Griffith Park allows easy access to several trails.

#30 Ferndell Nature Trail and Griffith Observatory Walk

Griffith Park in Los Angeles is a fantastic place to start the year with a refreshing walk. It offers a variety of trails suitable for all fitness levels, from easy strolls to more challenging hikes.

#125 Wilder Ranch State Park

This park is ideal for family picnics and offers moderate-length hiking or mountain biking trails near Santa Cruz, CA. It has restrooms, drinking water, and stunning ocean views, although it can be windy.

"These top 150 nature walks provide a guide for anyone inter-



ested in enjoying the beauty of the outdoors while fostering a deeper appreciation for our natural world. By exploring these destinations, we hope to inspire a greater sense of responsibility and

stewardship for the environment as we embark on a new year of conservation, renewal and change," says Amber McDaniel from Sustainable Jungle website: www.sustainablejungle.com

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TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK

Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

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:

Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

Personally identifiable information (PII) is any data that could potentially identify a specific individual.

Any information that can be used to distinguish one person from another and can be used to deanonymize previously anonymous data is considered PII.

PII may be used alone or in tandem with other relevant data to identify an individual and may

incorporate direct identifiers, such as passport information, that can identify a person uniquely or quasi-identifiers, such as race, that can be combined with other quasi-identifiers, like date of birth, to successfully recognize an individual.

Why does PII need to be secured?

Protecting PII is essential for personal privacy, data privacy, data protection, information privacy and information security. With just a few bits of an individual’s personal information, thieves can create false accounts in the person’s name, incur debt, create a falsified passport, or sell a person’s identity to a criminal.

As individuals’ personal data is recorded, tracked, and used daily -- such as in biometric scans with fingerprints and facial recognition systems used to unlock devices -- it is increasingly essential to protect individuals’ identity and any pieces of identifying information unique to them.

What is considered PII?

Any information that can uniquely identify people as individuals, separate from all others, is PII. It may include the following:

- name
- address
- email

- telephone number
- date of birth
- passport number
- fingerprint
- driver’s license number
- credit or debit card number
- Social Security number

Sensitive vs. Non sensitive PII

PII can be labeled sensitive or non-sensitive. Non-sensitive PII is information that can be transmitted in an unencrypted form without resulting in harm to the individual. Non-sensitive PII can be easily gathered from public records, phone books, corporate directories, and websites. This might include information such as zip code, race, gender, date of birth and religion -- information that, by itself, could not be used to discern an individual’s identity.

Sensitive PII is information that, when disclosed, could result in harm to the individual if a data breach occurs. This type of sensitive data often has legal, contractual, or ethical requirements for restricted disclosure.

Do you enjoy reading this column? Send in your comments or feedback to the author at 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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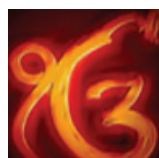
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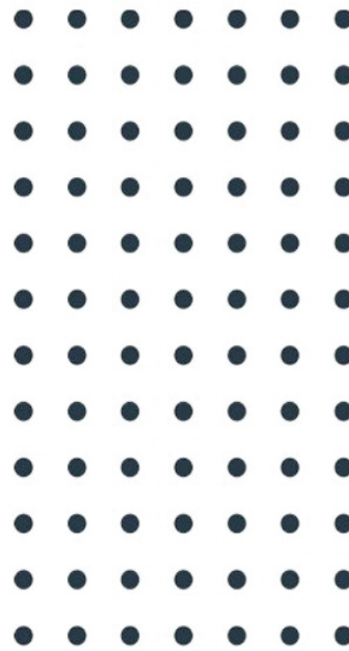


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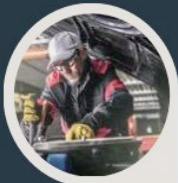
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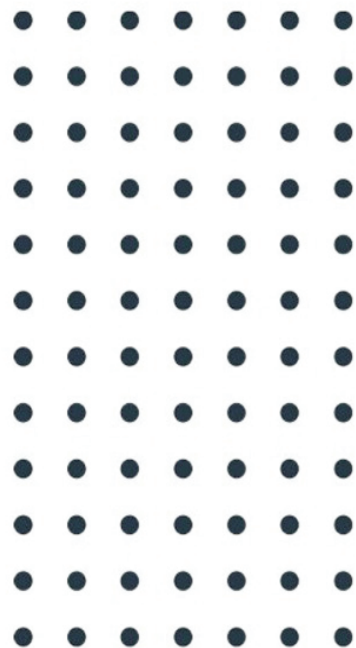
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