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Coronavirus: New FEMA guidelines on grocery buying

Grocery stores are struggling to keep their shelves stocked as many shoppers stockpile food due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released new guidelines on how many weeks worth of groceries most healthy families should buy. The answer: just one week!

"Please only buy what your family needs for a week," FEMA posted in a Q&A. "It is important to remember that many families may be unable to buy a supply of food and water for weeks in advance. Freight flows are not disrupted, but stores need time to restock."

FEMA stated: "There are no nationwide shortages of food, although in some cases the inventory of certain foods at your grocery store might be temporarily low before stores can restock. Food production and manufacturing are widely dispersed throughout the U.S., and there are currently no wide-spread disruptions reported in the supply chain."



GLIDING GRACEFULLY

"The size and shape of the large water feature in Village Verano at the Villages Golf and Country Club recently allowed me to get close to this snowy egret," said photographer Lou Alexander. "He was on the west shore and I was on the east side at the neck of the hourglass. He seemed to know that I could not get close enough for him to be a danger. He was having no luck fishing and was moving to a new spot when I took this picture." – Photo by Lou Alexander

Evergreen residents adhering to the shelter in place mandate

Evergreen residents are adhering to the shelter in place mandated by Gov. Gavin Newsom as the coronavirus pandemic forces families to cancel dates and travel plans and retreat from social life.

As the economic engine grinds to a halt in Evergreen, especially for non-essential businesses, the community is feeling the pinch of lower income and greater financial stress.

During a public health emergency, restaurants in Evergreen have been hit hard. However, most restaurants in Evergreen that are offering carry-out are surviving.

Food stores have been offering exclusive hours for senior shopping for their

convenience and to reduce their amount of exposure.

There have been several people volunteering their time to deliver food to seniors living in Evergreen, especially in the Villages Golf and Country Club.

Residents have been expressing their thanks to food stores for offering senior shopping hours and thanking restaurants that offer takeout and in some cases delivery. Some restaurants are relying on third party delivery services, such as the UberEats app.

Here is a partial list of Evergreen restaurants offering takeout. Note: ask about their current delivery services.

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Silver Creek High School's 50th Anniversary celebration postponed

By William Bellou
Publisher

Silver Creek High School alumni, administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents and the community were greatly disappointed with the cancellation of what was to be a celebration of the school's 50th Anniversary on March 15th.

"We had no choice but to cancel the Silver Creek High School's 50th Anniversary celebration due to the mandatory guidelines for gatherings and distancing to prevent the spread of the coronavirus," said Linda Siqueiros Conroy, Silver Creek High School alumna and 50th Anniversary chair. "The school and alumni committees consider the events postponed for now and they will let the community know when we can reschedule the celebration after we get the all-clear signal to do so possible in the fall."

Among the activities planned for the event included self-guided Campus Tours, Meet and Greet for Alumni, teachers, and friends, music from the past 50 years, live entertainment, food trucks and displays by campus clubs. A car show and raffle was also scheduled as a fundraiser benefiting the PTSA and school programs.

Conroy said cancelling the anniversary events the students have worked so hard on was a great disappointment, especially since they got news of the cancellation of Junior Prom, and other important school events scheduled, just like other schools around the country.

The 50th Reunion Committee is now calling the event a Raider Reboot and many believe that even more alumni will be attending the events when they are rescheduled.

Evergreen stores designate exclusive shopping time for seniors amid coronavirus outbreak

Lucky, New Seasons, Safeway, Target and Walmart

Food retailers in Evergreen are setting aside time for their most vulnerable customers amid the coronavirus crisis.

Lucky, New Seasons, Target and Walmart have acknowledged that older adults and persons with underlying health conditions

are more susceptible to COVID-19 and want to help them by dedicating opening earlier for senior shoppers and other at-risk groups. Another popular store with Evergreen shoppers, Safeway, located on Cottle Rd. in San Jose is also offering exclusive shopping two days per week for seniors. Costco announced that Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be designated for seniors. See SENIORS, page 2

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Amazon announced that it would be hiring 100,000 workers to handle the flood of online delivery requests.

A company spokesperson said 12,000 of those hires are expected to be in California. There may be a shift to online ordering of food after the crisis is over.

The federal Small Business Administration also announced that it would make loans for post-disaster rebuilding available to small companies weathering the shutdowns. The state is also prepared to extend hundreds of millions of dollars in loans to small businesses.

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9 a.m. are the designated times for members to shop who are over 60 years old or have physical disabilities.

The shopping times are less frantic offering more convenience for seniors on early morning designated days after the shelves have been restocked during the night.

Here is a list of stores with designated hours for senior shopping.

Lucky

Lucky announced that every Lucky Market store will have a dedicated shopping time from 6 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday for shoppers older than 60 and guests who have compromised immune systems. "We are asking our neighbors to help us provide those most vulnerable groups access to essential products."

New Seasons

New Seasons offers seniors their own shopping hour at 8 a.m. daily which is one

hour earlier than the general public until 9 a.m. Address: 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose, CA 95138. Phone: (408) 513-8200

Safeway


Safeway announced that they will be reserving Tuesday and Thursday 7 – 9 a.m. for "at-risk shoppers," including seniors, pregnant woman, those with compromised immune systems or people who have been advised to avoid leaving home. Address: 5760 Cottle Rd San Jose, CA 95123

Target

Target is dedicating an hour each week on Wednesdays from 8-9 am for the elderly and those with underlying health concerns – who are the most vulnerable to COVID-19 – to shop. Address: 3155 Silver Creek Rd, San Jose, CA 95121. Phone: (408) 238-7800

Walmart

Walmart Grocery Store has introduced their hour-long senior shopping that will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, 6 a.m. – 7 a.m. through April 28 for customers 60 and older. Address: 4055 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose, CA 95135.



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Following customer complaints about shoppers' hoarding items amid the Coronavirus crisis, Costco has announced that they will not accept returns for certain items such as toilet paper, paper towels, sanitizing wipes, Lysol and water. This new policy may result in customers' decision not to purchase more supplies than needed.

'Frankie' – Not your ordinary 83 year old; feisty since birth

Lively lady from the Villages

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Frances "Frankie" Maisano is not your ordinary 83 year-old citizen of the Villages Golf and Country Club in Evergreen; she has been feisty since her birth.

Frankie, as she is known by her many friends, was born at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose. She attended St. Claire Elementary School in Santa Clara and attended Notre Dame High School in San Jose graduating from both. Although she did not attend college, she had the determination to become whatever she chose to be. She never chose to marry.

It is best to allow Frankie to tell her working history in her own words: "After high school I obtained a job in a cannery and I also worked in a bowling alley in Sunnyvale. I heard that Saratoga Lanes was looking for someone to run their junior program, so I applied and got the job. I worked there for many years ending up being a manager of the bowling alley. Saratoga Lanes was sold and I didn't want to work for the new owners, so I quit. I then had an opportunity to be a partner in a business called J&E Trophy. My job at J&E Trophy was to build trophies. After about three years at J&E Trophy, I decided I wanted to open my own business."

Frankie knew that she could run her own business instead of making money for the other fellow. She knew the value of hard work, working long hours in a cannery, meanwhile, working another job at a bowling alley. She also learned the value of money and how to save it.

Ms. Maisano went on to say, "I opened my business in January 1970. A friend wanted to call my business Fransiano Apparel and Awards, but I thought Fransiano sounded (too much) like a restaurant, so I nixed the



Some samples of Frankie's awards and trophies

idea. I named my business Frankie's Awards because my first name is Frances and people called me Frankie. Also, I didn't think people 50 years ago would do much business with a female owned business."

Frankie and her very good friend, Gloria, continue to run the business at 2756 South Bascom Avenue, Suite B, 95124. They have made trophies for the major sports teams in the San Jose area and for large corporations in Silicon Valley. (She hesitates to mention their names without obtaining permission.) This could be why she has been very successful in business, aside from her keen business acumen, she is very

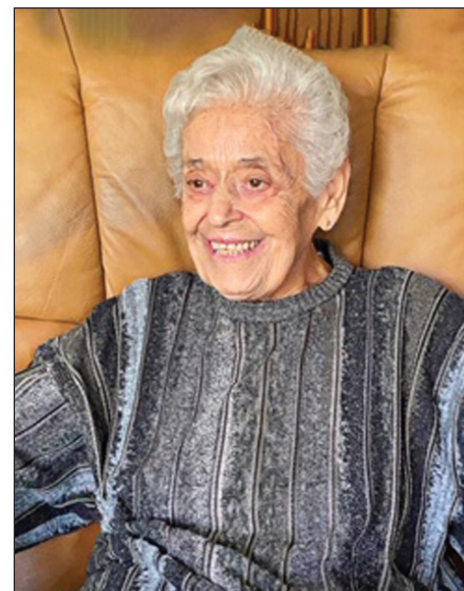
honest and forthright. She still runs the business and has no plans to retire!

For 26 years Frankie ran a bowling/golf tournament where all the proceeds went to charities such as Courageous Kids, American Cancer Society, Eastfield Ming Quong, and others.

As a parting shot, Frankie added, "I think I have been successful because I treat my customers like friends and many have become my friends." This is a great legacy for a small business owner who had the spunk and foresight to continue 50 years even when the naming of a business had to be determined by what sex a person was!



Above: Frankie: Forty Niner Faithful! Below: the calm after the game.





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Legislature allocates \$500 million to combat COVID-19

On Monday, March 16 the California State Assembly passed emergency funding providing \$500 million to combat COVID-19 and authority for total expenditures up to \$1 billion to the Governor.

This proposal ensures disaster relief funding for extra capacity for hospitals, to purchase hotel rooms for at-risk homeless, cleaning of child-care centers, and intent language to help stimulate the economy affecting small businesses and individuals going through economic hardship at this time.

“Republicans stand in support of protecting our most vulnerable, at-risk populations,” said Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron. “We are working to safeguard the health and safety of all Californians in this unprecedented crisis and are committed to working with the Governor to reduce the spread of COVID-19.”

Kaiser opens drive-thru coronavirus testing for members

Kaiser Permanente has opened several “drive-thru” testing centers for COVID-19 - but they’re for members only.

Once your evaluation is completed by a physician and you have symptoms and the doctor orders a COVID-19 test, you receive an appointment at a drive-thru site.

Kaiser Hospital staff will greet the drive through member in personal protective equipment, or PPEs, who take swabs for COVID-19, the flu and other illnesses - all without you stepping outside the car.

“We want to support social distancing - we want to prevent crowds of people showing up and interfering with, or slowing, the appropriate testing and care of patients who meet the medical criteria for possible COVID-19,” Kaiser Permanente said in a statement.

The drive-thru clinics are part of a broader effort in the Bay Area to increase testing while keeping sick people from infecting waiting rooms and other health care facilities.

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Evergreen School District, Eastside Union High School District provide free meals to students

Students can get free curbside “grab and go” meals from closed schools in Evergreen.

The Evergreen School District is providing free healthy lunches to all students age 18 years and under at all schools in the District, Monday through Friday. No application or proof of income is needed. The meals are based on USDA nutrition guidelines.

In effort to minimize close contact and large gatherings, simply walk or drive up to the front of the school for service. A typical lunch will include an entrée, fruit or fruit juice, vegetable, whole grain snack and milk. A vegetarian choice will also be available. Children and teens must be present to receive a meal.

The free meal service times at schools in the Evergreen School District are as follows:

Cadwallader 10:30am-11:30am
Carolyn Clark 10:30am-11:30am
Chaboya 12:30pm-1:30pm
Cedar Grove 10:30am-11:30am

Dove Hill 10:30am-11:30am
Evergreen 12:30pm-1:30pm
Holly Oak 12:30pm-1:30pm
Laurelwood 12:30-1:30pm
Leyva 10:30am-11:30am
Matsumoto 10:30am-11:30am
Millbrook 10:30am-11:30am
Montgomery 12:30pm-1:30pm
Norwood 12:30pm-1:30pm
Quimby; 12:30pm-1:30pm
Silver Oak 12:30pm-1:30pm
J.F. Smith 10:30am-11:30am
Katherine Smith 10:30am-11:30am
O.B. Whaley 12:30pm-1:30pm.

East Side Union High School District Superintendent Chris Funk said his district is providing bagged lunches at all ESUHSD schools to anyone under 18 years old from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

“We just want to ensure that by closing our



Free grab and go lunch meals are available for students under 18 years at closed elementary, middle and high schools in Evergreen Valley.

schools, we didn’t take away that one safety net,” said Funk.

The East Side Union High School District normally provides 6,000 meals per day including breakfast and lunch.

Temple members seek peace with neighbors

Dear Editor,

Over the past few months, members of the Khmer Buddhist Temple have been working diligently to help our would-be neighbors see that allowing our plans to move forward would be in the best interest of the community, as well as its members.

As an oppressed people who have escaped unfathomable conditions, we are just looking for a peaceful place to worship. As we have emphasized, the Temple would be solely used for religious and cultural activities open to members only. And we are proud of our intent to create a property that beautifies the neighborhood aesthetically, with much of the grounds devoted to open space, along with a plan to park cars out of sight.

As the site is approved for this type of facility, we have been hopeful our new neighbors would embrace our plan. In order to help show our commitment to

the neighborhood, we have adhered to a transparent process, including openly sharing our plans and willingly participating in numerous meetings and communication with community groups.

We look forward to continuing this process in a positive light, appealing to our local community to recognize our desire to worship peacefully, in accordance with laws that celebrate religious freedom. And, we look forward to being accepted into this community that we all call home.

Sa Duol Son
San Jose

Third grader seeks answers, ephemera

Dear editor and readers,

Hello! I am a third-grade student in Northern Virginia. Our class is learning about the United States, and I will be teaching our school all about the state of California. In the month of May, I will create a display for our State Fair that showcases the unique story

of California and I need your help.

Although I have gathered facts about your state from books and websites, I think that I can receive the best information from the people who live there. This is why I am writing to you. I am hoping that you would be willing to send me some items to help me learn more about the best things in your state. I am most interested in the history, traditions, and culture that make your state unique. You might consider sending things like postcards, photographs, souvenirs, this newspaper article, or other unique items that I can learn from.

You also might consider answering some of the following questions:

- Why do you live in California?
- What first brought your family there?
- What do you like most about California?
- What is your job?
- What does California, look, feel, and /or sound like?
- What traditional food and/or recipes does California have?
- What attractions are in California?

• What is the popular sport in California?

I will need to gather all of my information by the first week of May. You can mail items to the address below. I really appreciate your help!

Ethan
McLean, Virginia

Ms. Lyons’ Class
The Langley School
1411 Balls Hill Road
McLean, Virginia 22101

Will you help me?

I looked on as we jammed parking lots and cleared off the shelves of ‘life essentials’ from supermarkets this week. We call it getting prepared for an invisible enemy that has sent fear if not outright panic through to the bones of many.

The question my conscious kept asking: Will I share what I have purchased with my neighbor if they come down with the Coronavirus? Or is all this just for me? The other deeper question is how do we take care of each other psychologically and emotionally
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Times Op Ed

Toilet paper is like gold

This week during the shelter in place, I needed to get pants and shoes. I went to Eastridge and it was a ghost town. I decided to go to Walmart because it was perhaps the only place in town to get pants. I was shocked. The virus was pushing up business. The parking lot was full. The crowds were there. As I walked to get in and get out fast I was caught in a gold rush of activity. One shopper was swearing and said "why is the toilet paper isle empty?" The worker said they just got a shipment and he would facilitate. As she was swearing she

kindly expressed she was making care packages for the elderly in her neighborhood. Suddenly ten carts got in line near the back flip door to warehouse. It was like gold fever! Everyone wanted more. People began to jockey around my cart and held out their hands as the worker doled out the giant packages that held "18 Mega Rolls." Price did not matter and as carts lined up to try to get the limited treasure. It created interest like the ol' K-Mart Blue Light Special. No one knew what the proper cart social distancing was. No one had masks either. I was caught in the middle of a hoarder vortex and had to get out fast, then suddenly, a package was tossed to me by a nice lady and skillfully I wheeled my cart to the sporting goods isle where I took refuge and

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during this situation?

The Public Health system works on the basis that we are all in this together. Yes! Evergreen is a community and we are all in this together. What is good in health practice for me is good health practice for you also. We all benefit! Transmission of a virus between us is limited by the limitation of interaction between us. We are asked to create and maintain isolation from each other to slow down - even defeat this enemy. This makes sense from the Public Health perspective to control the spread of a virus.

But on a social level, as a community, how are we to respond to the isolation we are creating?

Are seniors living alone more distanced from the community now? Are they to be without conversation or in sight of another person to 'defeat the enemy?' Are Families struggling to make ends meet now determinatively left alone to fall into a psychological depression, fear and panic because they can't join the rush to the supermarket? Are our minds to be filled with fear for our own health, real or unreal to be panicked and filled with anxiety over something we cannot control?

We all need emotional and spiritual support in a time of crisis whether we have a lot or a little.

What do we need to support each other in the community when we are in isolation from each other? Do we need an old fashioned phone tree to simply ask: "How are you doing? Or...

I ask for you to share with me your opinions on what we can do to strengthen emotional and spiritual ties during a time when we are so tempted to think only of our closest and to lose sight of ourselves.

I ask you to share with me your opinions on what would be most helpful to you during this time filled with anxiety, doubt and fear.

Would you be willing to give some time to help another Evergreen resident in emotional or spiritual need?

Please send a response within the next week to my email at Pastor@GraceChurch-SJ.net

I hope you will respond.

For those with a spiritual depth I include the following prayer. And for those who may feel a prayer is 'over the top' in the social realm, perhaps you could read it as a moment of reflection or meditation on our place in the universe. After a Yoga session would be a great time to read it.

God, our peace and our strength, we pray for our nation and the world as we face new uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Guide us as we consider how best to prepare and respond in our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always.

Pastor John Goldstein
Grace Church

Temple member thanks community

Dear Editor,

As a member of the Khmer Buddhist Temple, I want to thank the community to being open to our continued dialogue regarding the proposed Temple. As we participate in neighborhood meetings, field questions, share information and make alterations to our plans in order to meet objections, we hope that everyone understands the spirit with which we do so.

It's in order to start off on the "right foot," showing that our goal is to live in peace and harmony with the world around us—and that, of course, begins with our neighbors.


We wish for what all who live in this community seek: the freedom to worship as we choose in a safe place; a desire to obey the laws; an eagerness to be productive and appreciated community members; and the aspiration of embracing diversity of culture, religion and thought.

We ask that our neighbors provide us with the same welcome that we intend to provide them as we become more ingrained in this delightful community.

Victor Vatha Thach

Public hearing notice

Adoption of Modified and New Groundwater Benefit Zones



Topic: Adoption of Modified and New Groundwater Benefit Zones

Who: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)

What: Public hearing to consider adopting modified groundwater benefit zones W-2 and W-5, and new zones W-7 and W-8

When: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Valley Water Board Room
5700 Almaden Expressway, San José, CA 95118

Valley Water invites you to a meeting regarding adoption of modified groundwater benefit zones W-2 and W-5, and new zones W-7 and W-8. Groundwater benefit zones are geographic areas benefitting from a similar set of Valley Water activities. All operators of water-producing facilities (well users) within these zones are subject to Valley Water groundwater production charges.

Groundwater charges collected from these zones fund Valley Water activities to protect and augment groundwater supplies. The charges for each zone are based on the specific projects that benefit the zone. Activities funded by these charges include groundwater replenishment, the provision of alternative water supplies, water conservation, and groundwater protection programs.

Well users within the groundwater benefit zones or any person interested in Valley Water's activities to protect and augment groundwater supplies may appear, in person or by representative, and submit comments regarding the subject. **For more information** about this meeting or this project, contact **George Cook, Senior Water Resources Specialist** at **(408) 630-2964**.

Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate persons with disabilities wishing to attend this public hearing. For additional information on attending this hearing including requesting accommodations for disabilities or interpreter assistance, please contact the **Office of the Clerk of the Board** at **(408) 630-2277**, at least three days prior to the hearing.

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Instructional options for Evergreen School District families during COVID-19 school shutdown

Evergreen School District is providing families with a variety of instructional options to utilize during the COVID-19 school shutdown.

Social distancing is in place as a matter of public health and safety. During this time, it is recommended that learning takes place daily. See the following links to support at home learning during the shutdown:

Continuous Learning family resources can be accessed at: <https://sites.google.com/eesd.org/march2020/home>

These online resources are not teacher or school specific and support a range of subject areas, interests and ability. Completion is not required and materials should be considered supplemental. As such, they will not be graded or collected. The intent is that families be provided materials to help facilitate learning at home while school is closed.

If your family does not have internet access, each school site will have a limited number of select activities printed and packaged by grade level. These printed resources are designed for families without internet and/or appropriate electronic devices.

A limited number of packets are available in school offices. These printed resources are reserved for families without access to internet options. All other families are directed to use the links provided and guide learning at home during the school closure period.

Please keep up to date by viewing [eesd.org](https://sites.google.com/eesd.org).

49ers, Comcast announce contributions for coronavirus relief

49ers, Comcast and Silicon Valley Community Foundation to Support Nonprofits, Community Organizations and Vital Services

Santa Clara County officials, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, the San Francisco 49ers, Comcast and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation announced plans to contribute several million dollars to local non-profit organizations that are supporting vulnerable population groups during the novel coronavirus outbreak.

San Jose and the region have seen unprecedented cancellations of events with scores of nonprofits losing the opportunity to raise funds and incurring prepaid or other unavoidable expenses. The Coronavirus crisis has created food insecurity, threatened the housing security of individuals and families, and caused other financial needs among many residents of Santa Clara County.

"In times like this, the nature of this global pandemic reminds us that the actions of one person can have ripple effects that impact others; our community is stronger together," said Supervisor Cortese. "By providing these relief funds, we are removing the monetary burden from what should solely be a public safety decision."

Cortese is calling for funds to be allocated to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation to support the Coronavirus Regional Response Fund, the COVID-19 Coronavirus Nonprofit Support Fund, as well as to local community event planning organizations, many who have canceled or postponed events in the interest of public safety.

Report: 37.0% of California adults due to age, medical conditions are at-risk of contracting COVID-19

According to a study by 247wallst.com, 37 percent of adults due to age or medical conditions in California are at-risk of contracting COVID-19.

- California:
- Adults at-risk due to age or medical conditions: 37.0%
 - Adults over 60 out of all at-risk adults: 72.6%
 - Pct. of 18-60 pop who are at risk: 13.9%
 - Poverty rate: 12.8%
 - Uninsured population: 7.2%

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has outlined scenarios for the outbreak that suggest that between 160 million and 214 million people in the United States could eventually be infected, and that as many as 200,000 to 1.7 million people could die — many of them at-risk adults.

An estimated 5.7 million adults who are at higher risk of getting a serious illness if they become infected with the novel coronavirus are uninsured, including 3.9 million adults under age 60 and 1.8 million who are ages 60-64.

Study says people with blood type A might be more susceptible to coronavirus

People with blood type A might be more vulnerable to the coronavirus, while those with type O blood could be more resistant, according to a new preliminary study from China.

Researchers in China looked at blood group patterns of more than 2,000 people who had been diagnosed with the new coronavirus as part of a preliminary study which found that those with blood type A were more vulnerable to infection and tended to develop more severe symptoms while those with the more common blood type O had a "significantly lower risk" of getting the disease.

Although the study is yet to be peer-reviewed by other academics, the team are urging medics and governments to consider blood type differences when treating patients with the virus and helping prevent the spread of the disease.

The research, published on Medrxiv.org, compared blood types of 2,173 confirmed coronavirus cases in Wuhan and Shenzhen to more than 3,694 healthy residents in the Wuhan area.

Type O patients, meanwhile, made up a smaller proportion of both those infected and killed by the virus.

"If you are type A, there is no need to panic. It does not mean you will be infected 100 percent," said Gao Yingdai, a researcher in the city of Tianjin. "If you are type O, it does not mean you are absolutely safe, either. You still need to wash your hands and follow the guidelines issued by health authorities."

Moratorium on evictions unanimously approved by board of supervisors during the coronavirus crisis

Renters in Santa Clara County who cannot pay their landlords because of lost wages, layoffs and illness during the coronavirus crisis are getting a break after the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on March 24 unanimously approved a countywide eviction moratorium that takes effect immediately.

"This measure is more protective of tenants than any we have seen before in Santa Clara County," said Cindy Chavez, president of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

The moratorium does not just apply to the unincorporated areas of the county where the supervisors normally have jurisdiction. Because of an executive order issued last week by California Governor Gavin Newsom, it also applies within the city limits of all 15 cities in Santa Clara County.

The moratorium lasts until May 31 - the same date as the Governor's executive order ends - and Board President Chavez is confident the supervisors will extend it until the coronavirus crisis subsides.

The Santa Clara County Counsel's office is in the process of issuing a set of frequently asked questions for both landlords and tenants about how the ordinance will be implemented and details on the dispute resolution process.

Lost sense of smell may be peculiar clue

British ear, nose and throat doctors, citing reports from colleagues around the world, called on adults who lose their sense of smell to isolate themselves for seven days, even if

they have no other symptoms, to slow the disease's spread.

A mother in Europe who is infected with the coronavirus reported she can't smell her baby's full diaper.

Cooks in Italy infected with coronavirus who have a keen sense of smell say that can't smell curry or garlic, and food tastes bland.

The diminished sense of taste is emerging as peculiar telltale signs of COVID-19.

The published data is limited, but doctors are concerned enough to raise warnings.

A group representing ear, nose and throat doctors in Britain, issued a joint statement urging health care workers to delay performing nonessential sinus endoscopy procedures on anyone, because the virus replicates in the nose and throat and an exam can prompt coughs or sneezes exposing doctors to the virus.

YMCA responds to COVID-19 community need

YMCA of Silicon Valley is offering emergency services and programs to those who need it most through this challenging health crisis.

Recognized as one of the strongest community service organizations in the area, YMCA of Silicon Valley was prepared to respond when government officials and healthcare providers called upon us to be a partner in the response to COVID-19.

While services are developing and growing each day, early examples include:

- Critical Care for Essential Workers' Children – We are working with hospitals, medical providers, first responders, and municipalities to repurpose our staff and facilities to provide emergency care for the children of medical providers and first responders. Starting on March 23, two sites with the collective capacity to serve 200 children will open at our El Camino YMCA and the Morgan Hill Unified School District.

A third site will open on March 30 at the Southwest YMCA. These care centers will follow strict guidelines in accordance with the Public Health Department. As the need and funding becomes available, we anticipate additional facilities and staff will be redeployed to open even more sites.

- Child Nutrition Sites – When schools closed, many children and families lost access to healthy meals. The Y quickly partnered with Child Nutrition Services, Second Harvest Food Bank, and several schools to distribute essential food to children and families in need through "drive-up and pick-up" stations. Today, 20 sites are providing more than 6,000 healthy meals daily – and this number is growing every day.

- Blood Donation Stations – The Red Cross is experiencing a severe shortage of lifesaving blood. We're currently working with the Red Cross to set-up stations for individuals to donate blood. The first station is anticipated to open at our South Valley branch within the coming week.

Hot and Healthy Meals for Seniors – The Y is ensuring that our most vulnerable population impacted by COVID-19, older adults, still have access to healthy meals. Staff teams are making home-cooked meals, packaging them, and running them out to the cars of mobile adults and caretakers.

The Y is grateful to generous donors and to many loyal members who have opted to continue paying their monthly dues in the form of a tax-deductible donation for COVID-19 response centers and general operating expenses. Stay up to date on all the ways we are supporting our community through this health crisis at ymcasv.org.

Paper

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caught my breath.

As I was getting my pants I was told there were no fitting rooms. I did my best to get my size and got out fast. To not draw too much attention I covered the toilet paper with shirts to shield view from my fellow shoppers. Then it occurred to me. What is this social distancing thing anyway for this was a mad rush in a kind of circus atmosphere.

I began to dream about the possibility that if only JC Penny could install a pharmacy inside, then it could stay open and serve all of Evergreen. It could be a second source for buying pants. We could once again resurrect competition in the marketplace of Evergreen. We could make all stores in Eastridge into essential services so long as they installed auto repair or pharmacy

drugs. Wouldn't that be fairer to stores that compete with Walmart?

I did find as the days went by that Walgreens had a nice system in place. They had on their floors "Social Distancing" stickers with footprints on them. This showed customers where to stand as they checked out.

I feel sorry for all the checkers in the grocery stores and others who did not have masks while they greeted thousands of people each day. I wondered if we needed to install plastic between the checkers and the customers everywhere. After all the 6' rule can't work as one pays for an item from a cash register.

As I was doing my essential shopping I could not find a mask to buy so I looked like a bandit as I pulled my t shirt over my nose.

Then I gave up and just decided to stay home.

Kevin Larsen
Evergreen Valley

Times **Community News**

Key resources listed for community members affected by COVID-19

By Sylvia Arenas

San Jose City Councilmember

We're facing a time of uncertainty as our City and global community work to protect all residents, especially those that are vulnerable, from the COVID-19.

The current County Public Health Department recommendations include a shelter-in-place mandate, which is vital to protecting vulnerable residents. You'll find below more info on that mandate and resources for getting through this crisis.

Our office is here to help. If you have questions or concerns not answered below, please email us at District8@sanjoseca.gov or call (408) 535-4908 and we'll work to connect you to the best resource available.

CORONAVIRUS KEY RESOURCES

Statewide Shelter-in-Place Mandate

Governor Newsom has extended a stay at home order for all of California until further notice. This means residents are to stay home except for essential needs. Grocery stores, gas stations, laundromats, banks, and pharmacies may still remain open but should only be visited if absolutely necessary. You're also free to exercise outside keeping at least 6 ft. apart from other people.

Eviction Moratorium

The City of San José has enacted a temporary eviction moratorium in effect through April 17th in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The moratorium stops residential evictions for non-payment of rent due to impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak and is intended to increase housing stability and minimize homelessness for people facing sudden, unexpected financial hardship. To learn more, call 408-975-4480 or visit sanjoseca.gov/evictionmoratorium

Call or Text County Public Health Department - Now Available 24/7

Santa Clara County residents can now call or text 2-1-1 for information on novel coronavirus / COVID-19. Phone and text services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with phone interpretation available in 150 languages. Text services are available in English and Spanish and can be initiated by texting the message "coronavirus" to 211211

Evergreen Elementary School District

Free grab-and-go meals will be available at all school sites for anyone under 18 years old. Half of the school sites will offer meals from 10:30am to 11:30am, and the other half from 12:30pm to 1:30pm, so call 408-223-4500 or go to eesd.org to find out the time for your school.

Alum Rock Union School District

Student breakfast and lunch will be provided from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Ocala, Chavez, Mathson, Painter, Hubbard, LUCHA/San Antonio, Dorsa, Ryan, Cureton, and Aptitud

Mount Pleasant Elementary School District

Grab-and-Go breakfast and lunch will be available to all students at Mt. Pleasant STEAM Academy or August Boeger Middle School from 9am or 12pm

East Side Union High School District

Students will be able to pick up a bag lunch once a day from 12 pm - 1 pm. Locations include: Silver Creek, Mt. Pleasant, Evergreen Valley, and Overfelt High Schools. For more information, call 408-374-5191 or go to esuhsd.org

Financial Assistance during COVID-19

Have you or someone you know lost income due to reduced hours related to COVID-19? You may be eligible for a range of benefits including paid sick leave, paid family leave, unemployment insurance, and state disability insurance. Call 1-866-870-7725 for more information or visit scfair-workplace.org

Comcast Expands Access to Internet

Comcast is offering free 60 days of their internet essentials package for low-income families. To sign up, call 1-855-846-8376 for English and 1-855-765-6995 for Spanish customer support or visit internetessentials.com. New customers will be sent a free self-install kit. There will be no term contract, credit check, or shipping fee.

VTA Not Collecting Fares

VTA will operate bus, light rail and paratransit services for essential travel and will not be collecting fares at this time. Rapid 500 service is also being suspended in addition to the school trippers. Learn more at vta.org

Avoid Scams

Times of emergency are unfortunately also an opportune time for scammers. Stay vigilant and be extra careful about sharing your personal information with strangers. Avoid opening any attachments or links in emails from senders that you don't recognize. And be wary of emails (or phone calls!) requesting account information or to verify an account, as most businesses would never call you or email you directly to ask for your security credentials. Call (800) 962-1125 if you've been a victim of a scam during COVID-19.

Libraries Closed but Online Library Open 24/7

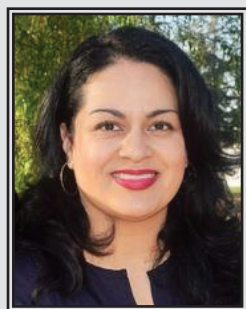
All City library branches are currently closed but there are plenty of free online resources available through sjpl.org.

Reach a Crisis Counselor

If you are feeling anxious, stressed, or nervous because of the coronavirus, Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Crisis Counselors are there to help! Text RENEW to 74174 or call 1-800-704-0900

Silicon Valley Strong -- Our Community's Response to COVID-19

Siliconvalleystrong.org is a hub for people to offer a caring hand to those in need and for vulnerable neighbors to find critical resources. This movement connects the County, cities, schools, nonprofits, private partners, churches, and community organizations—ensuring no one gets left behind. To contribute financially or by volunteering please contact 2-1-1 or visit Siliconvalleystrong.org.



District 8 Report

By Sylvia Arenas
City Councilmember

FREE MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS

As we all take precaution to protect ourselves and others from the spread of coronavirus, we can't forget hungry kids. **Evergreen's nutrition program can help feed your children healthy meals during the school closures.**

- FREE to kids and teens age 18 and under
- Healthy meals based on USDA nutrition guidelines
- Help families save money
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Tuesday March 17, 2020 through Friday April 3, 2020

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CHABOYA
12:30PM-1:30PM

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DOVE HILL
10:30AM-11:30AM

EVERGREEN
12:30PM-1:30PM

HOLLY OAK
12:30PM-1:30PM

LAURELWOOD
12:30-1:30PM

LEYVA
10:30AM-11:30AM

MATSUMOTO
10:30AM-11:30AM

MILLBROOK
10:30AM-11:30AM

MONTGOMERY
12:30PM-1:30PM

NORWOOD
12:30PM-1:30PM

QUIMBY
12:30PM-1:30PM

SILVER OAK
12:30PM-1:30PM

J.F. SMITH
10:30AM-11:30AM

KATHERINE SMITH
10:30AM-11:30AM

O.B. WHALEY
12:30PM-1:30PM

In effort to minimize close contact and large gatherings, simply walk or drive up to the front of the school for service. A typical lunch will include an entrée, fruit or fruit juice, vegetable, whole grain snack and milk. A vegetarian choice will be available. Entrees will be served cold for families to heat in the convenience of their own home. Children and teens must be present to receive a meal. Please do not attend if anyone in your party is sick or having any respiratory symptoms. For more information, please call Child Nutrition Services at (408) 223-4500.



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- Before you prepare food and before you eat.

Wash your hands **with soap & warm water** -OR- clean your hands **with alcohol-based hand cleaner.**

Santa Clara County
PUBLIC HEALTH

Times Coronavirus Updates

Board of Supervisors approve millions in COVID-19 relief funds

\$3 million allocated to support non-profits, community organizations, vital services, and low-income residents

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted to allocate three million dollars to COVID-19 relief at its March 24 Board of Supervisor's Meeting that was held through virtual teleconference.

The Board voted on allocating two million dollars to the Silicon Valley Community

Foundation's COVID-19 Coronavirus Regional Response Fund to launch a financial assistance program in Santa Clara County's Homelessness Prevention System as well as the allocation of one million dollars to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation's COVID-19 Coronavirus Nonprofit Support Fund which will provide relief to local nonprofits.

"We are continuing to work to identify additional financial assistance for these essential services to ensure that they remain during the COVID-19 crisis," said Supervisor Cortese, adding that they are also maximizing and tracking reimbursements from the State and Federal government. "It is certainly an important and significant amount of money that signals our commitment to

the nonprofits and community-based organizations that serve our community."

This emergency assistance program has received several significant private funding commitments with more than \$11 million in combined public and private funding being pledged or proposed to-date:

\$2 million from Cisco; \$1.5 million from Western Digital

\$1 million from Adobe

\$1 million from Destination: Home

\$500,000 from Zoom

\$500,000 from Broadcom

\$300,000 from Micron

\$150,000 from Facebook

\$100,000 from Infosys

\$100,000 from Silver Lake

\$100,000 from Hewlett Packard Enterprise

For more information, please call Supervisor Dave Cortese's Office at 408-299-5030.

Editor's note: Micron's contribution was made as part of a broader \$500,000 commitment to the Silicon Valley Strong Fund

Scammers cash in on relief check news

With the proposed federal stimulus package announced this week which includes sending every American a check to offset lost income from the coronavirus crisis, scammers wasted no time in taking advantage of this news.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is already getting reports on BBB Scam Tracker


(BBB.org/ScamTracker) about government imposters calling about the checks. Watch out for these phony government grants that ask for personal and banking information.

How the Scam Works

You receive a message or see a social media post claiming that you qualify for a special COVID-19 government grant. With the news stories about the proposed stimulus plan, you figure it must be true. You click the link and are taken to what seems to be an official website asking you to enter your personal information and/or banking details. It's "necessary" to verify your identity and process your grant.

As always, there are several versions of this con. BBB Scam Tracker has received reports of people contacted through text message, social media posts/messages, and phone calls. One variation is a Facebook post telling seniors about a special grant to help pay medical bills. The link leads to a website claiming to be a government agency called the "U.S. Emergency Grants Federation" (phony, of course). The site requests your Social Security number under the guise of needing to verify your eligibility. In other versions, scammers claim that you can get additional money – up to \$150K in one case – or even receive your funds immediately. All you need to do is share personal details and pay a small "processing fee."

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Times **Op Ed**

Pets and the coronavirus

With the news of the death of a pet dog in Hong Kong testing positive for the coronavirus, there are concerns from the public about the possible infection of their pets with the “invisible virus.”

The dog had been quarantined for the standard 14 days after detecting low levels of the COVID-19 from its nasal and oral cavity samples. Additional tests showed a negative test result. Some animal welfare experts have suggested that the dog's death could have been caused by the stress of being quarantined and separated from its owner.

The department stressed that there is currently no conclusive evidence that pet animals such as dogs or cats can spread COVID-19 or that pet animals can be a source of infection to people. “This is, however, a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available,” it added.

Wash your hands

The World Small Animal Veterinary As-

sociation (WSAVA), the professional body that represents more than 200,000 veterinarians worldwide, has urged its members to continue to wash their hands when interacting with their pets.

The CDC says that some coronaviruses that infect animals have become able to infect humans and then spread between people, but this is rare.

If you are sick with COVID-19 (either suspected or confirmed), you should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people. Although there have not been reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people sick with COVID-19 limit

contact with animals until more information is known about the virus. This can help ensure both you and your pet stay healthy.

Editor's note: Questions for this column may be directed to Dr. Singh's email address: forpetvet@yahoo.com; phone: 408.270.4600; Aborn Pet Clinic, 3286 S White Rd, San Jose, CA 95148.



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By Dr. Raj Singh
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Times **Community News****Evergreen School District: Student dismissals from attendance extended until May 1, 2020**

The Evergreen School district announced that student dismissals from regular school attendance are extended to May 1, 2020 to slow the spread of COVID-19.

"Evergreen School District's (ESD) highest priority is the safety and wellness of all students, school personnel, and the community," said Emy Flores, Evergreen School District Superintendent. "We will be sending out information to our families as soon as they are finalized."

The Evergreen School District joined six Bay Area school districts in a unified decision to extend student dismissals after the districts collaborated with health officers and six county superintendents.

"The Evergreen School District will continue to serve our students with Grab and Go Lunch Service throughout the shutdown period," said Flores. "Plans for long distance learning are currently being worked on and we will be sending out information to our families as soon as they are finalized."

Evergreen School District and Santa Clara County Office of Education will continue to work in close partnership with Department of Public Health to support the children, parents, and essential workforce in our community.

The environmental bright side of the coronavirus?

By Roddy Scheer and Doug Moss
Courtesy of EarthTalk

Dear EarthTalk: I feel weird asking, but is there an environmental bright side to the spread of the Coronavirus? And is there an environmental cause of the pandemic?

—Jane K., Miami, FL

Coronavirus has killed thousands of people and sickened hundreds of thousands (if not millions) more around the world. It has also caused mass hysteria and public health officials are bracing for the worst.

The situation is mostly bad news, but the "silver lining" for the environment might be a downturn in carbon emissions and other pollution due to reduced manufacturing, people staying home, less air travel, far fewer cars on the road—and generally less overall physical movement and economic activity.

A recent analysis by Carbon Brief, a UK-based website covering news in climate sciences and climate and energy policy, found that measures to contain the Coronavirus in China have resulted in reductions in output of 15 percent to 40 percent across key industrial sectors there, with an overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by some 25 percent below normal over the course of February 2020.

Only time will tell if the situation here gets as dire as in China. "Some data indicate school closures and work-from-home mandates have already reduced traffic flow around Seattle," reports E&E News. "Similar statistics have suggested that rush-hour traffic is down in New York City, as well." Meanwhile, BART ridership in and around San Francisco is down 25 percent so far in March as a result of people staying home. These examples don't add up to a huge downturn in emissions yet, but we're still in the ini-

tial stages of the pandemic's spread.

For those who would like to see this reduced output continue even after we are over the hump with this outbreak, don't count on it. We're all used to the conveniences and creature comforts that a buzzing economic system brings us, and fat chance if the Chinese, Europeans or Americans are going to voluntarily return to a more ascetic lifestyle once the Coronavirus eases its chokehold. To wit, the Chinese government is already hyping a stimulus package designed to make up for the months of lost economic opportunity for businesses there. And we aren't far behind with President Trump promising a payroll tax cut, an infrastructure push, paid sick leave for hourly employees and the potential delay of estimated tax payments as ways to stimulate the economy in the wake of the pandemic.

As for whether there's an environmental "cause" of the pandemic, we don't think so—except in as much as it probably came to us from wildlife. But according to the World Health Organization, environmental factors that lead to human congregation—such as sunny weather—could theoretically increase the rate of spread. On the other hand, studies suggest that warmer temperatures reduce the spreading of respiratory infections, due to their effects on the dynamics of cough droplet flight. But all in all, the research shows that environmental conditions do little to affect the transmission rates of viruses such as Coronavirus.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Onward

By Joshua Kim

Phoenix Stone, Manticore, Side Quest. Hearing these words might make you think you accidentally walked into a game of Dungeons and Dragons, or into a showing of Pixar's latest adventure film, Onward.

Onward takes place in a Lord of Rings type universe that is inhabited by fantastical creatures such as elves, sprites, and centaurs. The kick, however, is that the conveniences of the modern world such as light bulbs, planes, and cars have transformed this once fantastical world into a suburbia quite recognizable and similar to our own. The once rowdy taverns have been turned into themed family restaurants and dragons are kept as household pets.

It is in this setting that we meet our protagonists: a fearful sixteen year old elf named Ian Lightfoot (Tom Holland) and his older brother, Barley (Chris Pratt), who is a passionate fan of a role playing game based on the time before modern inventions. On Ian's birthday, the two brothers are given the opportunity to bring back their deceased father for twenty-four hours through the use of a magical Phoenix Stone. The two botch the spell, however, and are only able to bring back his bottom half, consisting of only his pants and shoes. Recognizing from the Phoenix Stone from his role-playing games, Barley convinces Ian to join him and their father's bottom half on a quest to find a second stone and finish the spell before it expires.

Onward is a solid family film that can rightly take its place in the Pixar canon of movies. While not as tightly written as other "journey" styles made by the studio such as Toy Story or Finding Nemo, the film has the trademark visual flair and emotional moments that we have come to expect from a Pixar movie. I especially liked the world that Onward takes place in and creative ways in which the mystical and modern are brought together. I hope that Pixar doesn't retire the world they created and continues to tell more stories set in it. The film also utilizes the visual gag of the bottom half of the dad to great effect, creating genuinely comedic and funny moments throughout the film.

Overall, I would highly recommend Onward. While it is not quite on the level of some of Pixar's best films, it still has a lot to offer in terms of world building, beautiful animation, and great voice acting.

Score: 7.5/10

Please contact me with any questions or comments at: Jk5505@nyu.edu



Five Monterey Bay Center Corpsmembers cut up a tree and remove its branches and logs from the Coyote Canyon Park property.

California Conservation Corps clears way for new Santa Clara County Park

Here's an idea. There's this defunct 2,741-acre cattle ranch up in the hills with some amazing views east of Morgan Hill. It would make a great place for hiking, mountain biking or just chilling. A walk in the park. Right?

Just ask Julian Burgos, "It's not just a matter of 'we've got new land let's open the gates.'" He's a Corpsmember with the California Conservation Corps and one of a dozen Corpsmembers tasked with getting the cattle ranch rebranded – so to speak – by spring of 2020. "You've got to make sure the ground is secure, you're not endangering the environment, and making everything safe for people to use," Burgos said.

Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department contracted with the CCC to do much of the heavy lifting as it prepares Coyote Canyon Park. The land was most recently a cattle ranch riddled with thousands of feet of barbed wire fencing strung across steep and uneven hillsides.

"This project has really been about removing remnant infrastructure, particularly fencing that's

no longer needed," said Jared Bond, Santa Clara County Parks' natural resource program supervisor. "We've also been repairing boundary fence because cattle grazing is a tool that we use to manage the grassland and having a contiguous and sound perimeter fence is really important."

Corpsmembers from the CCC's Monterey Bay Center in Watsonville were brought in to do the work. On their checklist was replacing outdated barbed wire fencing, removing 2,085 feet of unnecessary fencing inside the park and adding 25 boundary markers.

"You want to make sure you keep out people who are trespassing, so that's why we put up the boundary signs," said Corpsmember Amanda Romo of Watsonville. "And then there's the fuel reduction work, which is a lot of cutting." And, in relentless sun.

Romo's crew helped clear 6.5 acres of pine trees, non-native plants, and brush in order to reduce fuel loads and fire risk in the area.

"Because we did the fuel reduction, we're helping reduce how quickly the fire can spread to the neighborhood," Romo said.

The plans for Coyote Canyon are still being finalized, including the trails which will cut through the 2,741-acre property. The new park property provides regional connectivity to three existing county and state parks—Anderson Lake County Park, Henry Coe State Park and Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park.

Corpsmembers camped at Coyote Lake during the first phase of their project work. The location provided them with an opportunity to learn how existing parks are maintained and the process of opening a new park. Educating Corpsmembers about natural resource conservation and career opportunities are major goals of the CCC program.

"I've learned all about the jobs that are required to even just prepare a trail," Romo said. "I'm thinking of becoming a game warden or park ranger. Through the CCC I've found out a lot about being a park ranger and what kind of skills you need to have."

The CCC is scheduled to conduct additional project work in order to prepare Coyote Canyon for opening.



Above left: CCC Monterey Bay Corpsmembers **Amanda Romo** and **Julian Burgos** install a boundary marker along the perimeter fence of the new Coyote Canyon Park, after removing barbed wire and t-posts from a hillside in Coyote Canyon.

Times **Features**

Is REAL ID a real security solution? 3 ways it's designed to protect you

By **Stephen Hyduchak**
Special to the Times

Soon, your driver's license may not be enough to get you through airport security in the United States.

Oct. 1, 2020 is the deadline for U.S. citizens to have REAL ID-compliant state driver's licenses, a requirement passed by Congress in 2005 in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Without a compliant driver's license, those who are 18 and over won't be able to board a domestic flight, unless possessing other specific forms of acceptable identification.

"The thought behind this was that with standardization, it will become a lot harder to forge documents and gain access to aircraft," says Stephen Hyduchak, CEO of Aver (www.goaver.com), an identity-verification service.

While the main idea of REAL ID is to better protect U.S. citizens and their identity, there is controversy over the law. Critics cite privacy issues. Some states delayed getting cards in circulation because residents and legislators worried REAL ID was a way for the federal government to collect personal information for a national database. The Department of Homeland Security, however, says REAL ID is not a national ID card, and each jurisdiction maintains its own records and controls who gets access to those records.

Hyduchak thinks the security features of REAL ID outweigh privacy concerns, and says the technology behind the card makes keeping people safer more achievable.

"Government agencies say this is a significant step forward in the battle against terrorism, identity theft and other crimes, and illegal immigration," Hyduchak says. "New technologies like facial recognition have advanced our security capability at a time we dearly need it."

Hyduchak analyzes the different ways the technology within REAL ID can protect U.S. citizens:

Document verification. The Department of Homeland Security requires applicants for the REAL ID driver's license to show more documentation. "Artificial intelligence leads the way in document verification," Hyduchak says. "More personal information is contained in the new card, and new things will be standardized, like barcodes, in a universal machine-readable format. The features and standards of the card cover everything from the process of

verifying cardholders' identities to the facilities storage of those credentials where they are produced. This will aid in the avoidance of tampering with and counterfeiting documents."

Facial recognition. The new images on the cards will be compatible for facial recognition searches. "One piece of technology that could give states an upper hand in detecting the kind of fraud that REAL ID wants to deter is biometric identification," Hyduchak says. "This is the ability to verify the identity of a person through digitized images of fingerprints or facial features. Facial recognition technology is most effective; it uses a database of photos, such as driver's licenses, to identify people in security photos and videos. Using facial recognition surveillance technology, digital photos in the Homeland Security data bank can be used to match anyone anywhere. Facial recognition uses biometrics to map facial details and verify identity through those key features."

Linking state and international databases. While some states were already sharing some of their Department of Motor Vehicles-collected details, the REAL ID Act mandates that this national pool of private information has to include photographs conducive to facial recognition, which can make identification faster from state to state or from U.S. to foreign country. "The reasoning behind connecting the data bases has to do almost entirely with catching potential terrorists, duplicate applications and illegal immigrants," Hyduchak says. "Because the U.S. exchanges information with other governments and global organizations, the digital photos will probably be shared with foreign and international intelligence and police agencies."

"REAL ID is a great way of using the latest technology to confirm identification and protect U.S. citizens," Hyduchak says. "As soon as new document standards are processed, we can update our machine learning models, and everyone benefits."

About Stephen Hyduchak

Stephen Hyduchak is the CEO of Aver (www.goaver.com), an identity-verification service. Hyduchak worked in corporate finance for companies such as PRA Health Sciences before finding the entrepreneur bug. He began working on media and design for small businesses, which led him to consulting projects in the blockchain space, and eventually to founding Aver.

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Mayor Liccardo, Silicon Valley leaders launch regional movement in response to pandemic

San José creates digital resource hub to raise funds, mobilize volunteers, and develop food distribution plan

San José Mayor Sam Liccardo announced a new effort, led by San José and Silicon Valley community and business leaders, to offer monetary relief, mobilize volunteers, and connect residents to resources on Wednesday, March 19, 2020.

Liccardo said San José is also developing a countywide food distribution plan in partnership with Santa Clara County, non-profits and the private sector. The movement will be known as Silicon Valley Strong.

"We've been seeing, in action, the Mr. Rogers quote 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' And we are seeing that from Silicon Valley in the face of this pandemic," Liccardo said. "Today we mark the start of a new effort to help our neighbors that draws on the character of our community, which will pull all of us to safer ground."

Silicon Valley Strong calls on the region to band together in a difficult time to share resources and help

neighbors. The movement includes the following:

1. Digital Resource Hub - A new website has been created for Silicon Valley residents to stay informed and look out for each other. The new website: <http://www.Siliconvalley-strong.org> serves as a hub with critical updates and resources for vulnerable neighbors.

2. Volunteering and Food Distribution - This critical, regional effort to ensure food security for our most vulnerable residents among the 1.9M people in this county. We will assist non-profits in food programs that serve seniors and the medically vulnerable who are urged to self-isolate for their own safety.

3. Monetary Contribution - The COVID-19 pandemic is hurting Silicon Valley residents, businesses, and community-based organizations. Particularly hard hit are those families and individuals who can least afford a medical or financial crisis. Small businesses and nonprofits are seeing an increased need for services or have had to cancel arts, cultural, or fundraising events. The San José Strong Fund, a San Jose specific fund, will work to address these eco-

nomie impacts. Donations can also be made to a regional fund.

"We understand the next few weeks will bring challenges for the many small businesses that make our community one of the most special in the country," said Lisa Jackson, Apple's Vice President of Environment, Policy and Social Initiatives. "The Bay Area is our home and we wanted to do our part and help them get through this historic set of circumstances."

Together, the City of San José joined by the County of Santa Clara, other cities in the county, community-based organizations and the private sector, is developing a plan of action to meet the needs of residents including the nutritional needs of communities in isolation in Silicon Valley.

These efforts include an online pre-registration system on siliconvalleystrong.org for those who are in need of food and other vital necessities and identifying distribution centers that will work best for community members in need. For now, residents who are food needy can sign up by calling 2-1-1.

"While we grapple with the reality

of the shelter-in-place order we cannot forget how many of our fellow residents need our help when it comes to food distribution," said Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Cindy Chavez. "We must come together as a community and make sure all our children, seniors and other vulnerable residents continue to have access to healthy and nutritious meals."

As the community continues to respond to the pandemic, the partners will be raising awareness of the resources available, the opportunities to support the fund and ways to fulfill the promise of the community by supporting organizations and small businesses.

More information about the Silicon Valley Movement can be found at www.siliconvalleystrong.org.

VTA adjusts service in response to Coronavirus-related school closures

In light of the announcement to close all public schools in the county for three weeks, the VTA has suspended school trip service and reduced the capacity on light rail vehicles, running one- and two-car trains instead of three-car trains where ridership is extremely low.

The VTA Downtown Customer Service Center will be temporarily closed. Anyone needing in-person customer service should come to the River Oaks VTA of-

fice at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. To receive real-time service alerts, you can subscribe to your routes in the Transit app.

A VTA spokesperson said they continue to analyze ridership data to identify trends and will be making decisions on whether a change in the level of service is warranted and to what degree. This will be a large area of focus for VTA going forward to ensure we are responding appropriately to match our resources with the most effective level of service.

VTA continues to monitor the situation closely and maintains regular contact with local authorities and other transit agencies.

For more on what VTA is doing in response to COVID-19, visit www.vta.org/covid-19.

San Jose City Council allocates \$6.8M to make city streets safer

By William Bellou
Publisher

In an effort to reduce traffic deaths, especially pedestrian, the San Jose City Council has unanimously approved \$7 million of funding for Vision Zero plan, which was launched five years ago to improve a variety of pedestrian and cyclist-friendly methods.

The funding will be used to create safer street layouts and bikeways on major city arteries, increase traffic enforcement staff, implement an awareness campaign in areas of the city where there has been major collisions. The money will also be used for radar speed signs that can be reviewed as real-time traffic data for review by city officials.

Last year, a total of 60 people were killed in traffic collisions in San Jose, an increase of 8 traffic deaths from 2018, matching the deaths reported in 2014. Seniors are among the highest reported

victims. Pedestrians made up nearly half of all deaths, car passengers accounted for 32 percent and bicyclists made up 12 percent.

Nani Lavin, a widow now after her husband was struck and killed while riding his bicycle eight months ago, was one of more than a dozen residents who spoke before the City Council. With tears in her eyes she said, "I don't want you to see 42 or 60. I want you to see fathers and mothers. I know this will not bring Bob back or the other 60 people back, but please help us."


Police Chief Eddie Garcia said the city has increased enforcement with DUI checkpoints, a crackdown on street racing. "We issued more than 1,200 traffic citations in December 2019 alone. Contributing to the death toll are distracted, fatigued or intoxicated drivers and the increasing number of homeless pedestrians lining city streets."

The city's Vision Zero Task Force will be chaired by City Councilmember Raul Perez, to oversee the program and create a team to build data-driven safety projects. The task force will meet quarterly starting in March to develop a strategy to improve traffic enforcement.

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Times **Local News****Home prices on the rise again amid a lack of inventory, low interest rates**

Bay Area home prices are showing an uptick again with buyers coming back into the market amid low inventory and low interest rates.

Zillow is reporting the median sale price in Santa Clara County in January for single-family homes rose 2.7% to \$1.21 million, year over year.

"Buyers have really come back to the table which is a different picture from last year," said Jeff Tucker, Zillow economist. "Inventory is so low, homes aren't languishing," Tucker said. It was reported by MLS Listings that new listings have dropped 16 percent in Santa Clara County.

Another factor that will bring more buyers to the table is lower interest rates due to the recent drop in the stock market.

YMCA joins Togetherhood Project to make prom a reality for disadvantaged kids

The YMCA is joining the Togetherhood Project in working with the Princess Project to make prom a reality for disadvantaged teens.

The Princess Project promotes self-confidence and individual beauty by providing free prom dresses and accessories to high school teens who cannot otherwise afford them.

Every year The Princess Project seeks and receives hundreds of beautiful dresses from individual donors, corporations and fundraisers. After all the dresses and accessories are received, volunteers organize them for the dress giveaway event. During the dress giveaway, hundreds of

teens all over the Bay Area come to find their perfect dress to make their prom dreams real.

The public is invited to help local teens find the perfect dress for prom. The effort is made possible through invaluable volunteer, donor and community support.

Volunteer tasks on that day include check-in, check-out, dressing room monitoring, accessory selection, and Fairy Godmother duty. South Valley Family YMCA is also a drop-off site for people to donate gently used prom dresses from 2009 to present.

If you'd like to help, contact Linda Haro, Chairperson for Togetherhood Leadership Committee, to schedule a time to meet face to face or get more details at: (408) 828-3667; lindaharo82@gmail.com.

International Day of Happiness was just celebrated

With the aim to find out whether money really does buy happiness, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2020's Happiest Cities in America as well as accompanying videos.

In order to determine where people in America are most content with their lives, WalletHub compared more than 180 of the largest U.S. cities across 30 key indicators of happiness. The data set ranges from depression rate to income-growth rate to average leisure time spent per day.

Happiness in San Jose (1=Happiest, 91=Avg.)

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Tomatoes and other vegetables will be in good supply at the Spring Garden Market.

Spring Garden Market plant sale at Martial Cottle Park: April 18

The Spring Garden Market will be held at Martial Cottle Park on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in conjunction with the Spring Celebration at the park. There will be a huge number of offerings with a variety of tomato, pepper, herb, and flower seedlings and succulents that are raised in the Santa Clara Valley. These varieties, not readily available elsewhere, are selected for outstanding taste, beauty, and performance in Santa Clara County's soil and climate. Bring your plant, soil, pest, and tool questions to the Education Booths where you can get your gardening questions answered by UC Master Gardeners. You will also learn about water wise plants, animal pest control, and much more. Hourly talks have been scheduled by UC Master Gardeners, children's activities, a Green Elephant sale, and an "Ask a Master Gardener" booth are available where you can ask questions and bring in plant samples for

diagnosis. Plant Daycare volunteers will watch your purchases while you attend gardening talks, browse our demonstration gardens, visit our vendors, eat lunch either from a food truck or your own picnic lunch, and enjoy the Spring Celebration taking place throughout Martial Cottle Park. There will be an opportunity to pick up gently used tools, pots, books, trellises and more at bargain prices while benefiting the UC Master Gardener program. Admission is free, \$6 parking at Martial Cottle Park. The location for the Garden Market is off Chynoweth Avenue. Plant sales benefit the UC Master Gardener program. Martial Cottle Park is located at: 5283 Snell Ave. San Jose, CA *Editor's note: Please bring a box, cart or wagon for an easier shopping experience. Sturdy shoes are recommended for walking on some uneven surfaces. No dogs except service dogs in the sales area.*




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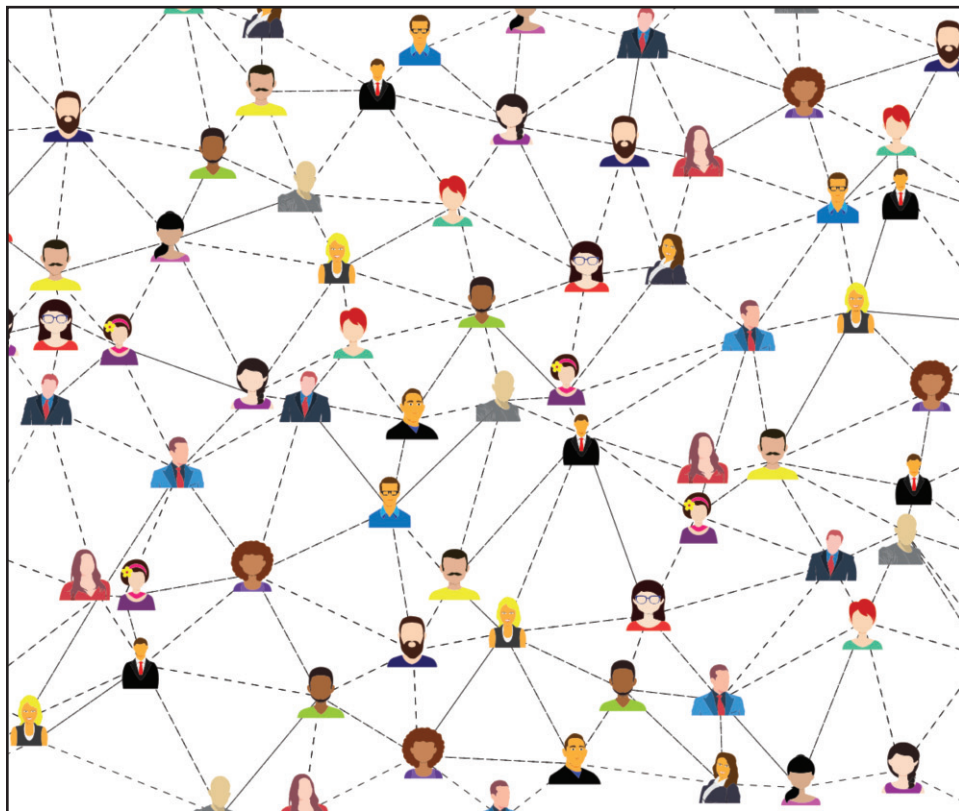
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Khorri Dastoor, General Director Opera San Jose, announces the launch of the Opera San José Artist and Musicians Relief Fund.

Opera San José cancels performances, launches musicians relief fund

Opera San José has announced it will cancel all performances of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, its 2019-20 season finale at the California Theatre.

The cancellation is due to rising concerns about limiting the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and in accordance with Santa Clara County's ban on all events with more than 1,000 attendees.

To help OSJ musicians, artists, and artisans who will be most affected by the sudden loss of work, the company has launched the Opera San José Artist and Musicians Relief Fund.

"I have spent the past few days in conversation with local artists and musicians whose livelihoods and security have been upended by this unimaginable crisis," said OSJ's General Director Khorri Dastoor. "As an incubator for world-class operatic talent, Opera San José's mission is rooted in the support and development of the artists who make the Bay Area their home. We hope patrons will donate the cost of their cancelled tickets and/or make additional contributions to help create this emergency cash reserve that we will draw from in the months ahead to provide support to our musicians, singers, carpenters, stitchers, designers, and other hourly company members that make our productions possible and will be deeply affected by COVID-19." Information on the fund can be found at OperaSJ.org.

The company was scheduled to present *The Magic Flute* April 18 through May 3 but has been monitoring closely the development of this outbreak, which today was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization.

"It is vital that we play our part in combating the spread of COVID-19 and en-

courage others to do the same. It was incredibly difficult to cancel our performances, but of course we will always act to protect the best interests and well-being of the patrons, artists, musicians, and company members that make Opera San José what it is," Dastoor said.

Dastoor remains optimistic about the future, noting, "I well remember being an OSJ resident artist in 2008 when, during performances for *L'elisir d'amore*, my colleagues and I watched from the stage of the California Theatre as our audiences dwindled from many hundreds to a few tens in the matter of days. In the years since, the company rebuilt itself and has come back stronger than ever. So, too, will the current crisis pass for Opera San José, and we will emerge more resilient, focused, and united. We are supporting one another as we always have, as a family."

Dastoor and Opera San José are already in the process of identifying programming opportunities for the coming summer, with plans to offer alternative opportunities to enjoy the music and voices audiences have come to expect from the 37-year-old company.

Patrons currently holding tickets to *The Magic Flute* will be contacted by the theatre and have the option of donating their value back to the non-profit organization for use in its OPERA SAN JOSÉ ARTIST AND MUSICIANS RELIEF FUND or may request a refund or exchange. The box office can also be contacted directly at (408) 437-4450 or email boxoffice@operasj.org.

Opera San José performs at the California Theatre, the 1927 former movie palace meticulously restored to opulent splendor and now one of the world's most intimate opera houses.

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Nonprofits need extra help to survive this pandemic

By Kyra Kazantzis
Special to the Times

With now almost three dozen known coronavirus cases and the first death of a community member in Santa Clara County, our community is very much coming to terms with the new reality of the local effects of this global pandemic.

Over the last few days, nonprofit leaders have made hard but necessary decisions to restrict travel, cancel events, allow or even encourage staff to work remotely, and make and start to implement plans about how to serve our community in a very different immediate future.

For human services nonprofits, the path forward on how to best serve vulnerable community members isn't clear. How do volunteer-staffed organizations continue their critical work when fearful volunteers don't show up? How do we scale up food delivery to get food to quarantined workers? How will low-income families pay the rent when household earners are sick or quarantined? How will we help those who rely on in-person contact, like home-bound seniors? How do nonprofit community clinics find masks for healthcare workers if hoarding is creating shortages? How can arts, cultural, education, and other convening organizations

thrive or even survive if gatherings are prohibited? And of course, how do we ensure that our workplace policies and practices protect our colleagues and their families from getting sick?

At this point we have more questions than answers. One thing I'm clear on is that nonprofits should be able to attend to the critical work of fulfilling their organizational missions and serving the community—at this point of crisis—without worrying about the loss of philanthropic, corporate, governmental, and individual support. With thin to no margins, it's rough to absorb the impacts of this public health crisis, so nonprofits need your support now more than ever.

That is why Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits calls on the donor community to continue—and increase—your support at this time. Corporate sponsors, we need you to maintain your sponsorship even if that gala was cancelled. Perhaps you'll even consider increasing your sponsorship to compensate for evaporating revenue from lost ticket

sales. We applaud announcements by some foundations that they will be creating funds to support response work and the needs of vulnerable community members. We also need foundations to extend deadlines on grants or allow emergency response to count towards grant deliverables. The same goes for government funders; government partners should shift to reimbursement approaches that minimize large financial hits to nonprofits.

And to our fellow community members who often support nonprofits, did you buy a ticket to a luncheon, awards ceremony, or conference that has been cancelled? Instead of requesting a refund, consider making that ticket purchase a donation to the organization; it's 100% tax deductible since you didn't get a meal!

As for the unanswered questions, nonprofits are already sharing information, pulling together, making the hard decisions, and planning. Even in this uncertain time, we've already seen herculean efforts from nonprofit quarters. For example, thanks to rapid response advocacy from nonprofit and community leaders, the Mayor and City Council of San José are discussing an eviction moratorium during the crisis.

Here's what SVCN is currently doing in

response to the virus:

- SVCN is actively coordinating with the Santa Clara County Office of the Executive to be a conduit to ensure that nonprofits get critical information from the County.

- On Friday March 13—together with our San Mateo County partner Thrive Alliance—SVCN hosted a virtual two-county nonprofit response briefing about the nonprofit response to coronavirus.

- In the next few days, we will be launching, again with Thrive, a nonprofit email list for rapid resource and information sharing.

- We've been activated for emergency response with the CADRE network, and will be coordinating with that network; how that looks has yet to be determined but we have offered to assist with communications.

- SVCN also postponed its own Activate Your Impact policy summit to May 21.

- We've encouraged SVCN staff to telecommute as appropriate and adopted the County's guidance on workplace protocols, including hand-washing education and disinfecting our office.

- We're launching a webinar program so we can continue to bring important learning opportunities to the nonprofit community.

SVCN is actively soliciting feedback from our more than 200 member organizations about this response and how we should be supporting nonprofits and the communities we serve.

Kyra Kazantzis is the CEO of the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits.



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Times **Coronavirus Update****Cortese calls for millions from the county for coronavirus relief**

Supervisor Cortese presents package to support nonprofits, community organizations, and vital services

Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese has announced plans for the allocation of at least three million dollars for local community-based organizations, nonprofits, and vital resources to prevent homelessness, provide food, and address other needs of individuals and families affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

These initiatives were in partnership with Board President Cindy Chavez and will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at their March 24th Board Meeting.

Cortese is calling for these funds to be allocated to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation to support the COVID-19 Coronavirus Regional Response Fund, the COVID-19 Coronavirus Nonprofit Support Fund, as well as to local community event planning organizations, many who have made the responsible decision to cancel or postpone their event in the interest of public safety.

"This rapidly evolving situation requires that we put community first to ensure the delivery of vital supplies such as food, the preservation of housing for those who have suddenly lost their sources of income, and psychosocial support to families and individuals as we face a period of unprecedented economic and emotional stress in our lives," said Supervisor Cortese.

Emergency interest rate cut to near zero

The Federal Reserve has announced an emergency interest rate cut of 1 percentage point, bringing the Fed's target rate nearly to zero. This is the first time the rate has been this low since its 2008-2015 stay at that level following the financial crisis.

Below, you can find some key statistics that help illustrate the significance of this rate cut and how it may impact consumers in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, followed by commentary from WalletHub CEO Odysseas Papadimitriou.

Here's how WalletHub projects yesterday's rate cut will affect consumer financial products:

- Credit Cards: APRs on new credit card offers will decrease by an average of 16 basis points.
- Auto Loans: APRs will decrease by an average of 16 basis points.
- Mortgages: APRs will decrease by an average of 52 basis points.
- Deposit Accounts: APRs will decrease by an average of 32 basis points.

Q&A with WalletHub CEO Odysseas Papadimitriou**Is it a good idea for the Federal Reserve to cut its target rate?**

"Consumer spending will go down as people stay home because of the coronavirus. That will hit a number of industries particularly hard, such as the service industry, travel providers, live entertainment venues, movie theaters, and more. That in turn could lead to a domino effect, with turmoil in one industry spilling over to another," said Papadimitriou. "For example, if a restaurant owner can no longer pay rent, the property owner might not be able to pay its loan, and the bank that made the loan might end

up suffering as well."

Will the House bill for Coronavirus relief passed Friday be sufficient?

"It is a good first step, if it gets through the Senate without significant changes or delays. It is a must that the final legislation includes free coronavirus testing for everyone and covers hospitalization costs for those affected, regardless of insurance coverage," said Papadimitriou. "Regardless, it looks like we'll need more legislation after this to further support the economy and affected workers."

What should businesses be doing to prepare?

"This weekend's Fed rate cut should be a wakeup call for businesses to begin working remotely, if they haven't already," said Papadimitriou. "Companies have two major objectives in doing so: minimizing interruptions to business processes and safeguarding human capital."

What should consumers do to prepare?

"The first thing people should do is follow the advice from healthcare professionals and the CDC. Dr. Fauci knows what he's talking about. Other than that, now is the time to really start expanding your emergency fund," said Papadimitriou.

Red Cross urges healthy individuals to give blood amid coronavirus concerns**Low donor turnout could hurt U.S. blood supply**

The American Red Cross issued a statement urging healthy eligible individuals who are feeling well to

give blood or platelets to help maintain a sufficient blood supply and prevent shortages as concerns about the outbreak of COVID-19 continue.

Cold and flu season has already impacted the nation's ability to maintain its blood supply. As the number of coronavirus cases grows in the U.S., the number of people eligible to give blood for patients in need could decrease further.

"We're asking the American people to help keep the blood supply stable during this challenging time. As communities across the country prepare for this public health emergency, it's critical that plans include a readily available blood supply for hospital patients," said Chris Hrouda, president, Red Cross Blood Services. "As fears of coronavirus rise, low donor participation could harm blood availability at hospitals, and the last thing a patient should worry about is whether life-saving blood will be on the shelf when they need it most."

Appointments can be scheduled to donate blood now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Outschool.com offering online classes for kids**\$200 free credit offered due to closing schools**

Outschool.com announced that they are offering FREE classes for kids/families (limit \$200 per family) affected by school shutdowns at public schools, up to \$200K worth of classes in total, with the help of



Zoom.

Outschool is actively working to secure additional grants to keep the credits going. "We are committed to giving additional free classes for those who need them for school closures," said a company spokesperson.

With all schools across the state closed parents are now having to act as homeschool teachers. How do we keep our kids busy? Most of us still have to work even from home. How can local teachers help during this time? How can we help local teachers? These are all questions on our minds!

Outschool is becoming a "go-to" resource for those wanting to keep their kids engaged and learning from home with more than 10,000 live, online classes to choose from conducted via video chat. Outschool classes can be used to fill in gaps where school districts are unable to provide full-time remote schooling. Outschool teachers are background checked and classes are vetted to ensure they are safe, age-appropriate, objective and secular.

Outschool is also hiring teachers to teach on Outschool to fill the incredible demand that has come up in recent weeks (up 500% last week and going up exponentially daily as schools close state-wide).

For more information, visit: outschool.com/2020-school-closures-offer

HEALTH**Report: 2020's most overweight and obese cities in the U.S.**

With March being National Nutrition Month and Americans collectively spending hundreds of billions of dollars annually on obesity-related medical treatment, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2020's Most Overweight and Obese Cities in the U.S. as well as accompanying videos.

In order to call attention to the communities where weight-related problems are most prevalent, WalletHub compared 100 of the most populated U.S. metro areas across 19 key metrics. The data set ranges from share of obese adults to share of overweight children to projected obesity rates by 2030.

Key Stats

- The McAllen, Texas, metro area has the highest share of obese adults, 44.90 percent, which is 2.5 times higher than in San Francisco, the metro area with the lowest at 17.85 percent.
- The McAllen, Texas, metro area has the highest share of physically inactive adults, 36.90 percent, which is 2.3 times higher than in Raleigh, North Carolina, the metro area with the lowest at 16.00 percent.
- The El Paso, Texas, metro area has the highest share of diabetic adults, 14.60 percent, which is 2.3 times higher than in San Francisco and Minneapolis, the metro areas with the lowest at 6.30 percent.
- The Mobile, Alabama, metro area has the highest share of adults with high blood pressure, 41.20 percent, which is 1.9 times higher than in San Jose, California, the metro area with the lowest at 21.40 percent.

To read the full report and your city's rank, please visit:

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Haldeman of Evergreen named to Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology

Hannah Haldeman of Evergreen Valley has been named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Haldeman is enrolled in the new media design program at the University. She appeared in the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) performing arts in New York performance "Stories of the Deaf Side."

Haldeman graduated from the California School of the Deaf High School in Fremont, California, and was a teacher's assistant. She was student body government president, and was a member of the yearbook staff serving as a writer, layout designer, and photographer.

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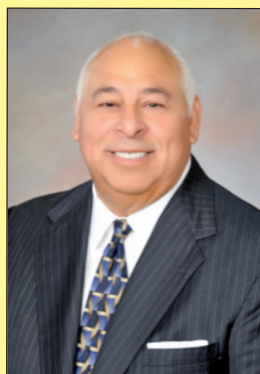
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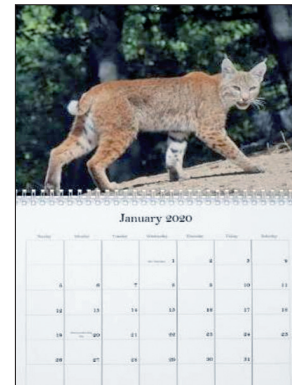
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