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RELIEF

Governor Newsom announces property tax relief order; penalties waved until May 2021

By William Bellou Publisher

enalties for late property tax payments will be waived through May 6 of 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom announced last week.

The announcement will provide some welcome relief for property owners hit by layoffs and numerous economic woes unleashed by the coronavirus.

The governor's latest executive order extends the waiver of a 10 percent penalty and other fees associated with property tax payments for homes, office buildings, and other residential and commercial properties. The waiver of the penalties, for homeowners, applies only to the primary residence of a property owner.

"We were working with the counties to see if we could coordinate and collaborate in a way that can address the hardship claims that were coming in and allow people to get on payment plans without experiencing that rather sizable 10 percent tax code penalty that is assessed on those property tax bills," Newsom said.

But county assessors appeared to dodge a bullet because the governor largely left intact an already tight schedule for ensuring that businesses file annual statements for assets they own such as equipment, computers, fixtures, machinery, and other items.

Homeowners whose lenders have established impound accounts to collect the property taxes on a monthly basis won't be able to apply for a waiver since the mortgage company makes the payment to the county tax col-

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The challenges of distance learning

Pandemic-forced school closures require unprecedented transition

By Lorraine Gabbert

Senior Staff Writer

s the COVID-19 pandemic forced school closures on March 13, San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) scrambled to provide distance learning.

"We find ourselves in unprecedented times and we would like to first acknowledge how challenging this has been for us all as we adjust to our new reality," said SJUSD Superintendent Nancy Albarran in a letter to parents and families. "We have transitioned from in-person instruction to distance learning in a matter of weeks...the safety and wellness of our students, staff and community are our highest priority while we ensure that our students continue to learn and thrive."

The school district first ensured that students in need of food and connectivity were provided for. It distributed more than 3.000 Chromebooks and 1,000 new iPhone 7s to provide hotspots to disadvantaged students. Chromebooks were utilized from the schools after being disinfected and made functionable outside the classrooms.

"Priority was to the seniors because we wanted to make sure they're graduation ready," said SJUSD Public Information Officer Lili Smith.

The district provided two educational videos each week, per grade level. Smith said teachers were given autonomy and the option of doing online teaching. She said they should be reaching out to the students several times a week and meeting with them in Google Classroom. Principals also had access to Google Classroom and were asked to check in with their teachers.



Mira Karthik, a senior at Leland High School said that most of the seniors she knows are preparing for their AP classes rather than doing regular classwork. Photo courtesy of the Karthik family

"It is a trying time for everybody and definitely more for the high school level," Smith said. "It's safety and health first."

For many, off-site learning remains a challenge. Parents complain that the district did not have an emergency plan in place. Students feel less engaged with online classes. Teachers are concerned that students are falling behind.

"We're seeing the school district's and the board's total lack of preparation for any type of emergency that might keep students from entering a classroom," said Alene Ipsaro, whose 17year-old daughters, Summer and Hayley, are seniors at Leland High School.

Ipsaro said that as grades were frozen on March 13, so was real learning, while their dualenrollment courses continued at pace at San Jose City College (SJCC).

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Humane Society Silicon Valley staff members are adjusting under the new shelter-in-place orders. Photo courtesy of Humane Society Silicon Valley

Animal shelters scramble to meet adoption demand absent volunteers, in-person visits

By Lorraine Gabbert

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight dapting to the coronavirus

pandemic has required staff members at Silicon Valley's animal shelters to do work usually performed by volunteers as they rush to keep up with the heightened demand for animal adoptions amid shelter-in-place restrictions.

While shelters struggle to retain volunteers, like many nonprofits, there is a silver lining. Shelteringin-place has resulted in an increased interest in adoptions, which are now done virtually.

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for the number of students they reach, which is a different metric than how well and how much education they're actually receiving, there's a disconnect between the metrics the school district is creating and establishing real educational experiences for students," Ipsaro said.

Mira Karthik, a Leland High School senior said that her teachers are inconsistent, with some posting assignments and others not. She said that most of the seniors she knows are preparing for their AP classes rather than doing regular classwork. She is concerned for her sister, Megha, who is a junior.

"For some of her classes, she's not getting enough guidance from the teachers," Mira said. "It's hard to do distance learning because if you don't understand something, you spend a lot longer on it than you would in class, because you don't have a teacher to help you."

Megha Karthik said that most of her teachers have reached out to her and provided assignments and due dates. She also has live online meetings. However, she said that her priorities are her AP classes.

"Distance learning is a difficult experience," she said. "It lowers my motivation to learn and I don't understand things as well. I go to school to learn and see my friends every day, and the fact that I'm not is really hard. I miss my friends."

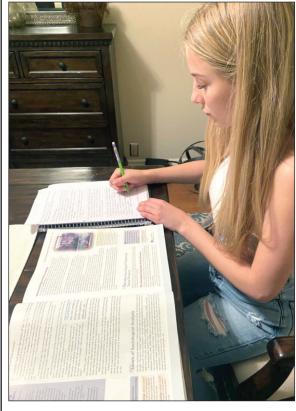
Another parent of a Leland High School senior (name withheld) said "when seniors heard your grade from this point on will be whatever it was, they were done." She said that her son still studied for his AP test but isn't completing class work. She said that a Castillero Middle School teacher told her that she prepares two lessons a week and has office hours, but only 20 percent of her students participate.

"There's no incentive or ramification to do the work," said Holly Case, a parent of a Leland High School senior. "The kids don't see what we see; that they're losing this educational opportunity and just spent a double summer not learning."

A parent of a Pioneer High School student (name withheld) said she is frustrated with the school district's decision to offer a credit/no credit grade for the semester (students



San Jose Unified School District staff members disinfected Chromebooks and made sure they were set up for distance learning. *Photo courtesy of Lili Smith, district spokesperson*



Summer Ipsaro, a senior at Leland High School, works on sociology. *Photo courtesy of Alene Ipsaro*

who had an "F" were given mandatory work and can improve their grade if they meet the criteria). She feels that a pass/fail determination doesn't recognize her daughter's hard work and prefers East Side Union High School District's plan to not let students fall below the letter grades they had on March 13, but also allow them to improve their grades during distance learning.

She said that although her daughter attends all of her WebEx classes, sometimes it's just her and one other student. She added that she doesn't blame students' lack of motivation with a credit/no credit system.

However, she acknowledged that the district is doing its best to find a fit that works for most families.

"If you have a computer for each child in your home and the best WiFi, online classes all day would be wonderful," she said, "but that's not the reality for many people in the Valley. One student might be doing a lesson on a phone, another on a laptop. Some are completely on their own because their parents are working, others have a mom or dad helping them through."

She said the teachers, therefore, are limited to reinforcing topics that have already been taught, providing practice and support for concepts that are already in place.

A parent (name withheld) of a fourth grader at Williams Elementary School and seventh grader at Bret Harte Middle School, said he has found both working at home and assisting his children with schoolwork challenging.

"Sometimes, I'm trying to have a meeting," he said, "but I also have to set up my kids to have an online class with their teachers."

He is also concerned that the 90 minutes his children would normally have for a subject has been reduced to 30 and the lack of personal instruction.

"It shows the importance of a teacher in a classroom environment," he said.

Much of his children's schoolwork is posted on Google classroom with videos to watch. With math, they receive an assignment and

press the button that says "turn in." It's an honor system that depends upon parents to check the work.

"It was hard enough trying to get them to do homework when they were in school," he said. "Now it's classwork. And time seems more elastic when they're home all the time. They get up later and spend longer on the assignments. What previously took 10 minutes, takes two hours. It's hard to be a parent, teacher and worker at the same time."

He said he is concerned that learning is falling through the cracks without focused attention from the teacher and group projects.

"I feel like my kids are falling behind," he said. "They've lost eight critical weeks of learning."

He said that as the work his children received is "pretty haphazard" he wishes the district had provided more specific directions to the teachers and that parents had been given a clear picture of what to expect from the princi-

oals.

However, an elementary school teacher (name withheld) said that SJUSD handled distance learning "phenomenally."

"It's a gigantic district and they have been organized and developed and executed a plan," she said. "The first week was about making sure families were fed: They communicated that getting the food services up and running was their first priority. The second week we got a clear plan. We were to contact our school families and reassure them that we were here for them."

She said that within the first couple of days, SJUSD posted resources parents could use on their website and teachers received professional development for the platforms they'd be using for distance learning. During week two, she said, SJUSD uploaded additional resources onto their website, including prerecorded math and Language Arts lessons and told teachers to begin providing lessons in those core areas.

"Now I have almost 100 percent of my students participating in Google Classroom," she said. "We were also asked to provide our own lessons and have online meetings with our students. It's been a slow rollout with slowly increasing expectations. I feel like the district's done a good job communicating those expectations to us and they're very realistic with what we can provide."

She uploads lessons on Google Classroom daily, from "must do" to optional activities. She also does a WebEx meeting weekly with the whole class, which might be a "read aloud" or directed drawing and has daily text conversations with students through Google Classroom. In addition, the students have weekly classes with the school librarian and music teacher.

Fifth grade Los Alamitos Elementary School teacher Tracey Ananmalay said that although she is a seasoned teacher, preparing distance learning lessons is extremely time consuming, resulting in long days. In fact, she said she's been up until midnight sometimes creating lessons.

Ananmalay said the district has been great. "I feel valued by my school and district," she said. "Superintendent Nancy Albarran and her senior staff have been letting us know that our health and safety are paramount. The message and rollout have been consistent. They are constantly working to provide lessons and professional development. To shift all of this to a digital platform is truly remarkable."

Ananmalay is amazed by her students' flexibility and peer support on Google Classroom.

"I'm grateful we had the lion's share of the year behind us," she said, "because the bonds that I have with my students have been so important in helping us navigate this strange time."

But she said that distance learning is no replacement for the classroom experience. While she used to spend six hours a day with them, now she might have an hour by video chat

"Teaching is a very intimate profession," she said. "To lose that is difficult. To help them through difficult times through a screen is hard."

Ananmalay said that when the teachers heard on Friday, March 13 that the schools were closing, they only had a few hours to grab things, not knowing they'd be gone the balance of the school year.

To support her students, she has a couple of class meetings each week and office hours twice a day. Some students come to office hours and ask academic questions. Others come and just hang out, doing their work silently, just to be with someone, she said.

When she sees comments on Google Classroom that make her concerned, she will call the family and speak with the student or their parents. She's written to her students to let them know she cares and put up silly videos. She also makes a point of including difficult things about her day with her recorded lessons to let them know they're not alone.

"Maybe you have the same problem I do finding a quiet place to concentrate," she said, "or maybe you feel sad like I do."

Anamalay said her students are missing each other, structure, a sense of purpose and regular activities. She feels similarly.

"Boy, these four walls are a lot different from the ones in my classroom," she said.



Senior **Zac Case** continued to study for his AP tests. *Photo courtesy of Holly Case*



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Leland High School junior writes letter to ICE regarding COVID-19

onathan Ke, a junior at Leland High School, wrote an open letter to ICE (U.S. Immigration and customs Enforcement) regarding concerns for detainees amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ke states, "There are many different groups of communities that are affected by this pandemic, including the large numbers of incarcerated population in the US. I first learned about the inadequate conditions at US immigration centers while conducting monthly research assignments for my English class. Soon after the shutdown due to the pandemic, I felt the urge to take some actions to help this vulnerable population and drafted an open letter addressed to ICE, arguing for the release for nonviolent detainees or adapting to the community-based Alternative Accompaniment Programs."

In the letter, in part, addressed to Associate Director Waldemar Rodriguez, Office of Professional Responsibility U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Washington, D.C., Ke stated the following:

It has been reported numerous times that the conditions in ICE's detention centers do not meet basic sanitary and healthcare guidelines. In a court ruling filed in February, U.S. District Judge David C. Bury found that "US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operations and facilities are not designed to meet detainees' basic human needs, including sleeping, warmth, food, water, personal hygiene, and medical care.

Facilities such as the detention centers are not designed to prevent disease transmission nor efficiently deliver medical care, but to maximize control of a dense population. Observers at one of the processing centers in Texas described the overcrowded scene, 900 migrants were being held at a facility designed for 125. The lack of basic necessities See ICE, page 15

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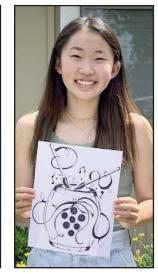
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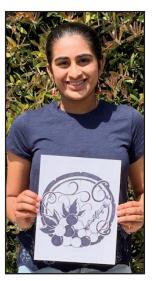
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L-R: Kyle Lai, Shivani Kini, Ellie Sul, Nethra Srinivasan. and Elina Jin.

Logo winner announced at Almaden women's club meeting

he Almaden Valley Women's Club announced the winner of the logo contest at their general meeting last week.

The winning logo will appear on the group's wine glasses as well as any print and on-line advertisements.

Although the club's annual Almaden Art & Wine Festival has been cancelled for this year, a limited number of the glasses will be produced for use at smaller fundraising events to be held throughout the year.

The winning logo was created by **Kyle Lai**, a sophomore at Leland High School and a student at Lord of the Light Art Studio. Generally, Kyle likes to draw Anime characters using pencil. He's posted a number of his creations on his Instagram account @stardragonair. His winning logo features a combination of grapes, an artist's brush and a guitar with Mt. Umunhum in the background. Kyle was also a runner up in last year's logo contest, coming in third.

The first runner up in the contest is **Shivani Kini**, a 6th grader at Bret Harte Middle School. Shivani's art involved a unique creation of a basket of music notes holding grapes and held together with an artist's brush. She loves to work in oil pastels and water colors. In addition to her art, she also enjoys tennis, basketball, cooking and programming.

The second runner up was **Ellie Sul,** a freshman at Cupertino High School and also a student at Lord of the Light. Ellie's drawing involved a wine barrel with swirls of grape vines and grapes on the barrel with artist's brushes used as drumsticks to create a vision of music. A unique interpretation, it is a reflection of Ellie's artistic style of surrealism. When she isn't creating art, Ellie loves to run and stay active. Although she is a freshman, she is on the Var-



sity track team and competes in jumping events.

The third runner up was **Nethra Srinivasan**. Nethra is a sophomore at Leland High School and enjoys creating abstract art. Her goal when creating her art is to convey a deeper meaning than the image itself by using a whimsical style and vivid colors. Her preference is to work with oil. Nethra's logo submission involved a wine barrel with grapes and an artist's brush in front with vines trailing around the image. In addition to art, Nethra also enjoys dancing and teaching through The NeuroKidz, a non-profit organization designed to foster a passion in neuroscience.

The fourth runner up was **Elina Jin**, a 6th grader at Castillero Middle School. Elina's simple yet meaningful design involved an artist's brush and a grape vine coming together to form a heart. Elina enjoys drawing fantasy animals and imaginative arts with pencil and prisma color markers. She also plays the flute and enjoys swimming.

All of the students created their art at Lord of the Light, a local art studio located in the Old Almaden Plaza. The studio's owners started with art classes in their garage and moved to their current location after the classes became so popular with local students. Lord of the Light offers art classes for kids of all ages and adults as well.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is a non-profit organization which raises funds for local charities through fundraising events. The club normally produces the annual Almaden Art & Wine Festival held each September at Almaden Lake Park. With the cancellation of this year's event, the club is instead looking to produce some on-line fundraising events. For more information, please visit: www.almadenwomen.org

LETTER

Survey of students is eye opening

Dear Editor,

A survey conducted this week by TruePublic, asked 5,745 American students ages 16-55, about how they are feeling and behaving during the lockdown.

Some of the results include:

- 65% of students say they are studying worse during the lockdown;
- Over 50% of students say they have been cheating more since classes moved online;
- 60% of students think it's a good idea to go back to school in the fall;
- 90% of students say they should receive tuition refunds.

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Meals to Medics

Leland students spark campaign which provides meals to frontline hospital workers

Sponsored by Almaden South Asian Women's Association

eals to Medics is a campaign sponsored by Almaden South Asian Women's Association (ASAWA) dedicated to providing meals to hospitals in the local Almaden area during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The program focuses on delivering meals to hospitals in the local area in an effort to support medical frontline workers during this time. The meals provided are well-balanced and supply the workers with a variety of cuisines daily. At this time, medical staff require the utmost support to continue battling COVID-19 on the frontlines.

This program was brought to the community by a team of three students from Leland High School — Sparsh Garg (Marketing Lead), Riya Shukla (Restaurant Outreach), and Ranjana Raghavan (Hospital Outreach).

"It started from just an idea from three high school students, and I'm so glad that we were able to make it into a reality. This would not have been possible without the endless support we have received as well as ASAWA's guidance," said Raghavan.

While the appreciation is important year-round, at the time of this pandemic we especially want to acknowledge the Meals to Medics donations to our hard-working staff here at Good Samaritan Hospital," said Joseph A. DeSchryver, Chief Executive Officer Good Samaritan Hospital. "The reason we achieve so much in times like this is because of our high-quality people, and donations from professional organizations like ASAWA really help."

The program doesn't only benefit local hospitals but also provides business to restaurants who may have seen a decrease in customers as a result of the lockdown. In the last four weeks of this campaign the ASAWA Youth team managed to raise around \$3000 and hope to reach their goal of at least 320 meals by the end of this fundraiser in order to reach their goal for providing meals to the workers.

"Our Meals to Medics program's success has been great! We've been able to donate about 300 meals so far to help our local restaurants during this lockdown, as well as our hardworking medical staff in the emergency room and ICU," said Shukla.

"This program is supporting Togo's and local businesses as well during these difficult times. Meals to Medics has inspired us to keep the 'feed the community' drive going," said Amith Chalasani, Togo's Manager (237).

After the conclusion of the fundraiser, ASAWA Youth are seeking new ways to provide support to medical staff and those hit hardest by the pandemic.

"I can't believe how far we've come in four weeks! The success of our fundraiser and the help of our local community demonstrates that

Relief

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Last year's total value of assessed property in Santa Clara County was \$516 billion, with \$5.31 billion collected on those assessed properties. A reduction in property tax collection will most likely hurt public schools, cities, county agencies, county hospitals, special districts, firefighters, and police.

we can do great things in the future and continue to support those who need it the most," Sparsh said.

Donations are welcome; visit: asawa.net/mealstomedics or email: info@asawa.net



Meals to Medics is a campaign which provides a variety of cuisines to medical workers each day.



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ust shy of his 80th birthday, with his children by his side, on Saturday May 2 William James "Bill" Del Biaggio, Jr. passed away.

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just shy of fifty years.

His love for the Santa Clara Valley and its community is what drove him and his mark on the Valley will be felt for generations to come. After a short stint in the National Guard, Bill started his professional life in 1963

alongside his father, Boots, at Santa Clara Valley Beer Distributors, a company his father founded in 1952.

In the nearly 30 years he spent as general manager in the family business, Bill formed relationships with small businesses and familyowned companies that would be the catalyst for his second act,



founding Heritage Bank of Commerce in 1994. He served as its original Chairman. During his time on the Board, the holding company, Heritage Commerce Corporation, was formed. For a period of time, he acted as Interim CEO. In 2017,

shortly after retiring from Heritage Bank, Bill joined the executive team at California Bank of Commerce. He most recently served as Executive Vice President, Managing Director for the San Jose region at CBC.

A proud alumnus (and valedictorian) of the Bellarmine class of 1958, Bill was one of the original members of the Alumni Council and

was inducted into the Bellarmine Hall of Fame twice: Athletics (1986) and Business (2019).

A tireless philanthropist for all causes, Bill has been President of the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens, the San Jose Police Foundation and Via Services. Bill served as a Director of The Daughters of Charity Health System, as well as Presentation and Notre Dame High Schools in San Jose. He served as member of the board of directors and as a foundation trustee for Rotary Club of San Jose. He worked closely with Family Supportive Housing, Unity Care, History San Iose, American Diabetes Association, Diocese of San Jose and the Santa Clara County Boy Scouts of America. And in 2000, Bill helped establish Holy Spirit School in Almaden.

In accordance with current County guidelines, a service with immediate family in attendance is scheduled for Sunday May 31 at 2:00 pm and will be available for the public to live-stream at holy spiritchurch.org and facebook. com/HSParish.

A celebration of Bill's life will be scheduled when larger gatherings are permitted.

Memorial gifts would be made welcome by any of the aforementioned non-profit institutions.



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Sweet Tomatoes to close permanently

Sweet Tomatoes restaurants nationwide will be keeping their doors closed permanently after shutting down during the coronavirus pandemic, according to CEO John Haywood.

The buffet chain's parent company reportedly decided to close all 97 locations of Souplantation and Sweet Tomatoes. The move will affect more than 4,000 employees who will essentially be laid off.

"The FDA had previously put out recommendations that included discontinuing salad bars and buffets," Haywood said. "The regulations are understandable, but unfortunately, it makes it very difficult to reopen. And I'm not sure the health departments are ever going to allow it."

Haywood said the company may file for bankruptcy after racking up losses of more than \$1 million a week since shutting down in mid-March.

Driver runs red light to cause fatality

ne person is dead and suspect in custody for driving under the influence following an early-morning, three-vehicle collision on Almaden Express-

way on Sunday, May 3.

San Jose police said officers responded at approximately 12:13 a.m. to reports of a vehicle traffic collision at the intersection of Almaden Expressway and Branham

A 2006 Nissan Murano, driven by a 32-year-old male, was traveling northbound on Almaden Expressway. As the Nissan allegedly traveled through the intersection against a red light, it collided with a 2004 Hyundai Tiburon, traveling westbound on Branham Lane. The impact caused the Hyundai to collide with a 2019 Tesla that was stopped at the intersection.

San Jose police said the adult male driver of the Hyundai, 70-year-old Calvin Wayne Green of San Jose, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The adult male driver of the Tesla was not injured.

The Nissan driver suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to a local hospital. Once medically released, the driver of the Nissan will be booked into Santa Clara County Jail for vehicular manslaughter and felony DUI.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Michael O'Brien of the San Jose Police Department's Traffic Investigations Unit at 408-277-4654.

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Mayor Liccardo announces members of Silicon Valley Recovery Roundtable

ayor Liccardo announced the addition of new members to the Silicon Valley Recovery Roundtable, previously known as the Economic Recovery and Resilience Council on May 5.

The latest additions to the Roundtable are Silicon Valley business, education, art, media, and community leaders. Their deep expertise and experience—representing hundreds of thousands of jobs in the region—is critically needed to reopen the economy safely.

"Although the economic fallout of COVID-19 has put hundreds of thousands of our region's residents out of work, mere recovery to the status quo will not suffice for our many neighbors in low-wage jobs struggling to pay high rents. We have the opportunity to reimagine Silicon Valley by shaping an inclusive recovery that will empower residents with new skills and training that can facilitate careers in emerging industries of the future." said Mayor Liccardo.

"The willingness of these leaders to share their scarce time and vast expertise in this moment will bring lasting impact to the livelihoods of 3 million residents," added Mayor Liccardo. The members of the Roundtable include: <u>Co-Chairs</u>

Bobby Alvarado: Executive Officer, Nor-Cal Carpenters Regional Council

Carl Guardino: President and CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group

Chuck Robbins, Chairman and CEO, Cisco **Lisa Su**: President and CEO, AMD

Nicole Taylor: President & CEO, Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

Roundtable Members

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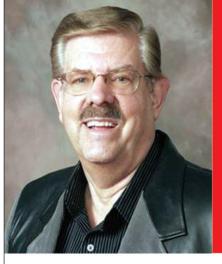




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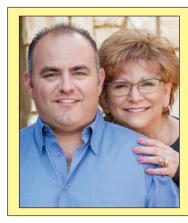


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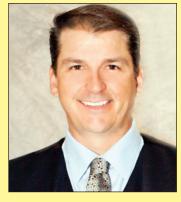
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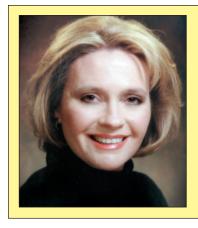


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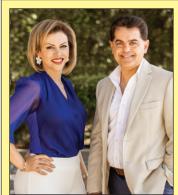


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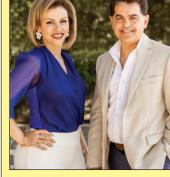
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District 10 open for business amid coronavirus pandemic

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Most grocers are providing an early hour for seniors or those with underlying conditions to shop first. Lastly, some of our small family owned businesses are not allowed to be open during this time - like Imelda's Animal Grooming, Music Village, etc. Once our reopening begins, please keep businesses like these in mind to patronize.

If you know of a business that should be added to our list, please email Denelle Fedor at denelle.fedor@sanjosegov.com

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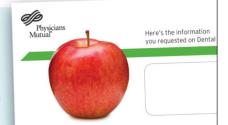


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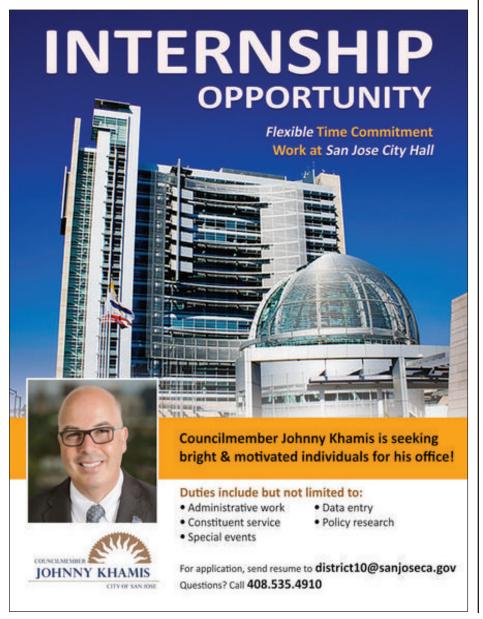
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Shelters

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program after Santa Clara County issued a shelter-in-place order in mid-March to slow the spread of the virus. The shelter reopened with virtual adoptions on April 7 but had to close virtual appointments to see animals a week later to catch up on processing 853 adoption requests.

"We saw a big spike in the number of people interested in adopting, but because of limitations in how we do adoptions now, it's a slower process," said Stephanie Ladeira, HSSV's chief of philanthropy and community development.

During the new virtual appointments, people can see up to three animals through a Zoom meeting. Once they've decided on a pet, they can arrange to pick it up the same day or the next day.

"One of the few blessings we can find at this time is that people who normally don't have time to acclimate a dog to their household have time now," Ladeira said, referencing the county's stay-home order, which has now been extended to May 31.

Colin Thompson and his family on Tuesday had a 30-minute conversation with an adoption counselor and a video meet-and-greet with the dog, "and that was it," Colin said.

"We were all piled around the computer trying to see her," he said. "She was running around the playpen and came and sniffed the screen. It was pretty cute. We've been able to hang out at home and spend time with her. We're very happy."

Another new pet owner during the coronavirus, Ricardo Almeida, was skeptical about going through the adoption process online. But Almeida said he appreciated the adoption counselor providing an overview of the history, temperament, health and behaviors of the puppies he was interested in.

Because of the coronavirus, Almeida waited in his car as an adoption counselor brought the puppy out in a crate. Almeida said it was a short process with minimal human touch points.

Helping pet owners during the pandemic

To help families facing financial hardship because of the coronavirus crisis, HSSV has expanded its Pet Pantry Program, which provides pet food to owners who cannot afford it.

"People are having to make choices to feed their human families or their furry families," Ladeira said.

To support the needs of those struggling while sheltering in place, Hill's pet food is delivering 600 to 1,000 pounds of grub to the shelter each week. People can sign up online to receive pet food by visiting secure.hssv.org/forms/pet-pantry-program

HSSV is also ramping up its work providing pet vaccinations, food, leashes and collars to high-risk homeless people going into shelters. They also provide pet food and medical aid.

The shelter's emergency boarding program is available for people who've lost their home, have been diagnosed with COVID-19, are caring for someone with the disease or working long hours at health care facilities or other emergency businesses.

Reducing capacity at shelters

Humane Society Silicon Valley moved its animals to foster homes to provide room for other shelters in need. With fewer animals needing assistance, the staff is taking on volunteer tasks like socialization, dog walking and kitten wash-

ing

The City of San Jose Animal Care Center is also closed to the public, but it's still operating some programs, like animal control calls, reclaiming lost pets, virtual adoptions and kitten fostering.

"Our officers are out in field, wearing masks and PPEs, and they're being extra cautious with who they approach and what kind of calls they go out to," said Julie St. Gregory, a spokesperson for the center.

Although they're no longer taking in healthy stray cats, officials said they're picking up healthy stray dogs and injured animals.

"We picked up a few dogs whose owners were taken to the hospital for suspected COVID-19," St. Gregory said. "We had to bring those dogs back to the shelter and quarantine them."

The San Jose Animal Care Center was recognized as one of the best COVID-19 managed shelters in the country, reducing its onsite capacity to below 20 percent. The shelter usually has 300 to 600 animals this time of year. As of Tuesday, the city shelter had 51 animals.

Due to the reduced number of animals at the shelter, only one veterinarian, health care attendant and limited staff come in every other day. Although there are no volunteers, animal care attendants work daily.

One of the shelter's concerns during COVID-19 is making room for pets whose owners have died from the virus. That's why it worked so hard to clear the shelter of animals to make room.

"One time we were down to 24 (animals)," St. Gregory said. "We're the largest shelter under one roof on the west coast, so to clear it out is really a feat."

Noah Schwarzbach of Almaden Valley initiated into Phi Kappa Phi

Noah Schwarzbach of Almaden Valley (inset) was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Schwarzbach was initiated at University of California-Davis.

Membership is by invitation only and

requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for gradu-



ate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Petition started to allow San Jose Unified School District students a choice of grades or course credit

d Lee, a parent of a high school student in the San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD), has started a petition to allow SJUSD students a choice having their grades or course credit recorded for the semester.

More than 330 people have signed the petition so far on the website change.org. The petition is named: San Jose Unified School District: SJUSD Allow Students Choice if Grades or Credit/No Credit.

The petition reads as follows:

 \square By no fault of their own, California's students have been forced to shelter in place and utilize distance learning.

☐ While not all students have access to resources to allow them to make use of distance learning opportunities, there is a segment of the student population who are taking advantage of these programs and are in a position to achieve letter grades which can be beneficial to their college admission process.

☐ Many of the SJUSD Students attending high school are freshman/sophomores/ Juniors who have aspirations to attend a 4 year college.

☐ SJUSD is offering only pass credit. Other neighboring districts (like Los Gatos high school) are offering a choice of a letter grade, or pass/fail credit.

☐ My son is a junior at a SJUSD high school, and has been taking Advanced Placement courses and getting excellent grades. He has been doing the distance learning course work and attending the optional Educational Testing Service AP prep courses. He is devastat-

"By providing students a choice of a letter grade, we provide students the ability to potentially better their chances and choices for colleges."

ed with the current Pass credit policy communicated by SJUSD. The grades from this semester will move the needle on his GPA.

☐ This petition is to ask the Superintendent of SJUSD to offer a choice to its students to select a letter grade or pass credit.

□Some are arguing that UC and CSU schools are changing their criteria to accommodate the effect of the covid-19 crisis. GPA will continue to be key admission criteria, however. What about other private colleges and universities who will be evaluating candidates that had the opportunity to attain letter grades during the shelter in place. By providing students a choice of a letter grade, we provide students the ability to potentially better their chances and choices for colleges.

 \square Let's provide our students the opportunity to choose. Please provide your support for choice by endorsing this petition.

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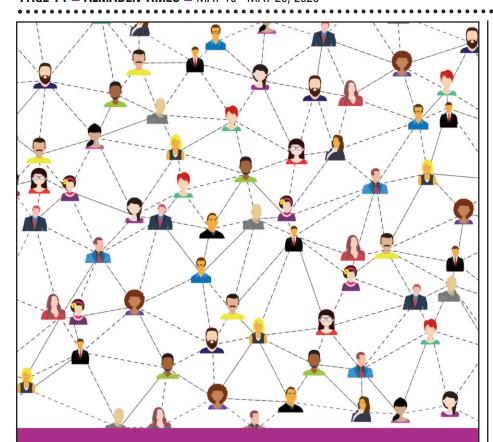
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Drive-in theaters reopen amid current coronavirus pandemic

You can watch movies as long as you follow strict health rules

Here is some welcome news for moviegoers, you can finally go to the movies again (drive-in theaters) as long as you follow some strict health rules.

Drive-ins provide the perfect isolated moviegoing experience — as people watch from their cars as opposed to sitting next to one another in a movie theater.

West Wind Drive-In Theaters, which just reopened Capitol Drive-In in San Jose, states on their Facebook page: "If you're sick STAY HOME!"

Here are the five rules listed on the West Wind's website.

- 1. People must stay in their cars at all times except to visit the restroom.
- 2. You must wear a face covering when leaving your car for any reason.
- 3. You may not park your vehicle within 10 feet of another vehicle.
- 4. A limited number of people are allowed in the restroom at a time, except adult with

5. Customers who do not follow these rules will be asked to leave.

Due to the fact that movie studios are not releasing new films right now, the lineup of movies have been out for weeks, still it's fun for many people to experience a family night out.

Remember, you have to provide your own snacks, so don't forget the popcorn!

For a list of movies visit: www.westwind-di.com Capitol Drive-in is located at: 3630 Hillcap Ave., San Jose, CA; (408) 226-2251.

State Senate candidate Ann Ravel receives endorsements from four City Councilmembers

San Jose City Councilmember Johnny Khamis first candidate from March primary to endorse in senate district 14 race

alifornia State Senate candidate Ann Ravel has received endorsements from four San Jose City Councilmembersincluding former competitor, Johnny Khamis.

Ravel's campaign announced on May 5 that she had captured the support of San Jose council members Johnny Khamis, Dev Davis, Lan Diep and Pam Foley.

Almaden Valley area-representative Khamis was previously a state senate candidate during the March 2020 primary, making Ravel the first candidate in the November election to earn the support of one of her former rivals.

Ravel said Khamis' endorsement is "significant."

"I'm supporting Ravel because she's someone with a proven track record of putting the interests of the public before any special interests," Khamis said. "As a consumer champion and fiscal watchdog she has fought tirelessly for our communities."

70-year-old Ravel will face off with Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese in November's general election to replace soon-to-be-termed out District 15 state Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose).

"I'm proud to have earned the support of Councilmembers Khamis, Davis, Diep and Foley," said Ravel. "At times like these, it is important that our elected officials speak for the people, not the special interests, and that's why I'm running for State Senate."



Ravel

Cortese, who enjoys official backing from labor, garnered 33.91 percent of the vote while Ravel nabbed 22.07 percent of the vote among a field of seven candidates.

Ravel, an attorney, headed the Federal Elections Commission during

the Obama administration. She was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to Chair the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Ravel has also earned endorsements from Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen, Santa Clara County Assessor Larry Stone and Santa Clara County Supervisors Susan Ellenberg, Joe Simitian, Congresswoman Katie Porter, California Women's List, California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus, and The Mercury News.

California's State Senate District 15 includes San José, Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and Saratoga.

ICE

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and overcrowded condition highlight
the failure to meet Center of Disease
Control and Prevention's (CDC) guideline of social distancing. According to
CDC's recommendation for the public, the agency encourages all people
to practice social distancing, avoid
gathering, and engage in frequent
hygiene practices as the most effective ways to prevent and combat the
virus; however, given the aforementioned conditions in ICE's detention
centers, it is almost impossible to

adhere to these guidelines.

It is clear that correctional and detention facilities have a higher risk of disease transmission: large numbers of people are living in confined environments, heightening the chance of an outbreak once the virus is introduced. Detainees being transported from one facility to another might be carriers of the virus; staffs' daily ingress and egress also increases the possible exposure, and even spread, of the virus. This not only puts the detainees at risk, but also the staff and their families, as well as the communities near the facilities.

Outbreak at facility could paralyze local healthcare system

If an outbreak occurs at a facility, it might even paralyze the local healthcare system. According to an analysis compiled by Reuters, one third of ICE's detention centers were located in an area with only one hospital, or none at all containing intensive-careunits (ICU) within 25 miles. For example, Winn Parish Medical Center¬the closest hospital to four of Louisiana detention facilities—only has 46 beds with five ICU beds; if an outbreak occurs, it will be almost impossible to take care of COVID-19 patients along with the residents in the area. This would results in detainees being transported to larger regional hospitals, $increasing \, the \, chance \, of \, transmitting \,$ the virus along the way, and a state like Louisiana is already straining to handle one of the fastest growing COVID-19 outbreaks in the nation, a place where outbreaks in detention centers would worsen and even paralyze the medical system.

Given these facts, we demand that the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement release immigrant detainees with no legal charges, or $adapt \, to \, Alternative \, \bar{Accompaniment}$ Programs which will ensure detainees living in homes that make social distancing possible. Due to ICE's lack of transparency, it is hard for the medical departments to estimate the number of cases in detention centers accurately, which might have downplayed the current situation in these facilities. However, considering the facilities' conditions and the confirmed cases in Texas and Illinois, it is clear that an outbreak at detention centers is only a matter of time. Therefore, we urge the release of immigrant detainees in ICE's detention centers and further demand ICE to construct a transparent plan that adheres to CDC's guidelines of prevention, including the availability of basic hygiene, professional medical treatment, and a thorough plan that outlines its procedures if an outbreak does occur.

Op Ed

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By Dave Cortese

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e are living in an unprecedented time that has forced a paradigm shift upon

V Us. There is an understanding among many across the globe that we are all dealing with the same obstacle.

For most of us, life has been stalled by the COVID-19 virus. Daily luxuries, which may have been taken for granted, have been replaced by physical distancing guidelines and a will to secure only the most basic necessities to protect us from a fast-moving and indiscriminate virus.

The ability to go back to work, send our children to school, or even the freedom to wander downtown

to enjoy a cup of coffee with friends, all feel elusive. This may feel isolating, but the majority of Americans rest easier knowing that a return to normalcy may not be too far away; but not if you are a foster care youth.

For young adults, ages 21 to 24, who are transitioning out of foster care, the most basic luxuries and necessities will feel even more out of

reach in a post-pandemic world.

This is why Santa Clara County needs a basic income program for transition-aged foster care youth. It is a first step toward giving these young

people the tools they need to build a fulfilling and self-sustaining life.

An idea I introduced earlier this year, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors as a pilot program, will provide foster care youth with a stipend of \$1,000 a month that youth could apply toward housing, utilities, groceries and other needs. Individuals will be paired with service providers and strategic public and private partners experienced with mentoring to assist them into self-sufficiency. The board will vote on greenlighting this pilot program this Tuesday.

Foster care youth are already a fragile demographic. Their early years are often marked by violence, trauma and poverty. Years after transitioning, they show residual signs of emotional and behavioral disturbance. Once emerged from foster care, they must quickly begin the difficult process of establishing themselves, typically without the safety net of family and close

friends. Will they find affordable housing or be reduced to sofa stints for months and years? Can they continue their education or are they doomed to decades of minimum wage employment?

The basic income pilot program I proposed will help these young people to not have to settle for less than what they deserve. Particularly in a post COVID-19 world, economic mobility will be slow for many, and even more pronounced for these youth. This program will give foster youth the tools they need to be successful to help them achieve parity in education, employment and income.

Basic income programs show great promise. Studies have indicated that such payments can reduce poverty, improve health and increase educational opportunities. The city of Stockton has undertaken a similar program with encouraging results.

The pilot program will continuously monitor how well the stipend has supported foster care youth in terms of educational achievement, financial fluency and job training.

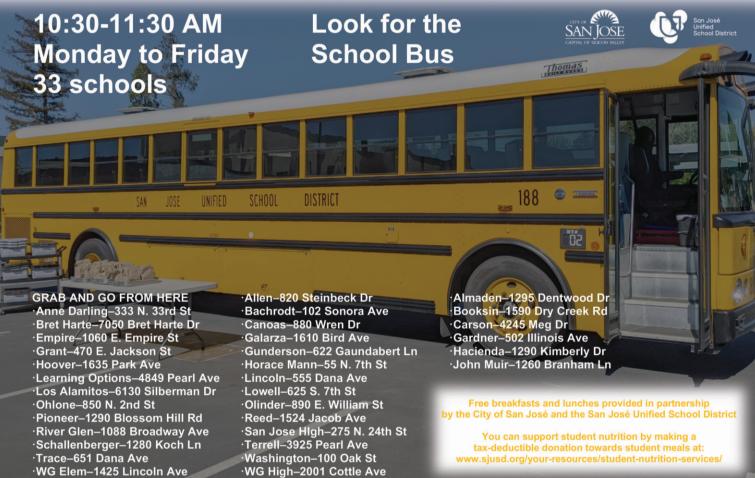
We are not all feeling the effects of this pandemic equally. As we deal with the day-to-day of this virus, we must not forget to look ahead. Young people are our future. Giving them the tools they need to succeed and thrive is our responsibility. There can be no clearer opportunity to meet this duty than the chance to support our foster youth through this difficult transition.

Dave Cortese has served on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors for more than a decade with four years as board president. Prior to this, Cortese served eight years on the San Jose City Council, including two years as vice mayor.





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The theme for the Shabbat dinner offerings is "Chicken Soup for the Quarantined Soul", and the menu included: challah, wine.

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Shabbat candles and Kiddush cups were also made available at no charge. Residents picked up their dinners at the Chabad House and dinners were delivered to sen-

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The project was inspired by the leader of world Jewry the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi M. M. Schneerson

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"Hundreds have enjoyed these kosher Shabbat meals. From people sheltered at home looking for a warm fresh meal to senior care's, assistant livings and hospitals, hundreds receive these weekly meals through our dedicated staff of volunteers," said Rabbi Mendel, Director of the Chabad. "We hope the meals bring some comfort to the 'Quarantined Soul' and trust in G-D that this will all be over very soon."

Shabbat is a time to spend each week with family. It's observed from sunset on Friday evening until the nightfall Saturday night. Shabbat is a festive day when Jews exercise their freedom, from the regular labors of everyday life to connect with G-d on a deeper level.

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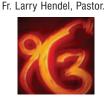
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