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SJCC partners with Google, Pathstream to offer federally registered apprenticeship program

San José City College (SJCC) is working with Google to train eight apprentices as part of Google's first Department of Labor-registered apprenticeship program.

Apprentices will complete two months of online coursework through SJCC to earn the Google IT Support Professional Certificate. Following the training, they will work for one year assisting Google's Sunnyvale office as IT Support Specialists. Google selected SJCC to serve as the program's inaugural training provider in California.

"SJCC is honored to participate in Google's new apprenticeship program," said Dr. Lena Tran, vice president of strategic partnerships and workforce innovation at SJCC. "This program will provide a

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Santa Clara County supervisors are facing staggering budget shortfall

By Madelyn Reese
Article courtesy of
San José Spotlight

Santa Clara County supervisors started the daunting task of addressing an anticipated budget deficit of between \$200 million and \$600 million, with jobs as the first place to cut.

Before kicking off discussion Aug. 17 of the specifics of how to address the shortfall, supervisors reviewed their challenges, including uncertainty in federal and state funding and the unclear severity and duration of the pandemic. They were stymied by the knowledge that this massive deficit cannot be solved with one-time funding solutions.

The current budget up for debate is planned to resolve about \$144 million of the county's shortfall, primarily through the

WHERE TO CUT?



Santa Clara Board of Supervisors members **Cindy Chavez** (top left), **Mike Wasserman** (top right), **Joseph Simitian** (bottom left), and **Susan Ellenberg** (bottom right) on a Zoom budget meeting. *Photo by Madelyn Reese.*

elimination of staff. Jeffrey Smith, county executive officer, said the proposed job cuts are primarily funded, vacant positions.

"We asked certain departments to match, or come up with reduction targets ...This is just a start, we expect more later,"

Smith said. "But we think we gave you a proposal here that is relatively easy because the positions, the majority of the positions are vacant..."

Department heads have come up with plans to move employees around to prevent layoffs. "So

with this budget, no one will go out the door," Smith said.

Despite the proposed budget cuts and deletions, the county acknowledges there still will be a large deficit that will need continual cost reductions throughout the

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EVERGREEN VALLEY'S NEWEST RESTAURANT OPENS

Indian cuisine offered in outdoor patio setting



Evergreen Valley's newest restaurant, Pyar, is now open offering savory Indian cuisine in an outdoor patio setting.

Pyar Restaurant, located in the Yerba Buena at San Felipe Shopping Center occupying the former Milan location, had its soft opening August 20 with patio seating dining and takeout dinners.

"The restaurant showcases our love for Indian food and various ingredients from around the world with a California influence," said Pyar Restaurant owner Sareetha Amujala. "We are constantly redefining dishes whether it be by trying different cooking methods, use of clay-pots, or cross culture fusion."

Appetizers

A few of the appetizers include: Pani Puri,
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Budget

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next fiscal year. Supervisors plan to revisit the budget in November and February.
Proposed position deletions include:
Office of the County Executive: One public communication specialist, one protocol officer and two multimedia communication officers.
Office of Sustainability: One program manager II.
Division of Equity and Social Justice (DESJ): Two management analyst, one community outreach specialist, one training and staff development specialist, one graphic designer II and one research and evaluation specialist II.
Also planned is the elimination of one senior loss prevention specialist in the Lia-

bility and Property Insurance Division of the Risk Management Department.
There weren't only cuts in the proposed budget. Suggested places to allocate county funds included:
Registrar of Voters: Ongoing funding of \$952,800 to fund additional extra help hours.
County Library District: One-time funding of \$4,522,136 for the purchase of fixed assets.
Budget Director Greg Iturria said the county is attempting to balance the rest of the budget. The county expects to lose an expected \$24 million on delinquent tax payments and penalties because Gov. Gavin Newsom in May signed an executive order mandating property tax relief.
"On everyone's mind right now is that we don't have the additional federal stimulus

money ...many of us hoped for," Iturria said. "The state budget was adopted with automatic trigger cuts. If the federal government doesn't provide at least \$14 billion in new flexible aid ... we need to be prepared for another round of cuts... We want to have some set aside to help us prepare for that."
Federal funding has been inadequate in volume, in amount and in flexibility, Iturria said. The federal government's aid has too many restrictions on top of inadequate amount of funds, he said, so the county will need to look for additional funding.
Supervisors were concerned about the elimination of positions and how those deleted positions might be added back if needed.
Iturria assured that through an "add/delete" process, county offices will

have flexibility in hiring and filling holes. Just because a position is deleted doesn't mean a department can't come back to the county in the event that a retirement or resignation occurs and be able to institute a needed position somewhere else.
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Pyar

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– served with ube filling; Pyar Lamb Shank Taco; Fire Roasted Grilled shrimp on skewers – served with avocado aioli; Malai Chicken Boti - tender pieces of flamed grilled chicken served with a bechamel sauce; Garlic Burrata Platter - Burrata cheese, roasted garlic and turmeric powder, and more.
Main dishes
Main dishes include: Pickled Eggplant and Mango; Pan Fried Salmon; Butter Chicken; Shrimp Curry, Shahi Paneer, Lamb Curry; and Bamboo Steamed Sea Bass, and more.
Beverages
Various wines by the glass and bottle are available. Beer on draft and by the bottle and craft cocktails are also available. Pyar is also offering takeout drinks.
Safety
Pyar is complying with county health recommendations with limited spaced outdoor seating.
"We opened Pyar in different times, and with that being said, the safety of our staff and customers are our top priority, Amujala explained. "We are strictly following Covid-19 protocols and social distancing. We are also monitoring the fires and will be open depending upon the weather conditions. We request customers to check our website for the latest updates before coming."
Patio dining and take-out are available through Pyar's website: www.pyarrestaurant.com or call (408) 440-8947.
Editor's note: Pyar (which means love) is located at: 4898 San Felipe Road Suite #150 San Jose, CA 95135. Phone: (408) 440-8947. Email: info@pyarrestaurant.com; Open: Tuesday - Sunday 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Board moves toward strengthening aid to landlords and tenants

Proposal calls for expanding mediation services

In order to better respond to landlord-tenant disputes, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted on Tuesday, August 25, to focus on expanding county mediation services for tenants who have fallen behind on rent during the pandemic and their landlords.
The Board approved Supervisor Dave Cortese's call for expanded services at a time when there is a growing need for mediation services emerging from recent eviction moratoriums and the back payment of rent to landlords. With the loss of jobs because of COVID-19, thousands of tenants cannot pay rent and are at the brink of evictions and homelessness. At the same time, landlords also have financial burdens and limited cash flow.
Administration will return to the Board at the September 22 with a report.

"During these challenging times, tensions may be running high for both tenants and landlord," said Supervisor Cortese. "Sometimes all it takes is getting the two sides to sit down and work out a solution."
The mediation is a voluntary, non-binding process aimed at ensuring that a mutual resolution for all parties can be reached.
There are an estimated 43,490 households in Santa Clara County that are most at risk of eviction because residents have lost work with no replacement income, according to a report by Working Partnerships USA and the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley. These households are disproportionately people of color, women-headed households, and families with young children.
The County Office of Mediation and Ombuds Services, which conducts mediation service, was established in 1977 to help in the mediation of conflicts for County residents. OMOS is currently open during COVID-19 offering services by phone, email and video conference.



Brilliance

Another brilliant sunset with muted red caused by the heavy concentration of smoke in the atmosphere from nearby fires. *Photo by Lou Alexander*

SJCC

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pathway to high-quality IT jobs in Google's offices during this tough economic time."
Google's IT apprenticeship program is part of a larger digital jobs program the company recently announced to catalyze economic recovery in the United States. The launch and implementation of the apprenticeship at SJCC has been supported by Pathstream, a provider of digital skills training.
"San José City College brings years of experience training students to meet the demands of the changing workforce," said Eleanor Cooper, CEO of Pathstream. "Pathstream is excited to partner with the college to bring another digital skills training program to the South Bay and provide employment opportunities at a time when so many people need them."
Nationally, Department of Labor-registered apprenticeship programs offer important pathways to high-quality jobs. Apprenticeships enable individuals to obtain paid work experience while receiving classroom instruction and on-the-job training. Employers have hired over 780,000 apprentices since 2017, but apprenticeship opportunities in emerging tech fields are still rare. This program with Google offers apprentices a unique opportunity to receive training and employment from one of the world's leading tech companies.
The eight apprentices selected to support Google's Sunnyvale office went through a rigorous hiring process. They join a cohort of apprentices from across the nation who were placed in Google offices across California, Texas, and New York. The program began on August 17, 2020, and will conclude in 2021.

Evergreen businesses begin serving customers in open air

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

Many resilient Evergreen businesses are kick starting our economy by offering their services outdoors.

Mayor Liccardo and others voted to allow business to operate outside. It is a bit like visiting Europe where tables are placed in the open air.

This could begin a new trend in how Evergreen businesses operate especially in serving delicious restaurant meals and drinks where joyful conversations can be heard.

If you are a business owner, don't forget the City of San Jose has just approved free set up for your business in parks located close on a first come first serve basis. Bon appétit!



Hair and Nails (corner of White Road and Quimby Road) has two haircut stations providing haircuts starting at \$16 with no lines.



Evergreen Inn Restaurant (corner of White Road and Aborn Road) serves many with outdoor tables



The new Pyar Restaurant offers social distancing outdoor dining and also takeout.

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High school junior creates new app to give under-served kids access to sports gear and training

Shay Patel, a high school junior, has organized a team of philanthropic teens that are on a mission to level the distance learning playing field.

Patel has set out on a mission to give under-served kids access to sports gear, training and experiences. In light of COVID-19, he has also added eLearning devices to his efforts in his new app: Alley-Oop. The app directly connects people who need eLearning devices and sports gear to those who wish to donate those items; everything is totally free.

With a growing number of schools announcing distance and hybrid learning models for fall, there is still an eLearning device shortage as well as a lack of school sports. Patel armed with his app, addresses both of those gaps.

"Since I was young I have been insanely passionate about sports," Patel said. "As an eleven-year-old at basketball practice at the Boys & Girls Club, I was surprised to see that most of the other kids there were not playing in proper basketball shoes. Some wore flip flops. That didn't sit well with me so I took matters into my own hands, translating empathy into action, launching Alley-Oop."

AlleyOop is available for download now on the App Store and Google Play Store. For more information, visit alleyoopkids@gmail.com. To donate, visit: www.gofundme.com/f/alley-oop-kids

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Santa Clara County law makers approve fines for not wearing masks, flouting health order

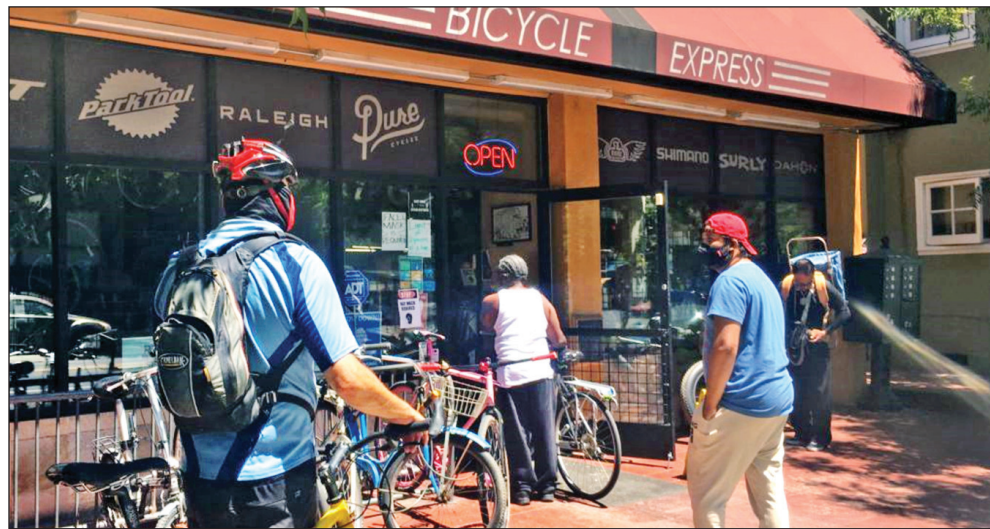
By Lorraine Gabbert

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

Santa Clara County will begin issuing fines of up to \$500 for not wearing face masks or social distancing in public, the Board of Supervisors decided unanimously Tuesday, July 11.

In an attempt to control the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate its impact, the board adopted an urgency ordinance issuing citations against residents and businesses for violating health code regulations, including not wearing a mask outdoors. The new ordinance will go into effect immediately.

"I'm supporting this because we have something in place we can use now," said Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman. "We have so many closed businesses and peo-



In this file photo, customers observe social distancing and wear face masks while waiting in front of Bicycle Express. Photo by Tran Nguyen

ple out of school and unemployed and headed towards bankruptcy. We can't afford the time to sit down with various groups and negotiate."

While county officials for months relied on the "honor system" to enforce the rules, officials said the message was not resonating and violations to the county health order ran rampant. County Executive Jeff Smith warned on Tuesday the state will take negative financial

action toward counties that don't actively enforce local and statewide ordinances.

"We have to come up with an enforcement mechanism in order to avoid losing revenue," Smith said.

Several Bay Area counties, including San Mateo and Contra Costa counties have adopted similar

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader shares words with Temple project owner

Dear Editor,

I have some comments for the owner of 2740 Ruby Avenue (the proposed Temple project).

Like ...owner dude!! What the hell is wrong with you? Did AmEx take your Platinum card away? Maybe you're having some liquidity issues?

I'm pretty sure you're not short of money. And I know you have an incredibly big heart to help this temple community. But, to be honest, I have to question your judgement, and maybe your intellect.

Why in God's name would you decide to build this magnificent temple estate on this little piece of land? I mean, think of all the reasons why this doesn't make any sense.

First of all, the community doesn't seem too pleased with your fancy project.

It's in a quiet, mature residential neighborhood. You'll probably need to follow some rules to avoid disturbing or otherwise bothering the neighbors. This ain't like a commercial or rural district where you can make a little more noise at night.

And if you don't follow the rules, the neigh-

bors are gonna call the police. Then your people will have to deal with the police AND the grouchy neighbors.

And you're already cramming an undersized underground garage for all the lavish buildings onto this modest piece of land. What will you do when you need more room for entertaining, or perhaps more parking spaces? You're landlocked! You're trapped. Your holy mission can't grow!

Like I said, it makes no sense for a billionaire like you; with unlimited resources; unlimited choices. Someone who I would think would want privacy and some room to stretch out.

You really should consider building elsewhere, on a bigger plot of land, with plenty of space for indoor and outdoor activities, and room to grow. First class all the way dude. That should be part of your legacy. Not this. Not economy.

Don't be that guy in the club who cheaped out on this inspirational project, and screwed his beneficiaries and membership, and pissed off the whole community along the way.

My man, listen to me, this is your rep at stake. Do the right thing. Do the smart thing. Do it for your followers. There's still time to

turn this ark around.

Tom Paramo

Evergreen Resident

Statement regarding FPPC complaint

Dear Editor,

My statement in regard to the FPPC Complaint that myself, Marsha Grilli, and Pat Waite filed about Assemblymember & Candidate Kansen Chu's campaign finances follows:

Our political system is built on the assertion that there is a level playing field for candidates to debate ideology in good faith. As Chair Emeritus of the Elections & Redistricting Committee, I worked to make a more just process. While it has never been a perfect system, Assemblymember Chu's decision to spend from two different campaign accounts with different contribution limits represents a 'Trumpian' selfishness that is wrong for this moment in our history and has no place anywhere in American politics.

At a time in our history when we are pushing to root out corruption at the federal level, we cannot turn a blind eye to what is happening in our own backyard. Mr. Chu has shown a

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policies to issue fines on health order violators.

Santa Clara County's measure was proposed after an increase in the number of COVID-19 violations, officials said, including failure to wear face coverings and social distancing. County public health leaders say those violations resulted in a recent spike of COVID-19 cases and deaths.

Businesses will also be cited for failing to follow health guidelines under the ordinance.

"Anyone who thinks we don't need more aggressive action should look at the chart showing just how many tests we are or aren't getting," Supervisor Joe Simitian said Tuesday. "Lives are at stake."

As the county last month began loosening its shelter-in-place orders and reopened some businesses, it reported an increase of COVID-19 cases to 10,767 from 7,537 from July 13 to Aug. 2. There have been 12,962 cases, 207 deaths and 180 hospitalizations as of Tuesday, according to Santa Clara County Public Health.

County officials say some businesses are not reporting positive COVID-19 cases, hampering the county's ability to conduct contact tracing. A San José Spotlight report this week revealed more than two dozen businesses have been accused of forcing employees to return to work, despite shelter-in-place orders, ignoring employees who showed symptoms and hiding unsafe work conditions.

"There have been numerous instances of businesses failing to timely report positive cases in their workplaces which undermines the county's ability to effectively carry out contact tracing," according to a staff report.

An East San Jose resident named Veronica said many businesses near her are not in compliance with public health orders and asked who to contact. She was told to call the District Attorney's COVID-19 tip line.

The county also received reports of several large healthcare facilities refusing to provide tests to people at elevated risk of contracting COVID-19, or who have been exposed, officials said. County leaders said the success of the shelter-in-place orders rely on effective enforcement.

Hospital leaders Tuesday expressed concerns about keeping up with testing, especially as supplies run low.

"We're working in good faith to stop this pandemic," said Elizabeth Vilardo, CEO of Palo Alto Medical Foundation. "But we're hampered by a shortage of testing material and the variable sensitivity of tests."

Cindy Chavez, president of the Santa Clara County board of supervisors, said her office has been trying to move health and hospital systems in the county in a positive direction for months. "The partnership we need from 11 hospitals has to be done in a much more urgent, orchestrated, way," Chavez said. "This says the board is serious about testing county-wide."

Multiple scientific studies have con-

firmed that social distancing, facial coverings, robust testing and rapid contact tracing are effective at curbing the spread of the virus.

Under the measure, violators could be fined \$25 to \$500 and businesses could face penalties ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. The fine amount will depend on the severity of the violation, the gravity of the public health risk exposed and repeat offenses, among other considerations.

Unlike enforcement policies in other Bay Area counties, Santa Clara County lawmakers are proposing a grace period of up to 72 hours that allows an individual to avoid facing fines — subject to the discretion of the enforcement officer — if the violation is corrected. Resisters could be charged with a misdemeanor and fined up to \$1,000.

"It is the intent of this provision to provide a grace period as the default whenever applicable," the resolution says, "however, all matters relating to grace periods are within the sole discretion of the Enforcement Officer and are not appealable."

Much of the onus to enforce the county health order, including the mandatory face mask requirement, fell on businesses and residents. County leaders had recommended reporting COVID-19 workplace violations to the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement and other violations to the District Attorney's Office.

Face coverings have become a hotly debated political issue, even in Silicon Valley, with some refusing or forgetting to wear masks. Supervisor Dave Cortese in July described enforcing the rules somewhat of an "honor" system, hoping people would be peer-pressured into doing the right thing.

The county said the fines will fund compliance education and the cost of the Public Health Order Enforcement Program.



Protect Farm Field Workers Project GoFundMe campaign raises money for thousands of masks

A GoFundMe campaign has been started for farm workers in the San Jose area.

More than \$130,000 has been raised in just two days.

The funds were initially planned to be used to purchase masks for the more than 400 workers still working as dozens of fires rage across the state. However, due to the success of the campaign, the money will now allow organizers to be able to purchase thousands of masks for essential workers across the state.

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FPPC complaint alleges Chu skirted campaign finance laws

Chu denies any wrongdoing

By Stella Lorence

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

California Assemblymember Kansen Chu, who is running for Santa Clara County supervisor, is the subject of a complaint filed with the Fair Political Practices Commission.

The complaint, filed by former Assemblymember Paul Fong, alleges Chu violated the Political Reform Act by using his campaign for state Assembly to skirt the donation limits on candidates for supervisor.

In California, Assembly candidates can accept donations of up to \$4,700, while candidates for supervisor can only accept up to \$1,000 in Santa Clara County. Fong's complaint alleges Chu maintained his Assembly campaign committee even after announcing in May, 2019 he didn't plan to run for Assembly in order to skirt these limits.

Chu denied any wrongdoing.

"I've got nothing to hide," Chu told the San José Spotlight Aug. 17. "The FPPC is (looking) into it, but I've got nothing to hide."

Part of the funds from the Assembly campaign paid for mailers to promote Chu's supervisorial campaign in December, according to Fong's complaint. Recipients of the

mailers were mainly in the county's District 3, where Chu is facing rival Otto Lee for termed-out Supervisor Dave Cortese's seat.

But District 3 does not fall within Chu's Assembly constituency.

"I don't know if (the mailers are) legal or not but it's certainly questionable," said Pat Waite, who received one of the mailers and was listed as a witness in the complaint.

Fong, who chaired the elections and redistricting committee during his time in the Assembly, said he worked to pass laws that discouraged the kind of fundraising activity Chu is doing. He looked into Chu's campaign after his daughter in Sunnyvale received one of the mailers.

Chu faces Lee, a patent attorney and former Sunnyvale mayor, in the District 3 race, and narrowly led the March primary election by less than 3% of the vote. Chu said he believes the state FPPC complaint is part of a smear campaign from Lee because Fong is a "kind of mentor" to Lee.

"They're just throwing (expletive) at the fans and hoping something will stick," Chu said.

Fong denied the complaint was part of a smear campaign, saying he was acting on his own ethical beliefs.



Assemblyman **Kansen Chu** is pictured on election night during the March primary. Photo by Katie Lauer.

"I thought it was unfair and unethical, what (Chu) was doing," Fong said. "It's just my value system. It's how I practiced in the state Assembly. I don't think (Chu) is acting ethically."

Fong's complaint also alleges Chu violated rules for reporting gifts, meals or travel paid for by a campaign committee. Under the Political Reform Act, expenditures on gifts, meals and travel must be reported along with an explanation of the political, legislative or governmental purpose of the expenditure and information such as the date, amount and whether any "household" members were included, according to campaign finance law.

Fong's complaint alleges that Chu underreported travel and other expenses and excluded information about the na-

ture of the payments. Some of the reports lacking the necessary information are for payments made to Chu's wife and son-in-law, some dating back to 2014.

The complaint is under review by the FPPC, according to an agency spokesman, which will determine if an investigation needs to be opened.

"On behalf of our neighbors in District 3 and the people of Santa Clara County," Fong wrote in his complaint, "we demand that the FPPC take immediate action to rectify this issue by holding Assemblymember Kansen Chu accountable for his blatant disregard for ethics and integrity in the political process."

Chu has received three warning letters from the FPPC throughout his career, which

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were enclosed with Fong’s complaint.

“I’ve been audited in every campaign,” Chu explained. “They say it’s on a lottery system but I always get audited.”

The first was in 2010 after Chu accepted two gifts in 2008 that exceeded the gift value limit for public officials. Chu responded that he thought they were exempt since the giving organizations were registered 501(c)(3) organizations, and FPPC closed the case.

In 2011, Chu received a second warning regarding gift limits. Chu was cleared after he provided the FPPC with a copy of a check proving he had repaid the full amount of the gift. The FPPC again closed the case.

Chu’s most recent FPPC warning was in 2018, after his 2016 Assembly campaign committee was audited.

The audit found Chu’s campaign committee “failed to maintain adequate records” of the dates of two donations. Because of the lack of records, which is a violation of Political Reform Act, the audit report could not determine if the donations were legal. However, further action was not needed because the audit found that

Chu’s committee “substantially complied” with the state election laws.

“There was some oversight but no action,” Chu said of the warnings. “I’m sure the 2020 report will be the same.”

Lee and Chu face off Nov. 3.

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Op Ed: Community newspapers are key to a more inclusive America

Assembly Bill 323: Helping local news outlets survive

By **Blanca Rubio and Evan Low**

More than 50 years have passed since President Lyndon Johnson heralded ethnic newspapers for their role in building American unity.

"Your publications represent one of the most American of all our American institutions," Johnson told a roomful of publishers in the East Room of the White House. "Beyond this moment, beyond this hour, beyond this year, we must work for a better America - for all Americans ...this is the work we must always do." In these desper-

ate times of horror and righteous anger over the needless deaths of George Floyd and countless others - and dawning shame that microaggressions against people of color, immigrants, and LGBTQIA are so commonplace they rarely draw more than passing acknowledgment - we recognize we have a very long way to go to reach America's promise of compassion and unity; a promise that our country will embrace all people from different genders, religious affiliations and ethnicities equally.

And more than ever, America's newspapers are vital in helping our nation reach its potential.

Citizens in our country turn to the news for information about the state of our country and the recent riots. The only reason we know about injustices in our backyard is because journalists rushed to the front lines to report in real time so we might know what was happening and what it might mean for the future of our community and society at large.

Newspapers shine a light on injustice and keep public pressure on the powerful. They combat the insidious spread of false information, especially un-vetted rumors that spread like wildfire across social media. They provide more than sound bites and



Blanca Rubio (left) and Evan Low

280-character tweets; they inform our communities with insightful, in-depth coverage of weighty challenges and the truth.

Newspapers are messengers of our work toward a better society

And in these troubled times, they are messengers of our work toward a better society that prioritizes peace, respect, interfaith restorative justice and the value of all humankind. Indeed, the great theologian Karl Barth once told Time magazine newspapers are so important that "I always pray for the sick, the poor, journalists, authorities of the state and the church - in that order." But the old adage "What we take for granted will eventually be taken away" has never been more prescient.

Newspapers struggling with the one-two punch of the financial impact of COVID-19 on advertising revenue now face impending increased costs of new employment laws in California. As many as 20% of California's newspapers are teetering on the financial cliff, putting many communities in jeopardy of becoming news-less.

As representatives of vibrant and extremely diverse districts, we are gravely concerned about the future of community and ethnic media. These outlets not only provide facts but also guide how to operate in American society - including how to participate civically. And local print newspapers ensure seniors and those without reliable internet access stay informed and engaged.

That's why we are authoring Assembly Bill 323 (Rubio), which will bolster local news outlets, including ethnic media outlets, by establishing a path for them to access state advertising and providing more time for these outlets to adjust to independent contractor laws. This lifeline will help community and ethnic outlets survive, stabilize and continue to serve their communities.

Ask for a "Yes" vote on AB 323

AB 323 needs to pass the powerful Assembly Labor Committee and be voted upon by the state Assembly before the end of this month. Readers can support its passage by calling the Labor Committee chair, our respected colleague Assemblyman Ash Kalra, and asking for a yes vote on AB 323. Assemblyman Kalra can be reached at 916-319-2027.

Our great democracy - and our ability to improve it - is predicated on an informed citizenry. We cannot allow our community newspapers to die when we need them the most - in our pursuit of a more just, more inclusive America. Blanca Rubio, D-Baldwin Park, represents the 48th District in the California Assembly. Evan Low, D-Campbell, represents the 28th District in the California Assembly. Readers can support AB 323 by going to www.savemypaper.com.

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Times **Community News****San José Fire Department actively recruiting firefighter EMT's and paramedics**

The San José Fire Department is currently recruiting firefighter EMTs and firefighter paramedics for the 2021 Firefighter Recruit Academy.

The Fire Department is looking for individuals who wish to serve the San José community by taking leadership and action in crisis situations.

Interested applicants should have a high school diploma or equivalent, valid EMT certificate (or be in the process), valid CPAT card/letter (within 6 months of application deadline), and take a written exam through the National Testing Network (NTN) website at www.nationaltestingnetwork.com.

The application deadline is September 6, 2020.

For more information, visit: sjfd.org.

Board of Supervisors funds recognizing Juneteenth as a countywide holiday

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on Friday, August 21, allocated \$2.3 million to be put into reserve to fund declaring Juneteenth as a County holiday.

The vote came during the final budget hearing and adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget. The final vote on declaring June 19, 2021, a day to recognize Juneteenth will return at the Board meeting on September 1.

Supervisor Dave Cortese's proposal was approved unanimously on August 11 by the Board to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States 30 months and 19 days after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

Both votes followed dozens of speakers who asked the Board to support Supervisor Cortese's proposal to recognize the legacy of injustice against people of color. Supervisor also received many letters and other voices of support from the community.

Burglary at Infinity car dealership thwarted by police officer

On Monday, August 17, at approximately 4:06 a.m., San Jose Police Officers responded to a burglary in progress call at the Infinity car dealership located at 2198 Tully Road in Evergreen.

When Officers arrived on scene two suspects were attempting to flee in a vehicle, driving directly at one Officer who was approaching on foot.

The Officer discharged his firearm at least one-time at the suspect vehicle. Two suspects from the vehicle were subsequently taken into custody. Neither the officer nor the suspects were injured.

Suspects Trevon Mikel Richardson, 21, and Malachi Apache Chandler, 18, both of Antioch were taken into custody at the scene. Richardson was identified as the

driver of the vehicle, and Chandler as the passenger.

Both suspects were booked into the Santa Clara County Jail. Richardson was booked for assault with a deadly weapon on an Officer as well as commercial burglary. Chandler was booked for commercial burglary and an out of county warrant for larceny.

The Officer involved in the shooting has been placed on routine administrative leave. The San Jose Police Department's Homicide Unit is conducting the criminal investigation. The case is being monitored by the San Jose Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit, the City Attorney's Office, and the Office of the Independent Police Auditor.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Paul Hamblin and/or Detective Kenneth Rak of the San Jose Police Department's Homicide Unit at 408-277-5283.

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Larry Camacho, 86, was born in Hawaii to Lawrence Senior and Mary Camacho, along with his two brothers, three sisters. He is survived by his lov-



ing wife Marlene Camacho of 66 years and his three daughters Valerie, Denise, Kerrie Ann and his son Daniel. He was blessed with nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Larry and Marlene married in 1954 and traveled extensively throughout the world including many trips to his native Hawaiian Islands. Larry retired after 43 years to pursue his hobbies and continue travels. He was a sportsman baseball, basketball, golf, bocce ball and coaching his kids sports teams. He loved playing his ukulele; singing with the Village Ukulele club and dancing with Marlene.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held when it is safe to do so.

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Fire relief for fireman Darrell Sales surpasses \$50K

The GoFundMe campaign to garner funds to help San Jose firefighter Darrell Sales has reached its goal of raising more than \$50,000. Darrel lost his home and everything in it in the Santa Cruz mountains. The weblink for the Go Fund Me Page is: www.gofundme.com/f/fire-relief-for-a-fireman



Health precautions issued for wildfire smoke and poor air quality

The Bay Area is currently experiencing poor air quality due to fires throughout our region.

Smoke from wildfires creates unhealthy air. Everyone should follow basic precautions to stay healthy. People who have respiratory conditions like asthma and COPD need to be extra careful.

Kaiser Permanente has issued the following precautions for wildfire smoke and poor air quality:

- Check air quality reports and use common sense. Air quality can change quickly. If it's smoky, avoid outside activities.
- Stay indoors as much as possible. Close doors and windows.
- Set your car air conditioner to recirculate air instead of drawing in outside air.
- Consider going somewhere with better air quality if you have symptoms from smoke that aren't getting better.
- Have a plan for where you'll get care if needed, if you evacuate or leave the area.

Video and phone appointments are a convenient and effective option for many care needs. Learn more about video visits.

There are some important differences between masks that protect you from smoke (N95 masks) and those that protect you and others from COVID-19.

- Adults may benefit from using an N95 mask if they have one and must be out-

doors. This helps protect you from unhealthy air. Masks must be fitted properly. Masks and cloth face coverings that help slow the spread of COVID-19 aren't effective for smoke.

- We don't recommend children wear N95 masks. They aren't made for children and may not fit properly. They won't protect them from smoke. Masks and cloth face coverings can also obstruct breathing in babies and young children. It's best to keep children indoors to reduce smoke exposure.

If you have a respiratory condition like asthma or COPD, smoke can make symptoms worse or cause a flare up. In addition to the basic precautions above, be sure to:

- Follow your asthma action plan.
- Use your daily asthma and COPD medicines, and any allergy medicine.
- Watch for symptoms, such as wheezing, chest tightness, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.

If you have an asthma or COPD flare up:

- Use your daily asthma and COPD medicines, and any allergy medicine.
- Use your quick-relief medicine (albuterol) as needed.
- Try not to panic.
- Timely treatment at home may help prevent serious breathing problems.

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San Diego Mayor Faulconer and San Jose Mayor Liccardo urge California to avoid exodus of ride-share companies

San Diego Mayor Faulconer and San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo released the following statement regarding the impending exodus of ride-share companies from California due to AB5:

"As the Republican and Democratic mayors of two of California's three largest cities, we have serious concerns that this Friday, most of California's nearly one million gig workers will lose their rideshare income when Uber and Lyft shut down their operations in the Golden State. A court's decision to not exempt ridesharing companies from the dictates of Assembly Bill 5, which forces many businesses to treat independent workers as employees, has caused Uber and Lyft to prepare to exit their largest domestic market. This sudden disappearance of jobs and transportation options will only deepen the economic pain felt in our communities during this historic pandemic and recession. Most of us appreciate the critical value rideshare services provide, but this is about more than the mere convenience that these businesses bring to our daily routines. Uber and Lyft deliver food to homebound seniors, transport patients to and from medical care, support the nation's largest bike-share networks, and serve as a lifeline for essential workers who need transportation. We ask that the Court of Appeal grant Uber and Lyft's writ petitions and stay the injunction that would require these companies to restructure their entire operations virtually overnight. A stay could provide an opportunity for parties to come together with state leaders to negotiate a resolution to this complex issue and avoid irreparable harm upon hundreds of thousands of residents whose lives and livelihoods daily depend on these services."

Santa Clara County declares Lyme disease awareness

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors unanimously declared Lyme Disease Awareness in the County.

Bay Area Lyme Foundation studied ticks in a dozen open space preserves in Santa Clara County and found ticks carrying the bacteria that cause Lyme Disease in all twelve locations. The growing spread of Lyme disease has been linked to both climate change and land use change, as warmer temperatures and habitat destruction have pushed ticks further into densely populated areas.

"With our belief that being outside is safer than being inside in preventing COVID-19 transmissions, it is important that we call attention to Lyme disease,

which is also a significant public health threat," said Supervisor Dave Cortese. "Thank you to the Bay Area Lyme Foundation for bringing awareness to this tick-borne disease and the precautions we can take to prevent it."

Raeena Lari, a San Jose resident, welcomed the awareness initiative by Supervisor Dave Cortese. "My family was exposed at a Santa Clara County park," Lari said. "The debilitating illness took us to 26 different doctors and specialists over an entire year, before a diagnosis was eventually made because of the widespread and mistaken notion that Lyme does not exist in California."

Linda Giampa, executive director of the Bay Area Lyme Foundation, said, "Many people are unaware of the dangers of tick exposure and the need for tick checks when returning from outdoor activities."

The California Department of Health recommends the following precautions for protection:

- Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered repellent to keep ticks off your skin and clothing. Use tick repellent with at least 20% DEET as an active ingredient, which is safe when used as directed and is proven to prevent tick bites.

- Wear clothing treated with 0.5% permethrin, which is an active ingredient designed to kill ticks. (Permethrin should never be applied to skin.)

- While walking outside in areas where ticks live, stay in the middle of trails, and avoid grassy areas, leaf litter, contact with rocks, logs, tree trunks, and fallen branch-



es or tree limbs in forests. Ticks are often hiding in these areas, waiting to bite and feed on an animal or person.

- After returning indoors from an area with ticks, thoroughly check yourself and others (including pets) for ticks during and up to three days after being outside in areas with ticks.

- Shower as soon as you can after leaving areas with ticks.

- Place any clothing you were wearing while in areas with ticks in a hot dryer for 10 minutes to kill ticks crawling on clothing.

For additional information on Lyme disease, please contact the Bay Area Lyme Foundation at www.bayarealyme.org.

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Report: Best 10 dog-loving states

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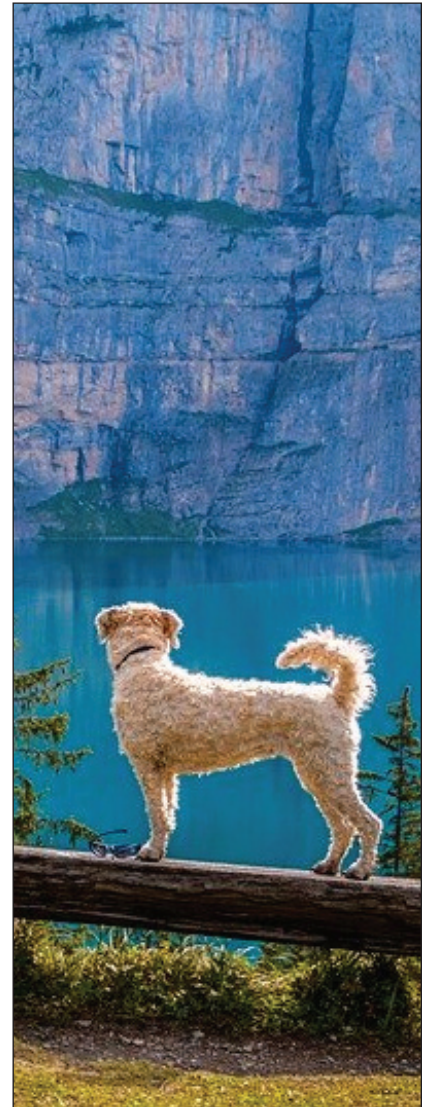
Can you believe that dogs have been with us for at least 14,000 years?

The holiday experts at National Today, the internet's #1 authority for holidays, surveyed 3,000 Americans about everyone's favorite furry friends and found:

- The majority of dog owners (70%) would prefer to spend time with their dogs versus people
- Nearly a quarter of men (23%) would prefer to spend time with their dogs than go on a date
- Nearly 4 in 10 women (39%) would prefer spending time with their dogs to dating
- 68% of dog owners allow their dog to sleep with them at least once a month

Additionally, the top 10 dog-loving states are:

1. California
2. New York
3. Washington
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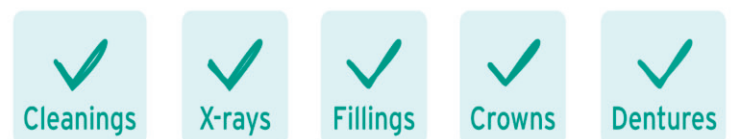
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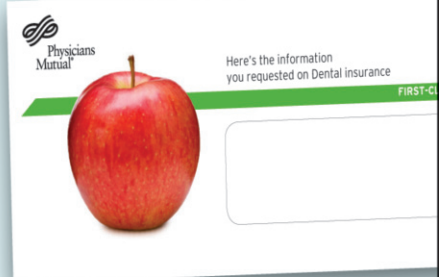
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Times **Local News****Americans turning to gardening to pass the time during Covid**

With the summer weather here and thousands of bars, gyms, and other public places still closed, many Americans are turning to gardening to pass the time.

Since gardening has benefits like boosting mental health and providing a sense of community, LawnStarter has released its nationwide study of the best cities for urban gardening.

To dig up our list of America's Best Cities for Urban Gardening, LawnStarter compared the 150 most populated U.S. cities. We used 11 metrics grouped into two categories: climate and gardening activity. The factors we looked at? The number of nurseries and gardening stores, number of community gardens, length of growing season, and average percentage of potential sunshine in the spring, summer and fall.

Here are America's best 12 cities for urban gardening:

1. Miami, Florida
2. Orlando, Florida
3. Tampa, Florida
4. Santa Rosa, California
5. Fort Lauderdale, Florida
6. Baton Rouge, Louisiana
7. St. Petersburg, Florida

8. St. Louis, Missouri
9. Augusta, Georgia
10. Riverside, California
11. Mobile, Alabama
12. Port St. Lucie, Florida

Methodology

Here are the factors we took into account to come up with the ranking.

Gardening activity (total points: 55)

- * Number of nurseries and gardening stores per 100,000 residents: 15 points
- * Number of community gardens per 100,000 residents: 15 points
- * Number of regional gardening clubs per 100,000 residents: 10 points
- * Yard size: 10 points
- * Number of farmers markets per 100,000 residents: 5 points
- Climate (total points: 45)
 - * Growing season (number of days): 15 points
 - * Average percentage of potential sunshine (spring

to fall): 10 points

- * Average monthly temperature (spring to fall): 5 points

- * Average monthly precipitation (spring to fall): 5 points

- * Annual mean number of days with minimum temperature of 32 degrees or below: 5 points

- * Annual mean number of days with maximum temperature of 90 degrees or above: 5 points

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Tech Jargon of the week Self driving cars

Have you ever stumbled into a conversation where everyone is speaking around this “techie” word – and even after you’ve broken in, it is difficult to understand the unfamiliar jargon and acronyms? Well, there’s no need to sweat it. Let us teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

Self-Driving Cars

Today, every person working in the automobile industry has a different definition for self-driving cars, driverless cars, automated cars etc. The cars you buy today might have some intelligent driver assistance systems like detecting blind spots, control steering or even self-braking. But nothing of what is available now allows you to take a nap, or email or watch a video while you are behind the wheel. Today’s cars still need a human supervision to drive and only gets some assistance from the car’s intelligent systems.

On the other hand, a self-driving car is supposed to be a robotic car which is able to take you from Position A to a destination of Position B without human assistance. To qualify as a fully autonomous vehicle, it should be able to navigate in the busy roads without human intervention to a predetermined desti-

nation, sharing roads with human-driven cars and pedestrians. The three core technologies that build a self-driving car are: sensors, connectivity to other cars and the software running it.

There are many sensors installed in the car that observe both the state of the driver (sleepy, drunk etc.) as well as scan in multiple directions outside the car. The concept of self-driving is a step towards safer roadways and less human errors.

There are many companies working on the concept of driverless cars including Audi, BMW, Tesla, Volvo etc. Closer home to our Silicon Valley, Google’s Waymo team has been aggressively working to test their self-driving car on the roads.

Of course, with all the testing going on with self-driving cars, we had to come across some funny incidents. Back in 2015, a police officer pulled over one of Google’s self-driving cars in California. The car wasn’t speeding. On the contrary, it was driving too slowly – 24 mph in a 35 mph zone – which is a violation. As the officer approached the car, he realized no one was driving the car. There was however a passenger who later explained the concept of self-driving car to the cop. In the end, no ticket was issued.

Do you enjoy reading this column? Send in your comments or feedback to the author at shub.saxen@gmail.com. Shubhi Asthana works as a Research Senior Software Engineer at the IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose.

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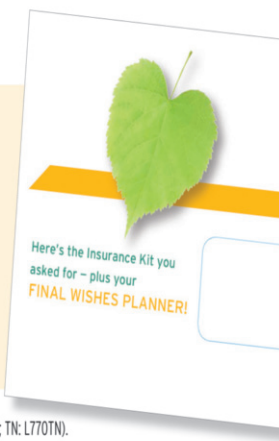
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Times Feature



States whose unemployment rates are bouncing back most

By Adam McCann

Financial Writer, Wallethub.com

July's jobs report showed improvement for the employment market, as the economy added 1.8 million nonfarm payroll jobs. That's a lot less than the amount added in June (4.8 million), but it makes sense given the number of states that have paused reopening or reversed course due to upticks in COVID-19.

The U.S. unemployment rate sits at 10.2%, which is still high but is a decline from the nearly historic high of 14.7% in April. This drop can be attributed in part to the fact that a lot more businesses are open now than were a few months ago.

In addition, most people who became unemployed during this crisis have only been temporarily laid off, and expect to be rehired by their former employers once companies reopen and start to make money again. However, it will take far more time for us to reduce the unemployment rate to pre-pandemic levels than it did for the virus to reverse over a decade of job growth.

In order to identify the states whose unemployment rates are bouncing back most, Wallethub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia based on four key metrics. We looked at the change in each state's unemployment during the latest month for which we have data (July 2020) compared to July 2019 and January 2020. We also compared not seasonally adjusted continued claims in July 2020 to July 2019.

Finally, we considered each state's overall unemployment rate. This monthly report is a companion to our report on the States Whose Weekly Unemployment Claims Are Recovering the Quickest, which examines unemployment claims on a weekly basis. Read on for the results, additional commentary from a panel of experts and a full description of our methodology.

Unemployment Recovery in California (1=Most Recovered, 25=Avg.):

- 202.07% Change in Unemployment (July 2020 vs July 2019)
- * 2,591,029 unemployed people in July 2020 vs 857,771 in July 2019;
- * 10th worst recovery in the U.S.
- 208.46% Change in Unemployment (July 2020 vs January 2020)
- * 2,591,029 unemployed people in July 2020 vs 839,986 in January 2020;
- * 8th worst recovery in the U.S.
- 925.05% Change in Not Seasonally Adjusted Continued Claims (July 2020 vs July 2019)
- * 3,140,619 continued claims in July 2020 vs 306,388 in July 2019
- * 23rd worst recovery in the U.S.
- 13.7% Unemployment Rate (July 2020)
- * 6th highest unemployment rate in the U.S.

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Overall Rank	State	Unemployment Rate (July 2020)	Change in Unemployment (July 2020 vs July 2019)	Change in Unemployment (July 2020 vs January 2020)	Not Seasonally Adjusted Continued Claims (July 2020 vs. July 2019)
1	Idaho	4.7%	76.9%	38.0%	428.4%
2	Utah	4.6%	72.2%	65.3%	910.5%
3	Kentucky	6.2%	15.5%	18.3%	696.1%
4	Nebraska	5.0%	52.1%	60.8%	1081.0%
5	Montana	6.0%	94.0%	38.2%	613.6%
6	Wyoming	6.8%	90.6%	61.3%	602.8%
7	Iowa	6.5%	117.9%	65.3%	635.1%
8	Wisconsin	7.0%	89.7%	64.0%	699.0%
9	Missouri	7.2%	91.3%	69.3%	662.8%
10	Arkansas	7.5%	74.5%	78.3%	581.4%
11	South Dakota	6.0%	98.5%	62.3%	1300.4%
12	Oklahoma	7.1%	105.0%	115.6%	737.8%
13	Maryland	7.7%	97.8%	118.6%	660.1%
14	Kansas	7.7%	104.4%	128.7%	733.8%
15	North Dakota	6.4%	183.2%	130.3%	1058.5%
16	District of Columbia	8.9%	46.4%	67.7%	910.3%
17	Minnesota	7.4%	133.3%	105.1%	1042.4%
18	Alabama	8.2%	160.8%	152.2%	401.0%
19	Texas	8.2%	110.9%	114.1%	944.4%
20	Ohio	9.1%	95.7%	78.6%	810.4%
21	West Virginia	9.7%	95.6%	70.8%	594.4%
22	Colorado	7.4%	167.1%	153.9%	1199.8%
23	Michigan	9.5%	83.4%	119.9%	950.3%
24	Indiana	7.9%	122.1%	118.4%	1541.7%
25	Alaska	10.8%	89.1%	70.8%	701.5%
26	North Carolina	8.9%	101.0%	113.5%	1448.3%
27	Washington	10.2%	147.0%	131.5%	721.8%
28	Connecticut	10.3%	162.0%	133.1%	600.6%
29	Vermont	8.2%	242.3%	175.8%	1074.9%
30	Virginia	8.0%	166.7%	162.1%	1617.7%
31	Arizona	10.9%	115.5%	132.4%	700.8%
32	Louisiana	9.9%	74.9%	69.2%	1733.8%
33	Georgia	8.0%	104.0%	124.8%	2246.1%
34	Mississippi	11.5%	76.2%	112.4%	777.5%
35	New Hampshire	7.9%	198.8%	148.2%	1784.6%
36	Tennessee	9.9%	138.6%	147.3%	1151.5%
37	Oregon	10.6%	156.3%	177.0%	637.9%
38	Delaware	10.6%	167.6%	162.4%	678.0%
39	South Carolina	8.8%	204.1%	212.1%	1176.4%
40	Illinois	11.3%	158.4%	182.5%	591.0%
41	Maine	9.4%	258.0%	140.8%	1449.7%
42	Rhode Island	11.4%	195.2%	185.3%	597.4%
43	New Mexico	13.3%	131.5%	154.6%	1073.5%
44	Pennsylvania	14.1%	186.9%	176.3%	558.1%
45	California	13.7%	202.1%	208.5%	925.0%
46	New Jersey	14.0%	267.7%	223.2%	398.0%
47	Florida	11.5%	230.1%	273.1%	1563.1%
48	Nevada	14.2%	234.3%	252.9%	1832.8%
49	Hawaii	13.1%	352.0%	328.4%	1701.7%
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YMCA of Silicon Valley's Super Scholar Program to provide education support this fall

Y program designed to meet the evolving needs of the community during this COVID crisis

This school year, led by committed professional leaders, the Y Learning Labs for Super Scholars provides academic support to youth grades TK – 8 as they maneuver their way through virtual learning.

In years past, the Y has presented academic and recreation focused after school programs at local schools, but the pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges compelling the Y to adjust programming to fit this new learning environment.

The Y Fall Programs have been adapted to ensure that the environment adheres to the strictest COVID-19 regulations from the CDC and local guidance. To meet the needs of our community while youth are distance learning, YMCA sites throughout Silicon Valley will be offering academic support in a safe and socially supportive environment through stable learning groups consisting of no more than 12 youth.

In collaboration with school districts and other community partners, the YMCA provided full-day support for families in need since



March. The Y updates practices to fit the current health and safety regulations. The constant focus of the Y's program continues to be fostering friendships, belonging and achievement. The Y is here to support children and parents during these challenging times. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our community.

"The Y understands this pandemic has added a complexity to the way children experience their education. Y Learning Labs for Su-

per Scholars is a way for children to continue engaging with mentors and other children in a safe learning environment while parents continue to work", says YMCA of Silicon Valley Chief Operating Officer, Mary Haughey.

Sessions are set at three week intervals in accordance to county orders and will run from 8 a.m. -5 p.m. daily at the locations outlined below. The Y Learning Labs for Super Scholars program provides students:

- The necessary support for successful distance learning
- The ability to make friends and feel a sense of belonging
- The comfort of trusted adult relationships
- The ability to explore their interests in a rich learning environment
- More time to be outside and active

The Academic and Recreation Centers offered are:

South Valley YMCA – 5632 Santa Teresa Blvd, San Jose, 95123

Sequoia YMCA – 1445 Hudson Street, Redwood City, 94061

East Valley YMCA – 1975 South White Road, San Jose, 95148

Northwest YMCA – 20803 Alves Drive, Cupertino, 95014

Palo Alto Family YMCA – 3412 Ross Road,

Palo Alto, 94303

El Camino YMCA – 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View, 94040

YMCA Camp Campbell – 16275 Highway 9 Boulder Creek, Boulder Creek, 95006

As the community navigates this Coronavirus crisis, YMCA of Silicon Valley is more committed than ever to build safer, healthier, and more equitable educational resources for all.

"YMCA of Silicon Valley is ready to be part of a smart, strong, and effective educational support strategy for kids and families this fall," Haughey said.

Anyone interested in learning more about this program can contact YMCA of Silicon Valley's Youth Development at: yafterschool@ymcasv.org



Letters

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repeated disregard for political ethics and this recent example is the most blatant and manipulative.

Mr. Chu showed his true colors when he gave an interview in the Chinese media where he disparaged Black, Latinx & Asian Americans, and directly misled the community about his voting record. I know the FPPC will do the proper investigation on this matter, and uphold accountability that is critical in our preservation of justice and democracy.

Attached documents include the filed complaint and supporting documents, along with the FPPC August 5 letter in response to the filed complaint. Also see coverage of this story in the San Jose Spotlight

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Temple project updates provided

Dear Editor,

I would like to provide an update to the community on one of the high interest projects in Evergreen neighborhood: Kampuchea Krom Buddhist Temple at 2740 Ruby Ave, San Jose.

Planning Department from San Jose city organized the first community meeting to seek inputs from the neighbors on the project. Besides the applicant and the more than 100 neighbors, this meeting was attended by our SJ District 8 Council Woman Sylvia Arenas, her staff, Director of Planning Rosalynn Hughey, Planning Staff, representative from Mayor's office Joel Devalcourt, and several other key representatives from traffic, environment and other critical functions of the San Jose City.

Given we have several places of worship from all faiths in Evergreen, the community welcomed the addition of a Buddhist temple into our neighborhood. The meeting was orig-

inally scheduled for an hour, but city officials extended the meeting to nearly two and a half hours to allow neighbors to share their concerns with their current plan. There were many more neighbors who couldn't get an opportunity to present their concerns as the city had to wrap up the call.

Here are the top concerns and mitigations expressed by neighbors during the call:

1. Rezoning: Temple foundation had originally proposed this project under R-1-5 (CUP), but recently applied for rezoning of the residential R-1-5 parcel to Public/Quasi Public zone. PQP, by right allows lower setback [example: R1-CUP: 25ft, PQP: 10ft], higher noise levels and taller buildings [R1-CUP:35ft, PQP: 65ft]. With additional permits, this parcel of land in midst of several houses can be repurposed for much intensive uses. Once rezoned to PQP, overtime the temple can intensify the use by adding square footage leading to further incompatibility with the neighborhood. Planning team had specifically advised the previous owner not to rezone to any higher zoning options.

Mitigation: Since places of worship are allowed by law in the R-1-5 zone under Conditional Use Permit (CUP), neighbors have requested the Temple to pursue their original application without requesting for higher intensity rezoning, allowing for semblance of compatibility with the neighborhood.

2. Underground Parking Lot: This has been one of the prime concerns expressed often by the neighbors since the Temple Foundation presented their project with underground parking lot in fall of 2018. The Temple has proposed a 42,000 sq. ft. underground parking lot and neighbors' concerns are due to possible structural and dirt, noise, and vibration issues associated to excavating 4000 truckloads of dirt from the foothills. Also, there are several 50 year old trees adjacent to the planned underground parking lot that will face dewatering risk.

Mitigation: Neighbors requested the Temple Foundation to build both the temple and parking lot at a surface level so that it is compatible

with the neighborhood. As of today, there are zero underground parking lots in residential areas of San Jose.

3. Compatible Project: The Planning Team had denied a housing application from previous owner to rezone R-1-5 to a R-1-8, citing eight houses would intensify the use of a residential neighborhood. The current project would have a combined capacity of well over 600 people and residents are concerned about the adverse impact with such a dense project in the neighborhood.

Mitigation: Neighbors are requesting the temple to decrease the total capacity to 300 people (much higher than the capacity of six houses, assuming six people per house = 36 people total capacity). Neighbors suggested a formfactor of Grace Church, another house of worship in the neighborhood plus a permanent monk's residence totaling 2,800 sq. ft. A right size temple will also ensure the parking doesn't overflow into the neighborhood.

4. Safety at Ruby/Norwood Intersection: Probably the most important concern the neighbors presented during the community meeting is the safety issue at the intersection of Ruby and Norwood. This intersection is one of the busiest four-way stop on Ruby where accidents occur on a regular basis. During peak hours, hundreds of pedestrians share this intersection with school children walking to three schools within a mile radius. This is in addition to several hundred cyclists and automobiles passing through the intersection.

Mitigation: Neighbors requested two access points to the surface parking so that cars can get into the Temple and off the streets quickly alleviating the risks of accidents. Secondly, they requested strobe lights, speed bumps, well defined sidewalks and crossings.

5. Construction Impact: The Temple has estimated two and a half years of construction. Given this neighborhood has several retired professionals, day long construction for two and a half years would impact the lives of these neighbors. In March, the applicant demolished the 50-year-old home and associated structures, causing immense disturbance to stay at

home neighbors and inconvenience to the neighbors who walk or drive through the intersection.

Mitigation: Right size the project so that it can be built quickly, and neighbors can return to their normal lives.

6. Sound/Noise from large events: Considering this is one of the few places that could accommodate large event with a commercial size kitchen, we foresee large scheduled community events and unscheduled private events such as marriages and other events that will be hosted by the temple. Like any community event from any faith, neighbors are concerned about the possible noise, sounds and music during these events.

Mitigation: Retain and plant additional tall/dense trees and foliage in the periphery of the property so that it offers sound/noise insulation to the neighbors and provides privacy to the temple events and attendees.

Neighbors requested the Temple Foundation to collaborate by setting up focus groups for each of their key concerns so that we can agree upon a solution that works for all parties. Alternatively, if the Temple Foundation would like to build a 60,000 square foot structure with a total capacity of more than 600 people, they requested the temple to consider several 15-20 acre properties that are available within 2 mile radius from the current property.

Temple Foundation committed to reviewing the feedback and promised to submit a revised proposal after incorporating the feedback from the neighbors.

Director of Planning, Rosalynn Hughey wrapped up the meeting by saying she and her extended team have heard all the concerns from neighbors and will reflect on them during their reviews and approvals.

Neighbors expressed their appreciation to the Planning department for providing them the opportunity for sharing our concerns and optimistic that applicant would drop the PQP rezoning application and right size the project that is compatible with the R1 neighborhood.

Murali Pabbisetty
EV-Ruby Temple Core

Distance learning proves to be a challenge for both teachers and students

By Chris Funk
Superintendent

Eastside Union High School District

For thirty years, the night before school opens is a restless night of sleep because of the anticipation of going back to school.

This year was no exception. However, what was different about visiting schools on the first day, Aug. 11, was that instead of experiencing excitement and nervous energy that emanates from school campuses, it was eerily quiet because of distance learning.

There were a few teachers preparing to teach from their rooms and support staff were ready to help students with their schedule or technology issues. Each of the two schools I visited had only one person picking up a laptop or hotspot. This was a clear indication of the preparations made by staff throughout the district to open schools in distance learning.

Taking the complex structures of the school day and transforming it to an online experience simply cannot be duplicated nor can it happen overnight. There were unintended consequences to our decision to have a grade floor last spring. We did not want any student's grade to be harmed because of distance learning.

Students could only improve their grade. This allowed for some students to take their grade and run and disengage with school. We saw a significant drop in engagement from late March to May.

Teaching essentially stopped because moving forward with new material would essentially set more students back creating a deeper achievement gap. This made teaching even harder than it already is for teachers.

Our teachers realized that beginning the new semester in distance learning re-

quired everyone to step up their game. There needed to be more accountability for both the teacher and the student. This accountability started with teacher preparation.

In July alone, more than 106 professional development sessions were offered to our employees from the various online video platforms to social emotional learning and relationship building to using assessments online. We had more than 1,600 participants. We also partnered with the Krause Center for Innovation, which provided training on various aspects of distance learning to another 100 East Side teachers.

Another lesson learned from last spring was that our students needed ongoing support from their teachers and access to our counselors and social workers. We created a schedule that is much more aligned to the supports provided for in-person instruction.

The entire district has moved to a block schedule where students will meet with each teacher two days per week for 90 minutes and will have opportunities to participate in small group instruction, tutoring, work with counselors on college applications, financial aid or to meet with social workers and receive mental health support. Teachers are required to stay on-line for the entire 90 minutes, even if not all students need the 90-minute support.

We have also repurposed non-classroom staff to work with students who have not shown up or disengaged with distance learning. We are also opening our schools to students who do not have broadband at home or a safe or quiet place to complete their distance learning. We're providing a grab and go lunch for our students and dinner to anyone in the community 18 years or younger.

Fall Opening: Phase 1 -Distance Learning for All

	M	T	W	T	F	Recommendation for Time Use
8:30-10:00	1st / Teacher Work Time / Grading & Updating/ IEPs	2nd	Site Collaboration, Professional Development, Districtwide PD	1st / Teacher Work Time / Grading & Updating/ IEPs	2nd	Direct Contact / Guided Practice/ Small Group
10:00-10:15	Break			Break		
10:15-11:45	3rd	4th		3rd	4th	Direct Contact / Guided Practice/ Small Group
11:45-12:50	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch		
12:50-2:20	5th	6th	Tutorial / SEL/ Counseling / Advisory	5th	6th	Direct Contact / Guided Practice/ Small Group
2:20-2:30	Break			Break		
2:30-4:00	7th / Teacher Work Time / Grading & Updating/ IEPs	Tutorial / SEL / Counseling / SWL	(Wednesday is removed if there is a holiday)	7th / Teacher Work Time / Grading & Updating/ IEPs	Tutorial / SEL / Counseling / SWL	Direct Contact / Guided Practice/ Small Group

Distance Learning for each period Monday - Friday

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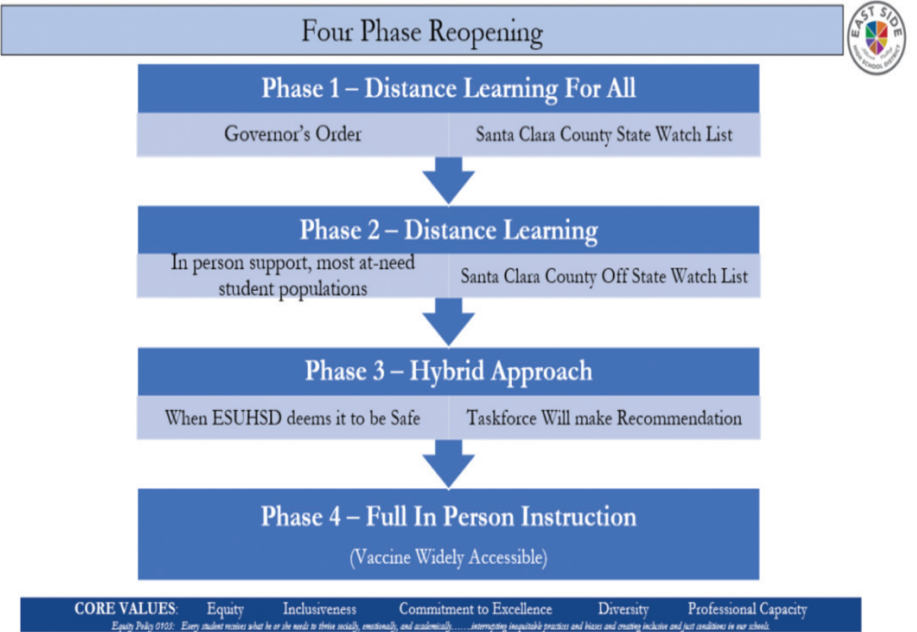


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We know that nothing replaces in-person learning, but we're doing our best to create the best possible distance learning experience. We are facing a four-phased approach to fully reopening our schools. Each phase will focus on maintaining the health and safety of our staff, students and families.

Phase one, based on the governor's mandate, is full distance learning for everyone. Phase two is bringing back our most vulnerable populations for in-person learning, as well as some specialty classes, when Santa Clara County is taken off the state COVID-19 watch list. Phase three will be a hybrid approach: a combination of distance learning with in-person learning. Phase three will require stakeholder input; the creation of a taskforce to identify the conditions for implementation and design of the hybrid learning program together. Phase four is full, in-person instruction.

Unfortunately, phase four may not occur until there is a vaccine that is widely accessible.

We are also facing a fight for social justice that our nation has not seen since the 1960s. We are at an inflection point in our nation's history where the time to tear

down the walls of oppression in our public-school system is now. We have laid the groundwork in East Side to take on this enormous challenge. We committed ourselves, as a district, to building capacity amongst all staff members to ensure that equity and inclusion are essential principles of our school system.

Specifically, we set a goal to build capacity to attain equitable ESUHSd communities where:

- ALL students are welcomed as they are
- Strengths and areas of growth for all students are known and supported
- Adults positively respond to the social-emotional, wellness and academic needs of every student
- All learners engage with tasks that develop the strategic thinking skills for FULL participation in their local communities and the global society

We cannot allow this pandemic to destroy the advances we have made to the East Side Union High School District. It is more important than ever that we meet the demands of distance learning and provide the scaffolding and safety nets so that all of our students meet the rigorous demands of earning a high school diploma. We will not let our community down.

Professional Development preparing for Phase 1

Topic	# of Sessions	# of Participants
Zoom (video conferencing)	21	368
Google Meet (video conferencing)	21	200
Schoolloop (grading, communication, class management)	21	216
Google Classroom (grading, communication, class management)	31	453
SEL and Relationship Building / Self-care	9	314
Using Assessments	3	118
Total	106	1669

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- Passionate Faith
- Loving Respect
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3636 Gurdwara Ave. San Jose, CA 95148 The word Sikh (see-kh) means "disciple" or "student." A Sikh is a practitioner of the faith founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak in Punjab of old British India. A Guru who is a "teacher" or "enlightener" completes the relationship of teaching and learning. Sikhism is monotheistic and stresses the equality of all men and women. Sikhs believe in three basic principles; meditating on the name of God (praying), earning a living by honest means and sharing the fruits of one's labor with others. Currently there are close to one million Sikhs living in the USA and Canada and 25 million Sikhs living around the world. Sikhism is the 5th largest religion in the world. At the Gurdwara (House of God) in San Jose we welcome all. We pray daily for peace and prosperity for everybody in the world. Come to visit and enjoy Langer (food) in our kitchen which is open 365 days of the year and serves complementary vegetarian meals. We also encourage you to enter our history room on site and

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