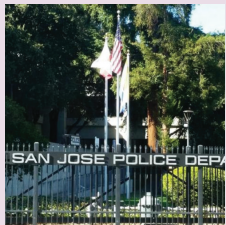


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Traditional Chinese dance from the 2020 Leland Bridge Night event.

2021 Leland Bridge Night to celebrate 20th anniversary Feb. 20

It's Leland Bridge Night again!

This year's Leland Bridge Night celebrating the 20th anniversary of the organization will be streamed online Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The online event will feature an online fashion show and raffle.

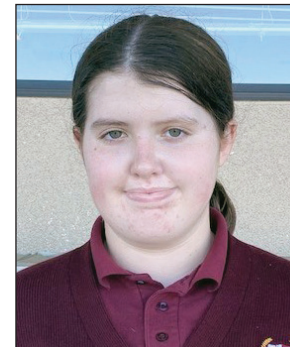
About Leland Bridge Night

Leland Bridge Night is the annual fundraising event hosted by Leland Bridge, a nonprofit organization of Chinese American parents dedicated to promoting communication between Leland High School and the 300+ Chinese American families in the Leland community.

Since 2018, this event has sold 400 tickets and raised more than \$20,000 for Leland High School annually. Funds raised through this event are used to renovate the school's Media Center and Cafeteria, update school equipment, subsidize course instructors, assist Leland's landscaping and recycling efforts, and enhance programs at Leland including Speech & Debate, Music, Journalism, Robotics, and college application essay reviews.

To purchase tickets, visit: <https://rb.gy/ikerft>

For more information, contact Christine Li by email, chrtli2@gmail.com.



From left: Alice Harper, Zaria Shahabdeen, Maggie Liu and Kendall Lloyd are the award winners.

Almaden students win awards for essays hosted by Los Gatos NSDAR

Four Almaden students have won awards in the recent American History Essay Contest sponsored by the Los Gatos Chapter of The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR).

Alice Harper of Challenger School on McKean Road won the fifth grade contest; Zaria Shahabdeen of Challenger School (Shawnee location) won the sixth grade contest; Maggie Liu of

Challenger School (McKean) won the seventh grade contest; and Kendall Lloyd of Challenger School (McKean) won the eighth grade contest.

"We are honored to recognize the accomplishments of these fine young people," said Chapter Regent Rachel Goss.

A virtual Zoom event is scheduled for Feb. 10 in which the students will each read their essays, according to

Pam Walker, American History Essay Contest Committee Chairperson of the Los Gatos Chapter NSDAR, coordinated the contest. Here is a shortened link to attend the event: rb.gy/btxjgy; meeting ID: 824 5930 4613; passcode: 544583

This year's essay question was about the Boston Massacre: "March 5, 2020 marks the 250th anniversary of the
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Almaden Women's Club postpones Almaden Art & Wine Festival

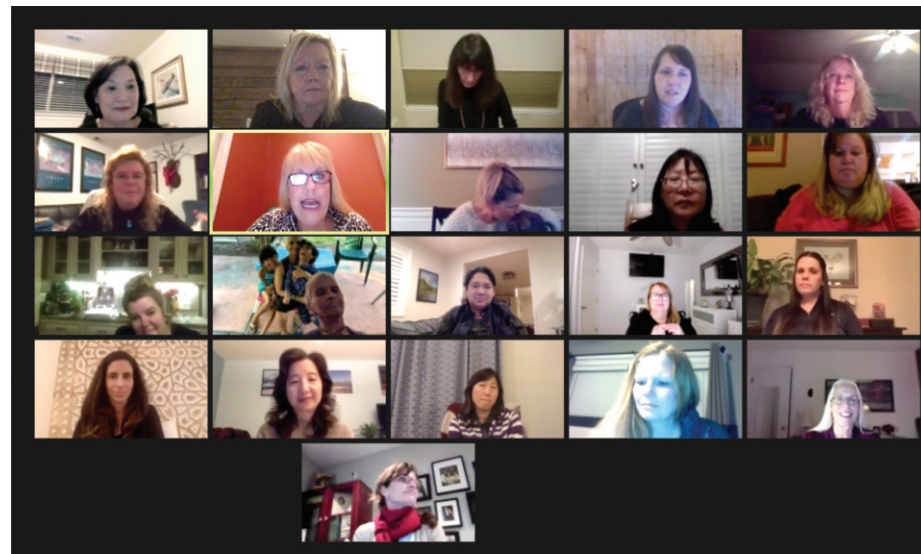
Announces new fundraisers for 2021

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Almaden Valley Women's Club announced this week that their annual Almaden Art & Wine Festival will need to be postponed until 2022.

The club's recently installed board of directors took a hard look at several options and determined that it was best to focus on alternative fund raising projects this year.

"We are sorry to postpone our signature event for a year, but the uncertainty related to the pandemic make it nearly impossible to make plans," said Beth



Swartz, 2021 President of the Almaden Women's Club. "Instead, in keeping with our mission, we will host three community events which

will help us continue to raise funds for scholarships and local area organizations."

The club has produced the Almaden Art & Wine Festi-

val since the mid-70s where it began as a small event located in Parma Park. The event grew eventually taking
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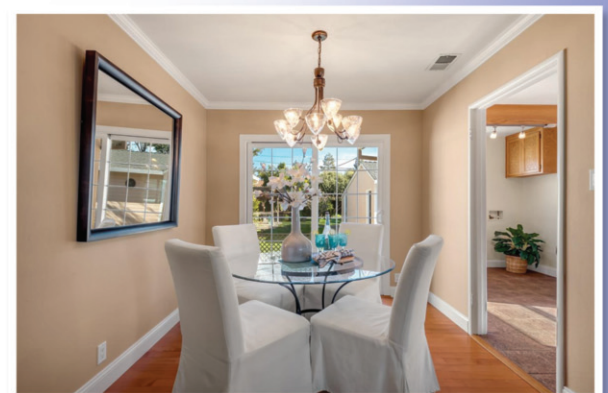
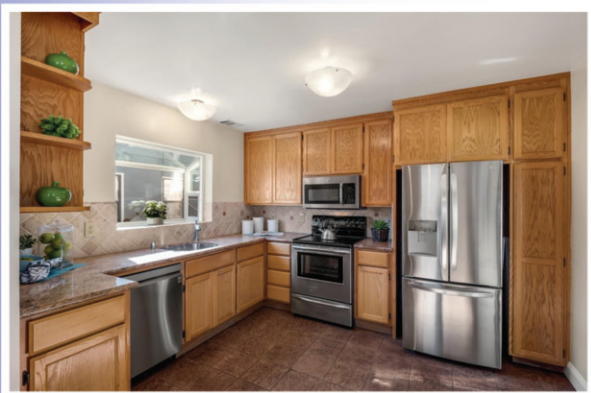


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IN MEMORY

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Robert (Bob) Huggins passed away from natural causes on January 17, 2021 in Almaden Valley.

The only child of Arthur and Vivian Huggins, Bob was born in Bellingham, Washington on July 30, 1926.

Growing up during the Depression, he developed lifelong interests in fly fishing, rolling stock and aircraft. After graduation from Bellingham High School, Bob served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He attended Washington State University at Pullman and graduated in 1950 with a degree in mechanical engineering. Upon graduation, Bob married Marion Eileen Hardin, also of Bellingham.

Bob and Marion were happily married for 62 years until her death in 2012.

Bob spent his entire career at General Electric Company, initially at the Hanford Site in Eastern Washington. In 1955, he moved his growing family of three young children from Richland, Washington to San Jose, where his fourth child was born.

Bob was one of the founding team of engineers to form G.E.'s Nuclear Power Division. Initially settling in San Jose's Willow Glen neighborhood, Bob and Marion designed and built a home on a beautiful property in the Almaden Valley with unobstructed views of Mt. Umunhum and the Loma Prieta mountain range. He would reside there for 58 years until his death.

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Valley Currents

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

San Jose halts search for a new police chief in order to recruit more external candidates

Currently five finalists vying to be San Jose's next police chief

By William Bellou
Publisher

In an effort to attract more outside candidates to be San Jose's new police chief, City Manager Dave Sykes has put a two-week pause on the selection process to replace Eddie Garcia who retired and took a job as Dallas, Texas' first Latino police chief.

Five finalists are currently vying for the San Jose Police Department's top job, police chief, down from six after Minneapolis Chief Medaria Arradondo withdrew his name for consideration. Sykes announced the shortlist of police chief candidates Jan. 25. The finalists were selected from a pool of 18 candidates from across the country. The public forum to learn more about the police chief finalists originally scheduled for Jan. 29 was also cancelled.

Four contenders hail from San Jose: Deputy Chief of Police Anthony Mata, Deputy Chief of Police Heather Randol, Police Captain Jason Ta and Acting Police Chief David Tindall. Piedmont's chief of police Jeremy Bowers is also in the running.

Having only one candidate from



The San Jose Police Station on West Mission Street and Guadalupe Parkway.

outside the city has a few local activists worried that internal candidates won't bring much-needed changes to the police department that's battled with excessive force complaints and some officers targeting and taunting peaceful protesters.

Out of 18 candidates who applied for the top cop position, it's unclear how many were external candidates. Bowers is considered an outsider, but not everyone, since he too once worked in the San Jose Police Department.

"We committed to bringing together a diverse candidate pool and a candidate pool with a mixture of internal and external perspectives," Sykes said. "Although we have a super strong internal

candidate pool, we have fallen short on establishing an external perspective to be included in the community process. Therefore, we have decided to pause the process for two weeks to see if we can shore up the external candidate pool."

Here are short bios on the five current candidates:

Jeremy Bowers

Bowers has led Piedmont's police force since 2016. He was a police captain for two years before and got his start in law enforcement in 1996 working at the San Jose Police Department as a lieutenant for nearly three years and a sergeant for four.

Anthony Mata

Mata comes to the candidate field with 30 years of policing experience.

He serves as SJPD's executive officer and has been a deputy chief for more than four years. Mata is fluent in both Spanish and English.

Heather Randol

Randol has spent three years of her 23-year law-enforcement career with the San Jose Police Department leading the Bureau of Field Operations. She was the captain of the Western Division for a year and a half.

Jason Ta

Ta has been with SJPD for 20 years, leading the Foothill Division in the Bureau of Field Operations. Before that, he served in various units for a nine year period as a police lieutenant and was a sergeant for five years in the Robbery and Performance Analysis Detail.

David Tindall

Tindall has spent the past six months serving as acting assistant chief and was recently selected to be acting police chief after working for SJPD for 20 years. Prior to becoming acting assistant chief, he was deputy chief of the Bureau of Field Operations and led the Bureau of Investigations as a captain.

To help the public learn more about the police chief finalists, San Jose is hosting a police chief candidate forum Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. To participate, visit: www.youtube.com/c/CityOfSanJoseCalifornia

LETTERS

Stop pausing high school sports

Dear Editor,

I don't agree with the idea of pausing high school sports. I feel sorry for the many seniors graduating this year. I don't think it is fair for them to have all sports and activities paused if everyone went with the CDC guidelines. Why ruin sports for the graduating classes this year when most of my friends say they would feel safe if we continue to with abiding by safe guidelines.

Jenny Lewis
Almaden Valley

Inauguration should have been Zoomed

Dear Editor,

Most people in the USA are now required to stay 6 ft. apart because of COVID-19 and they are doing most group activities by Zoom.

Why didn't Biden request an inauguration by Zoom instead of risking the health of the 25,000 National Guard members coming from all the states to be guards for the inauguration, and then having to rest in the parking garage which had only two toilets when they were off duty?

Biden chose to stay in his basement a lot for his own health before his election. If



Biden had chosen to have a Zoom inauguration, he would NOT have risked the health of the National Guard members and would have shown that he really believed that COVID-19 is a danger!

Louise Cate
Almaden Valley

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Times **Community News**

How COVID-19 has influenced South Bay real estate trends

By Neil Collins

CEO of the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors



COVID-19 has affected our everyday life in almost every aspect. Home buying is no exception.

The pandemic did not necessarily create new trends but rather accelerated them. Prior to COVID-19, online shopping already had been on a considerable upward swing. The pandemic just boosted it.

The same can be said about remote working or working from home. As regional housing prices continued to rise and the technology empowering remote working and collaboration improved, companies were more willing to embrace a work-from-home strategy as a way to retain top talent. COVID-19 and our stay-at-home orders supercharged this movement in an undeniable way. As such, the ability to work remotely has had a profound effect on what buyers are looking for in a new home. Many homeowners and renters have taken the past several months to evaluate their living situation given the “new normal.”

“I’ve seen an increase in demand for homes further away from commute centers,” said Brad Gill, broker-owner of NextHome Lifestyles. “The reason for this is, these buyers want more space at a more reasonable price. They’re OK with the prospect of moving further away from their work as long as they can telecommute several days a week.”

Open floor plans of the past are being reconsidered as buyers are looking for not just one but often multiple home office spaces. Both spouses may need to be able to effectively work at home while others are looking for extra remote learning space for their school-age children.

COVID-19 also has had many families reconsider living in densely populated housing, especially as the surrounding amenities they have enjoyed have, in many cases, shut their doors.

Karen Nelsen of Intero Real Estate notes there is a big push back to suburban and even rural areas.

“People are going stir crazy locked up in these apartments and smaller condos in the city and are moving to more rural places because they can,” Nelsen said.

“The low interest rates have really opened up a lot of opportunity for buyers. I’m seeing families move from San Jose to Morgan Hill and Gilroy. They are finding they can get more space and great neighborhoods. Some are even relocating to Rocklin, Sacramento, El Dorado County or even out of state while still maintaining their Silicon Valley job.”

With shelter in place orders, the need for personal green space seems as vital as ever. The backyard playset for the little ones and family vegetable gardens are all the rage. I have even seen front yards in my neighborhood with freshly planted fruit trees as households look to be more self-reliant during the shutdown.

So what does this all mean in the long run for housing?

In the short term, we expect the outward migration from the city center to more suburban or even rural areas to continue. How-

ever, as the economy begins to rebound and downtowns become vibrant once again, you will slowly see those downtown condos start to fill up again. People move downtown for culture, music, great food, and nightly entertainment. All that is on pause right now until we get the vaccine widely distributed.

And the long-term prospects of a remote workforce? While a more flexible work environment will likely be the long-term trend,

we already are hearing of a shift back to the office when that is allowed.

Some jobs can be done at a high level remotely; others need that face-to-face collaboration. It’s so very difficult instilling a company culture when workers don’t really get to experience one another. So the tech campuses are probably here to stay.

However, office space will be more heavily scrutinized moving forward. The big tech

land grab will probably also be on pause as employers evaluate their long-term office requirements.

Despite all this uncertainty, all indications are that the housing market should remain strong this year.

Neil Collins is CEO of the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors, a trade association representing more than 6,000 real estate professionals in Santa Clara County and surrounding areas. You may contact Neil at neil@sccaor.com or follow @neilvcollins on Twitter.



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Times **Feature**

Dakota Alspach of Almaden named to the University of Delaware Dean's List

Dakota Alspach of Almaden Valley has been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester.

To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a



4.0 scale) for the semester.

Alspach, an experienced substitute teacher, is working toward a bachelor degree in Early Childhood and Special Education. She is skilled in autism spectrum disorders, and special education.

The University of Delaware, a private-public land-grant research university located in Newark, Delaware, is the largest university in Delaware. It offers three associate's programs, 148 bachelor's programs, 121 master's programs (with 13 joint degrees), and 55 doctoral programs across its eight colleges.



COVID-19 tree planting dedication opportunity

Greenkeepers USA, an environmental non-profit from the Bay Area, is hosting a "Life

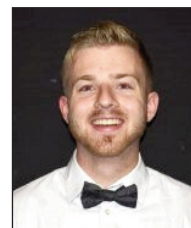
for a Life" Memorial Tree Planting to remember those who have passed away due to COVID-19.

Trees will be planted near the Sabercat Trail in Fremont, and for a donation of \$60, you can adopt a tree and receive a certificate with a tree dedication and information about the tree that you have helped plant.

To adopt a tree or donate to our GoFundMe page, visit <https://tinyurl.com/gktrees>. The organization appreciates any amount you're able to donate. For more information, visit greenkeepersusa.org or email us at greenkeepersusa@gmail.com. All donations are tax deductible.

Quentin Thorne of Almaden named to Dean's List at Hofstra University

Quentin Thorne of Almaden Valley excelled during the Fall 2020 semester, achieving a GPA of at greater than 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.



Thorne is a student journalist and is the Site Expert for Blades of Teal and a Contributor for the Rip City Project. He is also an Associate Producer for Sports Beat on Hofstra's HEAT Network. Thorne is pursuing a career in sports media or marketing.

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, N.Y. that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). The University offers small classes and personal attention, with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than 165 undergraduate program options and 175 graduate programs.

Huggins

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Bob's work required him to travel extensively, managing projects in Europe, Mexico, Japan, and the Eastern United States. He cherished weekends at home with family and friends and together with Marion, was a gracious and generous host. They would often entertain G.E. clients visiting from abroad in their home, exposing their curious children to different cultures.

Upon retirement in 1987, Bob and Marion became avid travelers, visiting iconic locales across Europe, Asia and the Far East.

He is survived by his four children: Terry Huggins and her husband Steve Filson of Monterey, Michael Huggins and his wife Debra of Whidbey Island, Janet Holt and her husband Owen of San Jose, and Susan Huggins also of San Jose.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to his caregivers for enabling their father to live comfortably and safely in his own home the past 18 months. They also wish to express their deep gratitude to the wonderful neighbors whose company Bob and Marion enjoyed throughout their lives. Bob will be laid to rest alongside Marion, adjacent to the Huggins and Hardin family plots, in Bellingham, Washington.



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Santa Clara County allows prep sports rules to fall in line with rest of State

High school sports activities in Santa Clara County are back on track with purple-tier practices started this week and competition expected soon.

County health rules regarding youth activities, which were amended last month, restricted groups to stay at least 25 feet apart and would have effectively ended the long-awaited high school sports season before it began.

An outcry from parents and coaches pressured the county to reverse course and said it would rescind the restrictions to match its youth sports guidelines with those from the state Department of Public Health.

Dave Grissom, the commissioner of the California Interscholastic Federation's Central Coast Section, said he was relieved that

"calmer heads prevailed here" to allow student-athletes to resume the same activities as those in neighboring counties.

Gov. Gavin Newsom lifted the stay-at-home order on Jan. 25.

Senior Winter Walk scheduled

We may not be able to gather, but City Council District 10, along with Districts 2 and 9 are putting on a socially distanced version of the popular annual Senior Winter Walk.

Mark your calendars for a Zoom pep talk and warm up with City Councilmembers Matt Mahan, Sergio Jimenez, and Pam Foley on February 17 at 10 a.m.

Stay tuned to find out where you can pick up a goodie bag with resources and treats from your Councilmember.

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Priceless heart-touching Valentine's Day decorations for your home

By **Seema Adnani**
Special to the Times

Open our chestnut box of Valentine's Day décor ideas that are out-of-the-world which you and your loved one will cherish.

Let our roundup of ideas inspire you. But before that, let's take a brief account of why we celebrate this day with gaiety. Valentine's Day celebration has its roots in the Roman festival called Lupercalia, a fertility observance observed every year on February 15.

In circa 496, Pope Gelasius-I revamped this Lupercalia festival as a "Christian feast day", proclaiming February 14 as Valentine's Day. The first festival of cupids and hearts was celebrated in the year 496. The day of romance that you were all looking for is nearing. Have you started decorating your house? Let us start from the mantelpiece, table, the living room, and bedroom –

Breathtaking Valentine's Day Home Decorations Ideas

Here we bring romantic DIY (Do It Yourself) Valentine's Day decorations ideas for decorating every part of your home.

- Valentine's Day Mantelpiece Décor: Start decorating your beautiful mantelpiece. Here are a few easy ideas you can pick:

- Either choose natural or paper flowers for mantelpiece decorations. Red and pink flowers make an eye-catching combination.

- Decorate with beautiful red and pink garlands or wreaths.

- Create a combination of heart-shaped card cutouts and flower shape cutouts. Paint them either with red and pink combination or pink, cream, or lilac color combination and voila beautiful heart bunting is ready to decorate your mantelpiece.

- Place long-stemmed red roses in a beautiful ceramic or glass vase.

- Living Room Décor: Adorn your living room with pretty hanging red hearts, the theme of Valentine's Day. Decorate the mason jars with simple and adorable homemade multicolored heart felt a creative way to display love messages. Appealing and colorful heart-shaped painting on mason jars is perfect for your table decorations. Add a single, full bloom red rose to complete the picture-perfect home decor.

- Ornamentations of Table: Create a romantic table settings for dinner. Take out your best tablecloth. Heart and flowers are Valentine's Day decorations theme. Place colorful candles, hand-painted wine glasses, baby pink and red flower mix table centerpiece to complete the Valentine's Day tablescape.

- Bedroom décor Ideas for a Romantic Evening: Drapes or curtains that have a flow

add romance to the atmosphere. Choose dim lights, place scented heart-shaped candles on your bedside table. Place a mix of red and pink rose flower petals on a beautiful plate and scented-candle as the centerpiece.

This is indeed a perfect start to your Valentine's Day home decorations.



With these imaginative and creative ideas, your Valentine party decorations would look like they have come straight out-of-a-fairy-tale book. Spend a memorable evening with your beloved.

DIY Valentine's Day Crafts for Valentine Party Decorations

Homemade DIY Valentine's Day crafts design, tips, and tricks:

- Mantelpiece Craft: Artificial and fresh flowers, wreaths, heart bunting, and heart-felt

- Scented Candle Centerpiece: Romantic candle centerpiece with mason jars. Fill a clear mason jar or a vase with heart conversations and place a candle holder in it. Insert colorful candle in the candle holder.

- Decorative Mason jar: Fill red and pink color candies in clear glass jar and tie a heart-shaped ribbon around its neck. Customize the Mason jar with your romantic pictures.

- Endearing Table Décor: Heart-shaped flower arrangement for table decorations and place tiny heart-shaped candles.

- Floating Hearts: Floating hearts for your bedroom décor. Take a pretty clear glass bowl and add scented water and pink, purple, cream, lilac, or red colored heart-shape candles.

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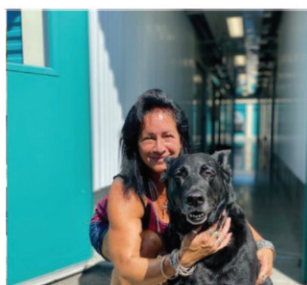

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Easy Ways to Eat More Plants This Year

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Plant-forward eating should be easy and delicious – and it can be. Rather than follow strict rules, simply add plant foods like fruits, vegetables, nuts, beans and grains to more meals throughout the day.

Walnuts, for example, are a kitchen multi-tasker with uses well beyond baked goods. In fact, walnuts can be used as a simple, whole-food meat alternative. One ounce of walnuts contains important nutrients including 4 grams of protein, 2 grams of fiber, 2.5 grams of monounsaturated fat, 13 grams of polyunsaturated fat and 2.5 grams of essential omega-3 alpha-linolenic acid.

Try walnuts as an alternative to meat in recipes like Walnut Meatless Meatballs or Pizza with Plant-Based Walnut Crumble, and find more plant-forward recipes at walnuts.org/plantrecipes.

Walnut Meatless Meatballs

Total time: 42 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1/2 cup California Walnuts, chopped
- 1/4 cup cooked brown rice
- 1/4 cup chopped roasted red peppers
- 1/4 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning

- 2 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley
- 1 egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 375 F and line baking sheet with parchment paper.

In small skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and garlic; saute 1 minute. Add tomato paste and cook 1 minute. Transfer to food processor with walnuts, rice, roasted red peppers, breadcrumbs, Parmesan, Italian seasoning, parsley and egg. Pulse until combined but not mushy.

Form into eight equal balls and place on prepared baking sheet. Cook 12 minutes, or until firm to touch. Serve with sauce of choice.



Walnut Meatless Meatballs



Pizza with Plant-Based Walnut Crumble

Pizza with Plant-Based Walnut Crumble

Total time: 38 minutes
Servings: 4

Walnut Sausage Crumble:

- 1 cup California Walnuts
- 1/2 cup cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 tablespoon coconut aminos
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons fennel seeds
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon celery salt

Walnut Sausage Pizza:

- 1 pound pizza dough
- 6 tablespoons pizza sauce
- 2/3 cup mozzarella cheese, divided
- Walnut Sausage Crumble, divided

- 6 tablespoons pesto
- 1/4 cup sliced small tomatoes
- fresh basil leaves
- shaved Parmesan cheese

To make Walnut Sausage Crumble: In food processor, pulse walnuts, cannellini beans, coconut aminos, olive oil, fennel seeds, seasoning, onion powder, garlic powder, paprika and salt to sausage like consistency.

To make Walnut Sausage Pizza: Preheat oven to 500 F and line two large baking sheets with parchment paper. Divide dough into four pieces and roll out into thin ovals; place on baking sheets.

Spread two dough pieces with equal amounts pizza sauce, 1/3 cup mozzarella cheese and half of Walnut Sausage Crumble.

Spread remaining dough pieces with pesto, remaining cheese, remaining Walnut Sausage Crumble and tomatoes.

Bake 8 minutes, or until pizza edges are golden brown. Garnish with basil leaves and shaved Parmesan.

San Jose Dance Theatre launches '2021 Online and In-person Summer Intensive'

San Jose Dance Theatre (SJDT) is launching its 2021 Online and In-person Summer Intensive.

The 2021 Intensive will provide focused dance training preparing students for the year ahead.

In its new format, this four-week program will focus three weeks on classical ballet and one week on contemporary dance for students entering levels 4, 5, and 6 and children from the community ages 12-19.

SJDT will also consider dancers joining our year round Pre-Professional Program and Traineeship with our professional ballet company. These dancers should be high school graduates and 18+ years old.

A shorter Junior Program is also available for three weeks for students entering level 3 and children from the community ages 8-11.

This is the perfect chance for students to refine their skills and be trained by a



diverse team of industry professionals from around the world. The 2021 program also offers accommodation for the first time, making it easier for students who are traveling from out of state or internationally.

Sleeping Beauty

SJDT has also announced a new full-length production of Sleeping Beauty.

Auditions are open to all students and adult dancers within the Bay Area and surrounding areas, bringing a brand new community dance event to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Auditions will be held on February 20th, 2021

To register for Summer-Intensive auditions on Saturday, Feb.13, visit: www.sjdt.org/ballet-dance-school-academy/programs/summer-intensive

To register for Sleeping Beauty auditions on Saturday, Feb. 20 visit: www.sjdt.org/studio-company

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Report: 2021's Best & Worst Metro Areas for STEM Professionals

With STEM jobs projected to grow at a faster rate than other careers until at least 2029 and remaining more resilient during the COVID-19 pandemic, the personal-finance website WalletHub issued a new report: 2021's Best & Worst Metro Areas for STEM Professionals.

To determine the best markets for STEM workers, WalletHub compared the 100 biggest metro areas across 20 key metrics. The data set ranges from per-capita job openings for STEM graduates to median wage growth for STEM workers.

The report lists San Jose, CA has the highest average monthly earnings for new employees in STEM industries, \$12,684, which is 2.9 times higher than in Little Rock, Arkansas, the metro area with the lowest at \$4,349. Additionally, San Jose has the highest share of all workers in STEM occupations, 21.00 percent, which is 14 times high-

er than in McAllen, Texas, the metro area with the lowest at 1.50 percent.

Best Metro Areas for STEM Professionals

1. Seattle, WA
2. Boston, MA
3. Atlanta, GA
4. Austin, TX
5. Minneapolis, MN
6. Pittsburgh, PA
7. Raleigh, NC
8. Salt Lake City, UT
9. San Francisco, CA
10. Madison, WI

Worst Metro Areas for STEM Professionals

91. Scranton, PA
92. Stockton, CA
93. Oxnard, CA
94. North Port, FL
95. Toledo, OH
96. Little Rock, AR
97. Cape Coral, FL
98. Memphis, TN
99. Deltona, FL
100. Jackson, MS

To view the full report and your metro area's rank, visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-metro-areas-for-stem-professionals/9200>

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Californians donate an average of \$465 to charity in 2020

Despite 2020 being a trying year it has not stopped Americans from helping each other. Throughout the pandemic, Americans have been donating to charitable causes in record numbers.

TOP Data and Kindest conducted a data study and found that this new wave of COVID has pushed up charitable donations by 25%; so much so that 52% of Americans plan on donating more in 2021 due to COVID.

Charity expert David Semerad, CEO of Kindest, said, "We've seen those financially unaffected come forward to make charitable contributions, often with higher donation amounts than previous years."

Charity Insights

1. Charitable donations across the country have risen 25% during COVID
2. 52% of Americans plan to donate more in 2021
3. Californians donated an average of \$468 to charity in 2020

The study revealed that the average American has donated \$608 to charitable organizations this year. Millennials (those aged 25-34) have been the most generous donors, with 74% of them choosing to give to a good cause. Boomers (those aged 55-72) made the least donations, with 54% of them digging into their pockets.

Increase in Charitable Contributions – Top 25 States

Charitable Contributions up 25% across the nation in December 2020 vs 2019

State	2020 Donations	% Change
1 Utah	\$2808	80%
2 Colorado	\$1100	52%
3 Virginia	\$1094	19%
4 Idaho	\$1031	153%
5 Alabama	\$849	58%
6 Minnesota	\$810	26%
7 Arizona	\$796	-4%
8 Oklahoma	\$786	33%
9 Arkansas	\$736	11%
10 Mississippi	\$727	5%
11 Wyoming	\$726	103%
12 Maryland	\$717	22%
13 Washington	\$715	30%
14 New Mexico	\$712	16%
15 Georgia	\$707	22%
16 Tennessee	\$697	17%
17 Oregon	\$693	68%
18 Indiana	\$691	-10%
19 Nebraska	\$671	34%
20 North Carolina	\$665	15%
21 Montana	\$663	82%
22 Ohio	\$657	67%
23 Kansas	\$645	44%
24 Kentucky	\$642	37%
25 Louisiana	\$634	56%

Valley Medical Center Foundation set to receive generous PPE donation

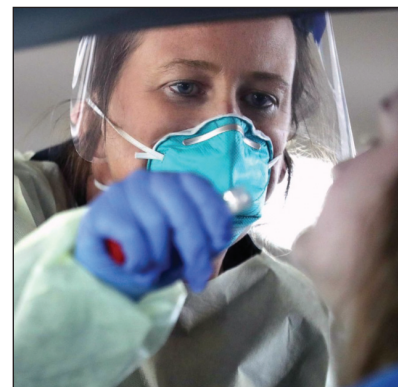
In the midst of working to ensure swift vaccination roll outs to all Santa Clara County residents, Supervisor Otto Lee acknowledged and celebrated a generous donation of Personal Protective Equipment to the Valley Medical Center (VMC) Foundation from the Bridge Road International (BRI) Foundation.

"I did not want to let the opportunity pass to recognize the kind and helpful gift from BRI which will go a long way to protect our nurses and frontline workers," Supervisor Lee said.

The donation, which includes 1,000 personal protective disposable hooded coveralls, was presented to the VMC Foundation on Jan. 21 at the VMC office.

"We are delighted," VMC Foundation CEO Chris Wilder said. "This donation adds to the Foundation's county-wide donation effort to fight COVID-19. Together, we will prevail."

"Together we will see the end of this pandemic," Lee said. "Please continue to maintain social distance, wear a mask whenever you leave your home, and stay home except for essential activities. I thank the community for your strength and collective action to protect your neighbors and yourselves."



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Report: '2021's Best States to Retire'

With 26 percent of all non-retired adults having no retirement savings or pension and a quarter of Americans expecting to delay their retirement due to the economic impact of COVID-19, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2021's Best States to Retire

To help retirees find a safe, enjoyable and wallet-friendly place to call home, WalletHub compared the 50 states across 45 key metrics. The most current analysis examines affordability, health-related factors and overall quality of life.

Retiring in California (1=Best; 25=Avg.):
 49th – Adjusted Cost of Living
 46th – Annual Cost of In-Home Services
 11th – WalletHub 'Taxpayer' Ranking
 41st – Elderly-Friendly Labor Market
 45th – % of Population Aged 65 & Older
 32nd – Property-Crime Rate
 2nd – Life Expectancy
 35th – Health-Care Facilities per Capita
 48th – COVID-19 Positive Testing Rate in the Past Week

Best & Worst States to Retire

Rank	State	Total Score	Affordability	Quality of Life	Health Care
1	Florida	61.09	4	6	28
2	Colorado	60.94	13	16	5
3	Delaware	58.69	5	29	22
4	Virginia	58.61	11	7	23
5	North Dakota	57.49	24	18	6
6	Montana	57.35	12	22	15
7	Idaho	57.28	16	11	25
8	Utah	57.11	21	4	26
9	Minnesota	56.33	37	3	2
10	New Hampshire	56.29	30	1	9
11	Wyoming	56.19	14	13	29
12	Missouri	54.64	20	36	12
13	South Dakota	54.04	22	26	18
14	South Carolina	53.18	3	37	41
15	North Carolina	53.14	19	24	34
16	Iowa	52.68	34	8	8
17	Arizona	52.49	15	28	35
18	Hawaii	52.40	38	30	1
19	Wisconsin	52.24	32	15	16
20	Vermont	51.39	48	5	3
21	Michigan	51.33	31	21	17
22	Ohio	51.10	25	23	31
23	Nebraska	50.55	36	19	10
24	Nevada	50.44	7	39	40
25	Alaska	49.79	39	33	4
26	Georgia	49.33	9	42	42
27	Alabama	49.20	1	45	48
28	California	48.98	29	31	30
29	Massachusetts	48.86	44	2	19
30	Indiana	48.85	26	34	37
31	Washington	48.75	43	10	7
32	Pennsylvania	48.64	35	12	32
33	Maryland	48.37	41	9	14
34	Louisiana	48.27	8	46	43
35	Tennessee	48.16	2	49	47
36	Kansas	47.84	27	32	39
37	Maine	47.71	46	14	11
38	Arkansas	47.54	6	48	45
39	Oregon	47.02	42	20	13
40	Oklahoma	46.47	17	44	44
41	Illinois	45.88	40	27	21
42	Texas	45.85	28	40	38
43	Connecticut	44.35	47	25	20
44	West Virginia	44.12	18	41	50
45	Kentucky	43.78	23	43	46
46	Rhode Island	42.85	45	38	24
47	New Mexico	42.68	33	47	36
48	Mississippi	41.88	10	50	49
49	New York	41.86	49	17	27
50	New Jersey	37.41	50	35	33

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Remote resolution

By Angela Copeland

Before the pandemic, your manager probably had more of a say in where you are day to day.

Liz Ryan from Human Workplace explained, "The authority to decide where employees must be at certain dates and times is a big part of many managers' power. Now that numerous corporations have announced their intention not to bring employees back to the office, some managers are losing that power. Not everyone is okay with it."

In short, it's tough to ask people to be in the office every day now that it has been proven to be unnecessary. This is the truest for white collar jobs, whose work life revolves around a computer. For many years, companies told us



that we could not work remotely. It wasn't possible. It wasn't productive. It would hurt our teams. Fortunately, this is not completely true. The pandemic taught us that.

The pandemic gave companies no other choice but to adapt. Offline process have found their way online. Meetings are now consistently held via Zoom. One on one conversations take place virtually. And, somehow, many big businesses are still in business.

The thing many people didn't expect is the long term impact of staying at home. There are a number of large companies that have announced that they don't plan to ask their employees to return. And, the trend is catching on.

When you look at job postings, location is no longer such a factor for many jobs. Some are listed as remote. Other postings are listing more than one large city to give increased flexibility. And, many are listed with both a city – and information that the company is open to any location and remote work.

If you are one of the many people who likes working from home, this may be the time to think of looking for a new job. It's not clear yet if companies will remain as

flexible once the pandemic passes. But for those who lock in a permanently remote situation now, they will likely be able to keep the option long term.

And the best part? Companies are now interviewing remotely too. There's no longer a need to fly all over the country to shake hands. You won't even have to sneak out of your job to interview. You'll be able to interview from the comfort (and the privacy) of your own home.

In the past, I would have suggested searching for remote jobs. But, if you can work from anywhere, simply search without a city name. Read the job description to see if the company mentions remote options. But, even if the posting doesn't, you should consider applying. Job seekers are applying for jobs out of their market and are being hired with no expectation of relocation (even after the pandemic is over).

The nature of work is changing. If you enjoy working remotely, make a resolution to make it permanent.

Angela Copeland, a career expert and founder of Copeland Coaching, can be reached at copelandcoaching.com.

Santa Clara County gives green light for previously paused Moderna vaccine

By Madelyn Reese

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

County health officials are now instructing local hospitals to begin administering a lot of Moderna vaccines paused earlier this week due to a potential increased risk of allergic reactions.

Santa Clara County received about 21,800 doses of the Moderna Lot 41L20A distributed at the beginning of January, and more than 330,000 of these doses were distributed across the state. Health officials paused administration of the lot after several individuals experienced allergic reactions at a San Diego vaccination site last week.

Local hospitals earlier this week said they had

either not administered any vaccines from the lot or had administered some before the pause, but had not recorded any allergic reactions.

"These findings confirm that the systems put in place to ensure vaccine safety are working just as they should," said Santa Clara County Public Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody. "This latest rigorous, scientific review of possible allergic reactions once again confirmed that the vaccine is safe ... People in Santa Clara County can feel confident that vaccinating our community against COVID-19 will save lives and serve as our path out of the pandemic."

California State Epidemiologist Dr. Erica Pan said the decision to resume vaccinations from the lot was

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Pictured (left to right): Madhavi Nori, Mrudula Chodavarapu, Christina Egan (Manager at SCVMC)

Knitbuds donate 200 beanies to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Hospital and Clinics

Knitbuds, a social entrepreneurship initiative by a local High School junior, has contributed 200 handmade beanies to The Sobrato Cancer Center of Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Hospital and Clinics (SCVMC) on South Bascom.

"Thank you for the beanies!" Christina Egan, a manager at the SCVMC, said appreciating the gesture from Knitbuds. "These will be used as gifts for the chemotherapy patients!"

Cancer patients under-going chemotherapy find beanies as head coverings to be a convenient and comfortable solution to keep them warm and boost their self-esteem by covering their hair loss.

According to the National Institute of Cancer, "In 2020, an estimated 1,806,590 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in the United States." There are many social organizations supporting the cancer patients and standing by them as they fight the battle against cancer. Knitbuds is motivated by such organizations and makes a humble attempt to support this cause.

Knitbuds was founded by Presentation High School junior Mrudula Chodavarapu in December 2018 to bring the community together in an initiative to support the cancer patients. At Knitbuds, volunteers learn how to knit using materials paid for by funds raised by selling vegetables from Chodavarapu's home garden and small stuffed bunnies Knitbuds volunteers make as they learn to knit.

"It is indeed unfortunate to see the growth rate of cancer patients; and inspiring to see the brave individuals who fight the battle against cancer. I wanted to do something to tell them that I stand by them. Handmaking beanies was something I enjoyed doing and gave me immense happiness for being able to help. Teaching this to others and having them participate compounded the happiness while helping the cancer patients."

During the shelter-in-place, Knitbuds' volunteers heavily increased their involvement with the organization. Chodavarapu believes that in total next year, Knitbuds will be able to donate 400 or more beanies and hopes to expand Knitbuds in the future.

About Knitbuds:

Knitbuds is a nonprofit founded in December 2018 in the San Francisco Bay Area. It is dedicated to knitting beanies and other objects to help cancer patients in the area. Those interested in volunteering can contact Knitbuds at mrudulach@knitbuds.org.

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Chief Executive Officer **Ahmad Thomas** (left) and **Angelica Cortez**, vice president of racial justice and equity (right).

Silicon Valley Leadership Group launches new racial diversity program

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG) is launching a major push to urge Bay Area companies to institute racial diversity in their executive ranks.

Under the direction of new Chief Executive Officer Ahmad Thomas, the new racial diversity initiative, named 25x25, will help ensure that more members of under-represented groups become executives at Silicon Valley companies.

"We want to do something that will catalyze change with a measurable impact on corporate diversity in Silicon Valley and also generate revenue for our companies," Thomas said. "Our goal is to fill 25% of executive positions with hires from under-represented groups by 2025."

SVLG is encouraging companies that have already reached the 25% to increase the number of people from under-represent-

ed groups from their current levels.

The organization, which includes more than 350 company members, has appointed Angelica Cortez as vice president of racial justice and equity. She said the leadership group is planning to unveil its 25x25 initiative at the organization's Diversity Summit on Feb. 19.

Cortez said, "25x25 is a chance to act now to create lasting change that reaches every part of our industries by starting at the top."

The leadership group was the only prominent business organization to back legislation that required public companies with executive offices in California to appoint board members from under-represented communities, according to Jed York, chairman of the group's board and CEO of the San Francisco 49ers.



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State announces lifting of regional stay at home order, returning Santa Clara county to purple tier

Outdoor dining, personal care services, sports programs may resume with required modifications; mandatory travel quarantine remains in place

On Monday, January 25, the State of California announced the lifting of its Regional Stay at Home Order for all regions statewide, including the Bay Area. Effective today, Santa Clara County has returned to the Purple Tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, with some additional local restrictions remaining in place.

Outdoor dining may resume today, as well as personal care services and professional, collegiate, and adult and youth sports. The County's mandatory travel quarantine remains in place, requiring a 10-day quarantine for most people who travel into the county from more than 150 miles away. As always, businesses and individuals must follow both the State and County Health Officer orders, and where there is a conflict between the two, the stricter rules must be followed.

"Santa Clara County continues to experience very high rates of COVID-19 transmission," said Dr. Sara Cody, Health Officer and Director of Public Health for the County of Santa Clara. "Our collective actions to date have saved lives and helped protect our healthcare system from collapse. I encourage all residents to remain vigilant, wear a mask anytime you leave your home, maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from anyone outside your household, and get vaccinated when it is your turn."

"Santa Clara County continues to experience very high rates of COVID-19 transmission... I encourage all residents to remain vigilant."

Dr. Sara Cody, Health Officer and Director of Public Health for the County of Santa Clara

Below is a summary of changes:

- **Outdoor dining** may resume, subject to the Mandatory Directive for Dining. Indoor dining remains prohibited. Bars, breweries, distilleries, and pubs may serve alcohol only outdoors and only in the same transaction as a meal.
- **Personal care services** may resume indoors and outdoors, subject to the Mandatory Directive for Personal Care Services.
- **Professional and collegiate sports** may resume, subject to the updated Mandatory Directive for Collegiate and Professional Sports.
- **Adult recreational sports activities** may resume subject to the updated Mandatory Directive for Gatherings, including specific rules in Section 9 of that Directive.
- **Youth sports** may resume subject to the State's guidance applicable to those activities, as well as the County's

Mandatory Directive for Programs Serving Children and Youth.

- **Most businesses that are allowed to open indoor operations** to the public must limit capacity of their publicly accessible space to 20%. The County's Mandatory Directive on Capacity Limitations has been updated to reflect current openings and closings.

- **Outdoor gatherings with up to three households** are now allowed for any purpose. Larger outdoor gatherings with up to 200 people are allowed only for political, religious, or ceremonial purposes, or as otherwise specifically allowed by the State. Indoor gatherings of any kind remain prohibited. All allowed gatherings must comply with the County's updated Mandatory Directive for Gatherings.

- **The County's Mandatory Directive on Travel**, which requires most people who travel into the county from more than 150 miles away to quarantine for 10 days upon their arrival, is still in effect.

- **The County's Mandatory Directive for Lodging Facilities** is still in effect. Lodging facilities may not provide lodging services for non-essential purposes, such as tourism, recreational, or leisure purposes. Non-essential travel should be avoided, especially in light of new variants of COVID-19 that are circulating globally and in the United States.

Key rules remain in effect and applicable to all businesses:

- **Telework:** All businesses must continue to require workers to do their jobs from home whenever possible. Workers

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Tech Jargon of the week:

Serverless Computing

By **Shubhi Asthana**
Special to the Times

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:

Serverless Computing

The technology today is changing dynamically at a fast pace. Conventionally, developers run their applications on servers which are allocated fixed resources. Soon problems arose with sudden spikes of traffic (like during the Thanksgiving online shopping sale!) as demands increased and the servers were not able to handle the enormous amount of requests. This drawback was handled by the serverless computing.

You may think the term “Serverless” means there are no servers involved. However, that is not true. Serverless does involve servers, only the implementation and management are different. Traditional servers have fixed resources, run all the time and need administrators to manage them. Serverless computing run in compute instances that are event driven. What this basically means is that for each event or request to the server, a state is created and after the request is served, the state is automatically destroyed.

AWS Lambda is the best-known example of serverless computing. Once you run your



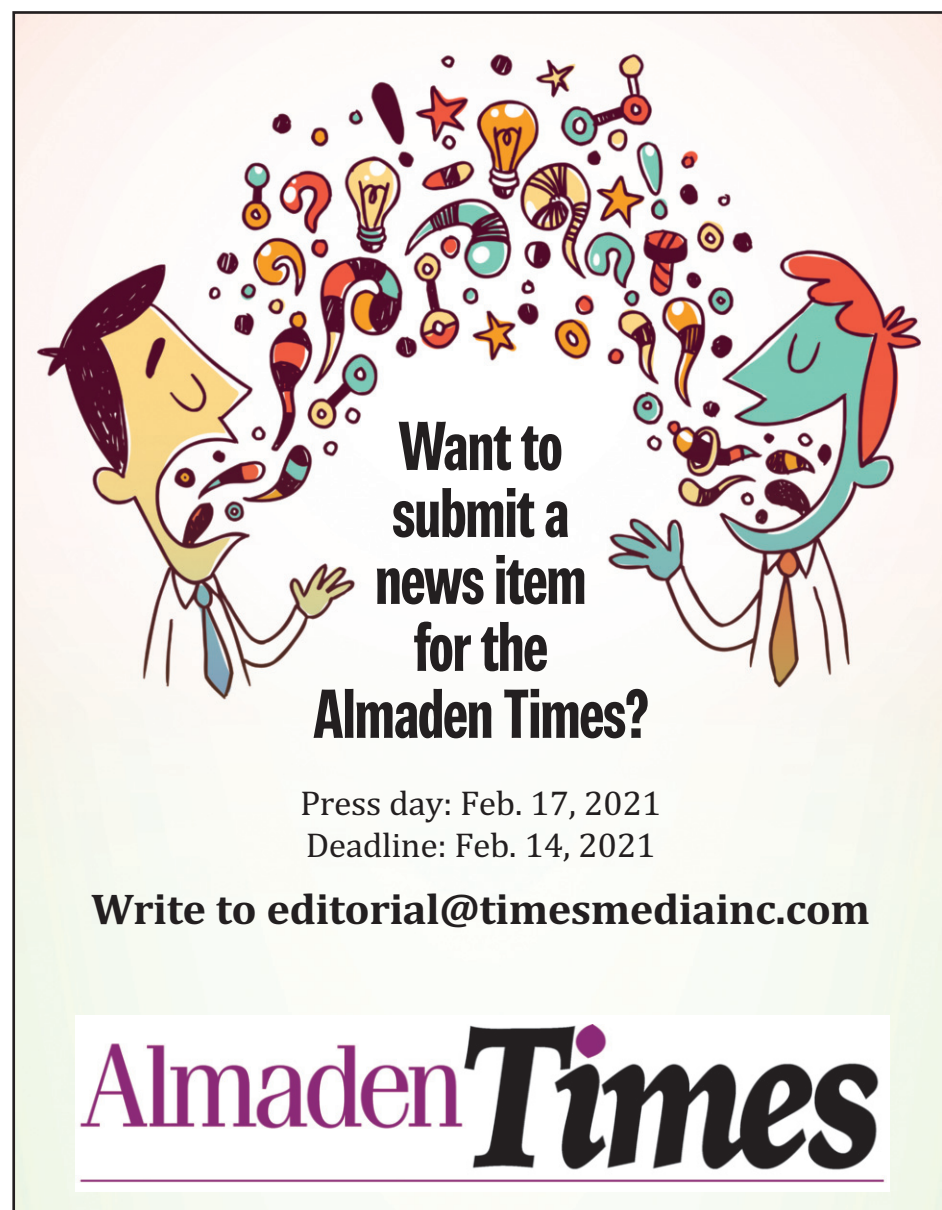
application on their platform, the service handles all the capacity, scaling, patching and administration of the infrastructure to run your application. Hence the services handle provisioning and auto scaling on demand. AWS is by far the largest provider in serverless computing space and is host to a much broader set of supporting tools and resources than any of their competitors.

Azure Functions is Microsoft’s serverless offering and provides a similar model to AWS Lambda. Serverless computing does offer a leap in developer efficiency where even virtual infrastructure concerns melt away and libraries of services and functions reduce once again the amount of code developers need to write from scratch.

Serverless computing is still new and not yet mature. Hence there may be some applications where traditional server computing still fits best. However, Serverless Computing is a great revolution in cloud technology and should become popular in the coming years.

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A 'vaccines only' sign is displayed outside the room where health care workers are receiving the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, Calif. (San José Spotlight / Vicente Vera, Pool)

Vaccine

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made after convening a scientific safety review group, along with additional allergy and immunology specialists across the state.

“These findings should continue to give Californians confidence that vaccines are safe and effective, and that the systems put

in place to ensure vaccine safety are rigorous and science-based,” Pan said. “Members of my family who have qualified to receive the vaccine as health care workers or because of their age have already received the COVID-19 vaccine, and I encourage every Californian to get the vaccine when it’s their turn.”

As of Jan. 21, the county has reported 94,905 cumulative COVID-19 cases and 1,129 deaths.

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can go into work only to complete the job duties they can't complete from home.

• **Social Distancing Protocol** requirements: All businesses must complete and submit a Revised Social Distancing Protocol for each of their facilities on the County's website at COVID19Prepared.org. Social Distancing Protocols submitted prior to October 11, 2020 are no longer valid. The Revised Social Distancing Protocols must be filled out using an updated template for the Social Distancing Protocol at COVID19Prepared.org.

• **Positive case reporting:** All businesses (and governmental entities) are legally required to report to the Public Health Department within 4 hours if they learn that any of their workers are confirmed to be positive for COVID-19. They must also ensure workers alert them if they test positive.

• **Capacity Limitation and Metering:** All businesses must comply with applicable capacity limitations. All businesses (except for acute care hospitals) with indoor facilities open to the public must establish a "metering system" to ensure that the appli-

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• **Indoor Breakroom Closure:** All businesses (except acute care hospitals) must limit employees' access to indoor workplace breakrooms as described in section 3 of the Mandatory Directive on Capacity Limitations.

For more updates and information, the public may visit the county's website. Information regarding COVID-19 testing is available at www.sccfreetest.org, and information about vaccine eligibility and distribution is available at www.sccfreevax.org.

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over one side of Almaden Lake Park for one Sunday in September, attracting more than 15,000 people. All proceeds from this event have always been given back to the Almaden community through scholarships and grants to local area charities.

"We continue to be committed to serving the needs of the Almaden Community and the greater San Jose area with fundraising events and also by participating as volunteers to help organizations," Swartz said. "In order to accomplish this, the group is planning three events which will happen throughout the year. Two of the events are virtual and the third will be flexible enough to be either live or virtual."

The first event will be a Virtual 5k. The event will take place May 20-24, 2021. Participants will be able to sign up via the group's

website and will receive a t-shirt for participating. A suggested route will be published which will lead attendees around Almaden Lake Park. However, participants can also choose their own route. The idea is to have everyone participate during the five days. More details will be available soon on the club's website: www.almadenwomen.org

The club is also stepping up their volunteer work with activities meant to help area organizations. Club members are planning to help with a variety of in person and online volunteering to directly help community organizations. "Our motto is Friendship Through Service," Swartz said. "We continue to keep that in our site as we plan activities throughout the year." The club is always accepting new members and women living in the 95120, 95123 and 95118 are encouraged to join.

For more information on the fundraising events or for those interested in joining the club, please visit www.almadenwomen.org.

Winners*Continued from page 1*

Boston Massacre, considered to be a pivotal event that paved the way to the American Revolution. Imagine you are living in Boston and, after witnessing the events of March 5th, describe your family's discussion about the Boston Massacre and what role it played in organizing the colonists against the British King and Parliament."

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