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Essential Workers on the Job

Jeff Smith rings up items for a customer at the CVS in downtown San Leandro this week. During the coronavirus pandemic, it's business as usual – with some precautions – for the workers who supply the goods people need, and all the medical workers and first-responders.

Over 2,000 Tested in Hayward

The City of Hayward has tested more than 2,000 people for coronavirus infection at its COVID-19 Testing Center in the first two weeks of operation.

Of the first 2,089 people

whose test samples have been analyzed, 226 have been found to be positive for infection with the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 disease.

The Testing Center, at 28270

Huntwood Ave. in Hayward, was established to take pressure off hospital emergency rooms. It provides quicker answers for first responders and health care workers with COVID-19 symptoms and better informs individuals so they know to isolate and help slow the spread of the virus.

The Center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or until the number of tests available for the day has been exhausted. Testing is free and available to anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and a fever over 100 degrees. COVID-19 symptoms include cough and shortness of breath.

People who present themselves at the testing center by car or on foot will go through a two-step screening process before being administered a test, which involves swabbing of the nasal cavities and back of the throat.

At curbside check-in points, people are screened for COVID-19 symptoms and suitability for testing. Lines to curbside check-in and screening will be regulated to maintain safe distancing, traffic control and to not exceed the maximum of tests that can be performed per day.

People initially approved for testing will be directed to an intake tent for verification of symptoms and suitability. People deemed not in need of testing will be directed away from the testing center location down Lustig Court.

Once verified, people to be tested will move to a testing tent for COVID-19 testing and afterward receive discharge instructions.

Most test results will be available within 24 hours, depending on volume.

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County Expands Health Mandates To Fight Virus

Governor warns of 'surge' of coronavirus cases coming

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

As the world continues to fight against the coronavirus, Alameda County officials have expanded their list of health precautions and community support, while businesses and neighbors reach out to help each other.

As of Monday there were 661 reported cases of COVID-19 in Alameda County with 13 related deaths from complications.

Alameda County joined six other Bay Area public health jurisdictions to extend its current shelter-in-place order to May 3 in attempts to slow the spread of infections.

While a surge in new infections are anticipated, the City of Fremont opened a COVID-19 testing center at its Fire Tactical Training Center on Stevenson Boulevard. The center is equipped to handle about 100 tests per day.

No doctor's referrals are required, but priority is given to healthcare professionals and first responders. This is the second major testing center in the county after Hayward Fire Department opened a site in March.

Doctor's Orders: Infected Homes Under Quarantine, Masks in Public

If you tested positive for COVID-19 or are awaiting test results, the other people in your home are asked to isolate and

quarantine themselves as well. This includes people visiting you in person without protective gear.

Previously, health officials required only the individual to see MANDATES, page 10

Lessons of Spanish Flu Helping Today

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The flu of 1918 to 1920 killed 670,000 Americans and an estimated 20 to 50 million people worldwide.

An estimated 500 million people got the Spanish Flu, a quarter of the world's population at the time.

But what we've learned from the Spanish Flu is helping during the coronavirus pandemic today. Studies have shown that cities that took social containment measures in 1918 considerably reduced the spread of the virus.

Censors kept down the reporting of the virus in Germany, see LESSONS, page 4

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We want to take this opportunity to thank our advertisers and all of the people who sent donations to The Times, which enabled us to print and distribute this week's edition.

Thanks, too, for your many thoughtful notes of support.

Like most other locally-owned weeklies, the immediate future for this newspaper is unknown due to the COVID-19 crisis and the resulting precipitous but understandable drop in advertising revenue.

It looks likely that we may have to suspend the print edition temporarily. If you do not receive a copy of next week's Times delivered to your home, please log on to sanleandrotimes.com.

We founded The Times 29 years ago and we have been proud to serve the San Leandro community since that time. We hope to continue in the weeks, months and years ahead.

—Fred Zehnder, Publisher

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Pansy



Pharaoh

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Pansy the bunny and Pharaoh the senior dog.

Pansy is a fluffy white bunny with tons of personality and confidence. She knows what she likes and lets you know. Since arriving as a stray, she has learned to better trust people. She loves to explore her surroundings.

Pharaoh is about 8 years old, a big fan of tennis balls and

is willing to share them with you. When his guardian passed away, Pharaoh became a bit of a nomad, but was eventually surrendered to the shelter. Okay with teens.

For more information on Pansy or Pharaoh, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

The shelter in place restrictions have affected the Hayward Animal Shelter, too. To adopt a pet from the shelter, go to www.haywardanimals.org.

Boys & Girls Club Closed

The San Leandro Boys & Girls Club has suspended all of its programs for as long as the shelter-in-place order is in effect, due to the coronavirus epidemic.

The club hosts many of its programs at the San Leandro and San Lorenzo public schools, which are also closed. The club is following the protocols mandated by the school district, and the

county and state offices of education, according to a statement by Boys & Girls Club Director Bob Glotch on the club's website.

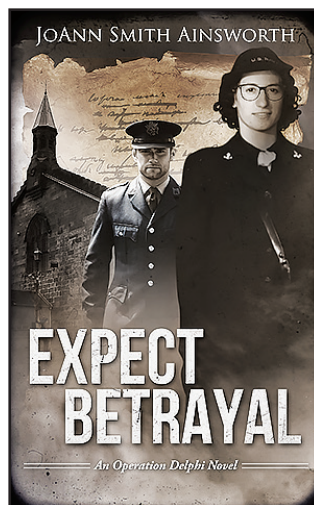
"The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Leandro encourages everyone to do their part during the Shelter in Place order and practice social distancing," said Glotch. "If everyone does their part, we will all benefit."

Psychics Hunt Nazi Spies in SL Author's New Suspense Novel

San Leandro novelist JoAnn Smith Ainsworth will release her seventh novel, a paranormal suspense entitled *Expect Betrayal* on April 18.

In the story, the U.S. government recruits psychics during World War II to hunt down Nazi spies. Ms. Ainsworth was a child during the 1940s. Her wartime memories add poignancy to the novel, as well as adding authenticity of settings and times.

Expect Betrayal takes place in Great Britain where the clairvoyant team leader for the psychics is searching for a relative evac-



JoAnn Smith Ainsworth's new novel is set in Great Britain during World War II.

uated because of the Blitz. The European cousin is custodian of the family's The Book of Cures, which ancient manuscript contains spells and charms believed able to protect their Philadelphia headquarters from Nazi occult attacks. This is the third book in this Operation Delphi series.

Ana Manwaring, mystery author and reviewer, says "Ainsworth develops a suspense filled, historically steeped race against time and evil...she gives a riveting story of espionage and treachery set in an era of polite national determination."

Expect Trouble e-book is now on sale for 99 cents and the *Expect Deception* e-book is \$1.99 until April 18. Preorder at: <https://books2read.com/b/3Lp7zN>.

Ms. Ainsworth is a member of Sisters in Crime—Northern California, Bay Area Independent Publishers Assn., and California Writers Club. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley. She has an M.A.T. from Fairleigh Dickinson University

and her M.B.A. studies from Pepperdine University.

For more information, visit www.joannsmithainsworth.com.

Swalwell to Host Talk with County Health Director

Congressman Eric Swalwell will hold a Facebook Live Q&A on Thursday, April 9, at 1:30 p.m. with special guest Colleen Chawla, Director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency. You can submit questions in advance on the event Facebook page at: [Facebook.com/CongressmanEricSwalwell](https://www.facebook.com/CongressmanEricSwalwell).

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Eden Health to Supply Face Masks, Test 10,000 People

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The Eden Health District will spend \$500,000 on fighting the coronavirus pandemic, buying face masks and in testing for the virus.

The Eden board of directors voted unanimously last week to authorize the spending, which is roughly equal to the amount it distributes annually.

Half the money would pay for masks. The other half will go toward testing for COVID-19 which Eden plans to coordinate with other agencies such as the Alameda County Health Department, and the Hayward Fire Department which has already set up a testing facility.

"We're hoping to test 10,000 people," said Eden Health District CEO Mark Friedman.

The testing will begin as soon as possible, though it's complicated to coordinate, said Friedman.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is the most significant public health crisis of our time," Friedman said. "The countries and areas that have made the most progress



in flattening the curve have all done widespread testing."

The initial order will be for 200,000 masks, with some of the money coming from Eden's partner agencies, Friedman said. The district is looking at buying KN-95 masks from China, and perhaps later N-95 masks made by 3M in the United States, Friedman said.

Eden is working with other public agencies for the health of Eden area residents, Friedman said. Eden hopes to build on the already successful effort of the Hayward Fire Department and identify other testing sites in the district and Alameda County.

"The community is really pulling together to take on tasks that are overwhelming for any

one entity, it's larger than anyone anticipated," Friedman said.

The Eden Health District also declared a local emergency due to the COVID-19 epidemic. Friedman said that declaration can help the district possibly get reimbursed on the expenditure with funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Hospitals are reporting shortages at the moment of masks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), but Friedman said he believes that manufacturers are ramping up production, both in China and the United States.

The 3M company has announced an increase in the manufacture of respirator masks, and the president invoked the Defense Production Act which

orders 3M to significantly ramp up production.

The Eden Health District was founded in 1948 to operate Eden Hospital which it no longer owns. But the district owns two medical buildings, in Castro Valley and Dublin, from which it collects

rent which is the district's source of funding.

The district serves the residents of Hayward and San Leandro and the unincorporated communities of San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland and Fairview.

Gordon Galvan, chair of the Eden Health District board of directors, said that while the district's funds are limited in that it doesn't collect tax money, it will draw on its cash reserves to serve as a catalyst for a broader community effort to fight COVID-19.

Friedman Named Eden CEO

The Eden Health District announced that it has appointed Mark Friedman as its chief executive officer.

Friedman is the former CEO of the Thomas J. Long Foundation and First 5 Alameda County as well as former mayor of the City of El Cerrito.

"I am honored and humbled to serve as the new CEO of the Eden Health District during this unprecedented time," said Friedman.

Friedman said he looks forward to Eden working with county and city agencies and non-profit organizations to rise to the challenge COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of the



Former El Cerrito Mayor Mark Friedman has been appointed CEO of the Eden Health District.

residents of the Eden Area.

The district recently launched a COVID-19 Bulletin on its

website that collects news on the pandemic with an emphasis on the East Bay. The Bulletin is a joint project with the East Bay Community Foundation.

"The COVID-19 Bulletin provides local policy makers and community members accurate and timely information to help them make the best policy and personal choices in response to the pandemic," said Friedman.

The bulletin is posted online at <https://ethd.org/daily-bulletin-update/>.

To receive the bulletin directly by email, contact District Clerk Barbara Adranly at badranly@ethd.org to be added to the bulletin distribution list.

Tips on How to Reduce Your Energy Use and Your Bills

As the COVID-19 pandemic impacts the Bay Area, PG&E continues to monitor its 48-county service area and the increasing financial struggles facing its customers as schools and businesses remain closed.

"We know that electric and gas usage will likely increase for many customers as they practice social distancing and stay at home," said Laurie Giammona, PG&E's Chief Customer Officer. "We want to help customers with common-sense advice and easy-to-use tips to reduce the impacts on their budgets."

PG&E has voluntarily implemented a moratorium on service disconnections for non-payment. This suspension applies to both residential and commercial customers and will remain in effect until further notice.

Here are some tips and easy-to-use resources to help manage home energy use during this difficult time.

- Set thermostat temperatures (health permitting) at 68°F when home and awake, and 58°F

when away or asleep.

- Consider wearing a sweater or using a blanket to stay warm.

- Evaluate conditions before turning on central heating. If the household is gathered in one

“Plug all personal electronics in to a power strip and turn off power strip when electronics aren't in use.”

room, maybe use an electric space heater. Remember to first read and follow all safety guidelines.

- Warm your home naturally by opening blinds and windows during sunnier hours.

- Use computer sleep and hibernate modes, which can be activated through your computer's power settings.

- Plug all personal electronics into a power strip and simply turn off the power strip when electronics aren't in use.

- When not in use, unplug small appliances and electronics, like coffee makers and printers.

- Open blinds and window coverings and use natural light instead of lamps.

- Turn down the brightness of your TV. Factory settings are typically brighter than needed.

- Use smaller screens, like tablets, to stream media.

- Completely turn off TVs and game consoles.

- Engage kids to turn lights and electronics off or shut doors behind them.

No disruption in gas or electric service is anticipated due to the public health crisis.

Visit www.pge.com/covid19/ to read more about PG&E's response to the virus.

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Tested: Just for people who have symptoms

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To get to the Center, members of the general public should enter Huntwood Ave. at Industrial Blvd., then proceed north to curbside screening locations or backs of lines that lead to them.

While testing is a vital tool in controlling coronavirus spread, broad-scale testing is not yet available. Not everyone infected becomes sick and testing is being prioritized for individuals who are experiencing symptoms.

But there is increasing evidence that individuals are infectious 48 hours before they begin experiencing symptoms. To combat the risk posed by asymptomatic individuals, the Alameda County Public Health

Department on April 2 issued a new recommendation that everyone wear a cloth covering of the nose and mouth when leaving home for essential activities.

The department recommends cloth coverings to help prevent people who may have the virus, and do not know it, from transmitting it to others. Medical masks, which are in short supply, should be preserved first for health-care workers.

The recommendation followed a decision announced three days earlier by the health officers of the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Santa Clara, San Francisco and San Mateo to broaden and extend shelter-in-place in the Bay Area to May 3.

Lessons: Difference between two cities

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France, England and the United States in order to keep morale up for World War I. But no censorship was put on neutral Spain, so it gave the false impression that Spain was the hardest hit and led to the name Spanish Flu.

Unlike the current epidemic, the Spanish Flu hit young adults the hardest with over half the deaths in the 20 to 40 age group. The primary cause of death was pneumonia caused by the flu. Only 1 percent of the deaths were those age 65 and older, quite different from the current coronavirus.

It's speculated that older people fared better against the Spanish Flu because they developed an immunity during the flu of 1889, known as the Russian Flu. Also different was that its outbreak happened in the summer when flu is normally associated with the winter.

But one thing we know today is that some cities battled the epidemic better than others.

The difference was in the way cities responded to the epidemic, according to a study by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Cities cut death rates in half when public health officials imposed social containment measures within a few days after the first cases were recorded compared to the cities that took just a few weeks to respond, the NIH study found.

"A primary lesson of the 1918 pandemic is that it is critical to intervene early," said Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., director of the NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

In 1918, schools, theaters, churches and dance halls were closed. New York mandated factories stagger shifts to reduce commuter traffic. Seattle mandated facemasks.

An NIAID study found that the restrictions mitigated the

transmission of the virus in 1918. The death rates were reduced by how soon the measures were put in place.

Ultimately, the NIAID study found all the cities experienced significant epidemics because there was no vaccine, and the virus continued or recurred as the cities relaxed their restrictions.

The Parade Went On

A big parade was set to raise money for war bonds to help pay for World War I as the Spanish Flu was spreading as the troops came back from Europe with a virulent strain of the flu. But the public health director for the City of Philadelphia downplayed it, declaring that it was just the seasonal flu.

Even though the virus began to spread among the civilian

"The primary lesson of the 1918 pandemic is that it is critical to intervene early."

— Dr. Anthony S. Fauci

population, and disease experts warned against having a parade where hundreds of thousands of people would converge, the parade went on.

Marching soldiers, Boy Scouts, dignitaries and bands paraded as people jammed the sidewalks to watch. By the end of the week, all of Philadelphia's hospitals were full.

But the virus was handled differently in St. Louis. The flu spread from a nearby military base to the civilian population, but St. Louis health commis-



The Oakland Auditorium was turned into a hospital ward during the Spanish Flu in 1918.

sioner Dr. Max Starkloff had local doctors on standby and wrote an editorial about avoiding crowds in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

When the virus started to spread, Starkloff closed public events, schools and movie theaters. An army of nurses was in place to treat people in their homes.

St. Louis was still hit by the epidemic but it suffered only one-eighth of the mortality of Philadelphia, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The preventive measures kept the virus from exploding and overwhelming the hospitals.

The NIH found that cities that relaxed their restrictions right after the epidemic peaked often saw a re-emergence of the infection and had to bring back the restrictions.

Dr. Neil Ferguson of Imperial College, London authored a study that used mathematical models to reproduce the pattern of the 1918 pandemic in different cities. They found that San Francisco had effective measures that lowered deaths by 25 percent. But had San Francisco left the measures in place from September 1918 to May 1919

the city might have reduced deaths by 90 percent.

The best way to contain a potential flu pandemic would be to vaccinate large numbers of people before they're exposed to the virus, according to the NIH. But developing a vaccine is tough because influenza mutates as it replicates, so that over time an older vaccine is no longer effective.

It would take months to develop a new vaccine after the first cases of a pandemic influenza appear, according to the NIH.

Warmer weather usually slows down a virus but this one is new and we're not sure what it will do, and it might come back next season, Dr. Fauci said.

A potential vaccine against the coronavirus has been developed at the University of Pittsburgh and testing could come in the coming months, giving a ray of hope.

The ultimate solution to a virus that keeps coming back is a vaccine, Fauci said.

Incidentally, it was at the same University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine that Jonas Salk developed a polio vaccine in the 1950s.

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The name of the business(es): Lorena House Cleaning Services located at 348 105th Ave. Apt A, Oakland, CA 94603, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lorena Salazar, 348 105th Ave. Apt A, Oakland, CA 94603. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 01-01-20.

/s/ Lorena Salazar
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The name of the business(es): Adult Jam located at 15345 Churchill St., San Leandro, CA 94579, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elizabeth Eisler, 15345 Churchill St., San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 4-1-13.

/s/ Elizabeth Eisler
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LIFESTYLE

Ham and Lamb are Easter's Traditional Favorites



A fully cooked ham need only be heated to 140°F internal temperature. If the ham is uncooked (it should be labeled as such), it needs to be heated to 160°F.

Easter means a time of new beginnings, religious services, spring flowers, Easter eggs, and to many, feasting to break the fast of Lent.

Smoky baked ham or roast of spring lamb are the favorites for Sunday dinner.

EASTER BAKED HAM

- 1 (7-pound) boneless ham
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard, or as needed
- 1 (8-ounce) can pineapple

- rings in juice, drained and juice reserved
- 1 cup honey

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Score ham by making 1/2-inch deep diagonal cuts, creating a diamond pattern; transfer ham to a roasting pan.

Mix brown sugar with enough yellow mustard to make a smooth, pourable sauce.

Pour reserved pineapple juice over ham, followed by the honey.

Pour brown sugar mixture over honey and arrange pineapple rings decoratively atop ham. Secure

pineapple rings with toothpicks.

Bake in the preheated oven until diamond pattern on ham splits open, 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Baste ham every 15 minutes with pan drippings. Yields 20 servings.

ROAST LEG OF LAMB

- 1 leg of lamb, bone in (about 6 to 7-1/2 pounds)
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 8 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 teaspoons coarsely ground

black pepper
Sauce:

- 1 cup chopped fresh herbs (combination of rosemary, chives, and parsley)
- 2 cups diced onions
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup red wine

Preheat the oven to 400°F.

Rub the lamb all over with the lemon juice. Pat the garlic and rosemary evenly all over the surface of the meat. Season the meat with the salt and pepper and place the lamb in a roasting pan.

Place the lamb in the oven and roast for 30 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 350°F and continue to cook for about 1 hour longer for medium-rare, or until a meat thermometer inserted into the center of the roast registers about 145°F to 150°F (be careful that the thermometer does not touch the bone.)

Remove lamb from pan and allow to rest for 10 to 15 minutes before carving.

Position the roasting pan over your stove burners. Add mixed herbs and onions to pan, and stir to combine with pan drippings. Add chicken stock and wine to deglaze the pan, scraping the bottom with a wooden spoon. Reduce over high heat until sauce consistency. Strain before serving, if desired. Slice lamb and serve with sauce drizzled over the top.

Yields 6 to 8 servings.

BACON QUICHE

- 1 sheet refrigerated pie pastry
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 6 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 cup unsweetened apple juice
- 1 pound sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese

Line a 9-in. pie plate with pastry; trim and flute edges. Set aside. In a small skillet, saute green onions in butter until tender.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, cream and juice. Stir in the bacon, salt, pepper and green onions. Pour into pastry; sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting. Yield: 6 servings.

SCALLOPED POTATOES

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 5 medium potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 medium onion, halved and thinly sliced

In a small nonstick skillet, melt butter. Stir in the flour, salt and pepper until smooth; gradually add milk. Bring to a boil. Cook

and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat; stir in cheese until blended. Place half of the potatoes in a 1-1/2 quart baking dish coated with cooking spray; layer with half of the onion and cheese sauce. Repeat layers.

Cover and bake at 350°F for 50 minutes. Uncover; bake 10-15 minutes longer or until bubbly and potatoes are tender. Serves 6.

STUFFED EGGS

- 6 hard-cooked eggs
- 1/4 cup commercial sour cream
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- 2 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- Paprika
- 6 pimiento-stuffed olives, halved

Peel eggs; slice in half lengthwise and carefully remove yolks. Mash yolks and stir in sour cream, salt, pepper and parsley flakes; mix until smooth. Stir in bacon. Stuff egg whites with yolk mixture, sprinkle with paprika and top with olive half. Serves 12.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A problem in getting a workplace project up and moving might upset the Lamb, who likes things done on time. But be patient. The delay could turn out to be a blessing in disguise.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your instincts are usually on the mark, so if you feel uneasy about being asked for advice on a certain matter, it's probably a good idea that you opt not to comply with the request.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You might have two minds about a proposed change (which often happens with the Twins), but once all the facts are in, you'll be able to make a definitive decision. Good luck.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): The Crab's frugal aspect dominates, so while you might be reluctant to pay for technical repairs, the time you save in getting things back on track could be well worth the expense.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): While you Leos and Leonas continue to concentrate on doing well in your work-related ventures this week, consider reserving the weekend for sharing good times with family and friends.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): This is a good week to take stock of the important personal, professional or familial relationships in your life and see where you might need to do some intense shoring up.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Your sense of justice makes you the likely person to help deal with a work- or family-related grievance. But you need to have any doubts about anyone's true agenda resolved first.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): The Scorpio passion for getting things done right and on time might rankle some folks. Never mind them. Others will be impressed, and they're the ones you want in your corner.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Finances could be a mite tight this week. And, while things will ease up soon enough, you savvy Sagittarians will want to keep a prudent eye on your expenses at this time.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Although a technical malfunction could cause a temporary delay in getting things up and running, you could use the time to recheck your operation and make changes where necessary.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You might find it difficult to resist making a snap judgment about a colleague's behavior. But stick with your usual way of assessing situations and wait for the facts to come out.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Asking for help with a family situation might be the wisest course to take right now. Just be sure you turn to someone you can trust to do and say the right thing for the right reasons.

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Real Estate Services Deemed Essential with Severe Restrictions

As we progress deeper into the coronavirus crisis, mandates and rules continue to change. Of primary significance is the new directive from the County of Alameda stating the COVID-19 Shelter in Place Order has been extended through May 3, 2020.

This is new territory for all. Hunkered at home, we are seeking ways to keep each day fresh. While some are continuing to work from home, it has proved difficult for many to accomplish tasks surrounded by circumstances far from ideal.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to parents with children at home who, while trying to continue their kid's education, are still required to accomplish

other tasks. We are also mindful of seniors living alone who cannot be visited in person at this time and for whom loneliness is taking on a new dimension.

Of deepest concern are those who have lost the ability to work and consequently have no income.

With regard to real estate, things are a mixed bag.

As of last week, real estate services were upgraded to essential, but with severe restrictions. While we are still seeing purchases and sales, Tricia Thomas, CEO of Bay East Association of Realtors clarifies, "It's not business as usual. Six Bay Area Counties and the City of Berkeley issued new Shelter in Place Orders on March 31, 2020 that permit limited real estate practices."

She continues, "Service providers that enable residential transactions (including rentals, leases, and home sales), are

considered essential businesses for limited purposes only. This applies to residential transactions, not commercial or industrial. Service providers include real estate agents, escrow agents, notaries, and title companies."

Consequently, the following guidelines are in place:

No Open Houses or Broker Opens. Whenever possible, all aspects of a transaction should be completed through virtual interaction.

In-person contact is discouraged. Properties may be shown if strict guidelines are followed and only if the property is vacant.

Persons performing cosmetic services for a property, such as staging and landscaping are not considered service providers subject to the exception.

Access to residential properties is restricted to services necessary to maintaining habitability, sanitation, and residence operation, or to address safety of residents, employees or the public (eg. fire safety or tree trimming to prevent dangerous conditions). Examples include plumbers, electricians and exterminators. Landscaping is not considered essential.

The Central County Realtors implore you to follow the directives and be safe.

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County, State Defer Evictions During Pandemic

By Michael Singer
Special to the Times

Renters who've been laid off, are temporarily out of work, or see their hours slashed due to the coronavirus pandemic are getting some relief.

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued eviction protections last week for tenants who are unable to pay their rent because of loss of income as a result of the outbreak.

The executive order follows decisions by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to take a humane approach to evict tenants. Evictions already filed in Alameda county will also be on hold, for now. County superior courts and the

sheriff's office say ongoing evictions won't be enforced during the shelter-in-place order.

However, April's rent is due if you can pay it. According to Newsom's order, if a tenant cannot pay the rent because of COVID-19, the tenant's rental payment is deferred for a reasonable period but not waived.

When the crisis is over, you are expected to repay back rent. If not, you must submit in writing the reason you cannot pay and provide documents showing why you cannot pay within seven days of when the rent is due.

The California Apartment Association said it will work with local agencies to support the executive order and urges rental property owners and managers to act with compas-

sion in dealing with residents who face coronavirus-related hardships in all locations, regardless of whether a moratorium on evictions is in place.

If you are threatened with an eviction during this time, you may contact the East Bay Community Law Center: 510-548-4040, ext. 629 or the Centro Legal de la Raza: 510-437-1554.



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You Can Help to Keep Parks Open

By Ned MacKay
Special to the Times

With measures in place made necessary by the coronavirus pandemic, many of the East Bay Regional Parks are still open to the public. But we all need to help to keep them that way.

At this writing, five regional parks are completely closed: Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont, Bay Point Regional Shoreline in Pittsburg (for construction), Castle Rock Regional Recreation Area in Walnut Creek, Pt. Isabel in Richmond, and Sunol Regional Wilderness in southern Alameda County.

At other regional parks, trails are generally open but other park features are closed. Closures include the Tilden Little Farm, all visitor centers, picnic areas, restrooms, water fountains, some parking lots, swim areas, playgrounds, campgrounds, back country campsites, kiosks, sports fields, and reservable facilities.

The district's 300 miles of paved, regional inter-park trails are open. These include

the Delta-DeAnza and Marsh Creek Regional Trails in East Contra Costa, the Contra Costa Canal Regional Trail in central Contra Costa, the Iron Horse Trail through the San Ramon Valley, and the Alameda Creek Regional Trail in Newark and Fremont.

For a detailed and up-to-date list of what is open and closed, visit the Park District website at www.ebparks.org, and click on "COVID-19 Updates & Closure Information" at the top of the home page. To avoid disappointment, I recommend that you always do that before venturing out to a park.

Because coronavirus is highly contagious and can be spread by overcrowding, all these measures are intended to secure the safety of both the general public and the staff who maintain, operate and police the regional parks. As a result, although there are rangers on duty, staffing is at a lower level. Like all of us, many staff are sheltering in place and caring for their families.

If the spread of coronavirus

increases, more restrictive measures may have to be taken. But we can all help to prevent that by observing some specific precautions:

- Maintain a six-foot distance from other people.
- No picnicking, groups, gatherings or meetups. Only immediate households should be together.
- Use gloves or hand sanitizers at high use contact points such as trail gates.
- Keep dogs on leash at all times. When dogs congregate, so do their owners.
- Pack out all trash, including dog waste bags. Because of lower staffing, trash collection will be limited.
- Do not use single-use plastic water bottles. Bring your own water in a permanent-use container. Water fountains have been closed.
- Use the toilet at home before you visit the park. Park toilets are locked shut.
- Park safely; please do not block fire road gates or obstruct park access roads.

All the regional park natu-

ralist programs have been cancelled. However, you can still enjoy some Park District nature programs online. The district naturalists have put together a series of Facebook video programs called "Creature Features," each highlighting a natural history topic. You can access these on your Facebook page by typing in a search for "East Bay Regional Park District Creature Features." The first four "creatures" featured are a newt, wildflowers, a gopher snake, and skull detectives, and there are more to come.

East Bay Regional Park District's staff and board are in constant contact and in compliance with all local and state health departments. The coronavirus pandemic is by nature rapidly evolving, with changes on a daily basis. The hope is that if we all work together, these changes will be for the better, and we will be able to resume our normal way of living sooner rather than later. The Park District board and staff offer thanks to the public for its understanding and cooperation.



Vegetables

As soon as garden beds are able to be worked after the April rains have passed, you can begin setting out vegetables, including radishes, eggplants, green peppers, beans, cucumbers and squash. Buzz Bertolero recommends waiting until May to set out tomatoes.

Flowers

Summer annuals and perennials can also be planted this month to brighten up flower beds. Look for petunias and zinnias—two of the most popular annuals—available in a wide range of colors, shapes and sizes to fulfill any requirement, whether for dramatic massed beds and borders, window boxes or planters on the patio.

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All residents can now respond to the Census online at: 2020census.gov and by phone by calling one of these numbers: English 844-330-2020, Spanish 844-468-2020, Chinese (Mandarin) 844-391-2020, Chinese (Cantonese) 844-398-2020 or Telephone Display Device (TDD) 844-467-2020.

The campaign encourages all residents to participate as soon as possible and is providing culturally sensitive and in-language support.

The mailed invitation includes information on how to fill out the Census form and includes a unique Census ID linked to a physical address. Californians will need to use their customized Census ID when responding online or by phone.

All residents can respond to the Census online at: my2020census.gov and by phone.

What You Need to Know:

- The Census is a simple, confidential, 9-question survey

- Questions include: name, address, sex, race, ethnicity, age, and whether you own or rent the home

- Californians should self-identify in regard to race, ethnicity and gender

- Make sure you count everyone in your home, including any friends or family members who are living and sleeping there most of the time

- The Census Bureau will never ask about your citizenship status, or for sensitive information like your social security number, bank accounts, or payments/donations.

- The Census Bureau will never reach out to you on behalf of a political party

- Your responses to the Census are protected by law and cannot be shared with, or used by, any other government agencies. Answers cannot be used for law enforcement purposes, to determine eligibility for government benefits or immigration enforcement

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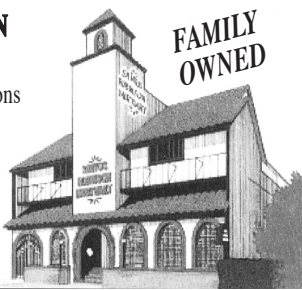
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Mandates: Support for medical workers

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isolate. The County says its new "Blanket Order" was initiated because individuals are infectious 48 hours before their symptoms began.

"These orders are a necessary next step and work hand-in-hand with the shelter-in-place order to help slow COVID-19's spread, protect vulnerable individuals, and prevent the healthcare system in Alameda County from being overwhelmed," Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Erica Pan said in a statement.

In anticipation of a spike in the number of infections, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California may require up to 50,000 additional hospital beds to ensure there is enough capacity for the medical system to handle the surge of COVID-19 cases.

The state is working with public health officials, including in Alameda County, to evaluate appropriate sites.

Bay Area health officials are also recommending residents cover their nose and mouth with cloth when leaving home for essential travel such as to doctor appointments, grocery shopping or pharmacy visits. Homemade

versions that block the nose and mouth are acceptable under the recommendations.

Officials ask that medi-

"If you need support, please reach out to my office."

— Alameda County
Supervisor Nate Miley

cal-grade respirators such as the N95 masks be reserved for hospital workers.

Support for Healthcare Workers

The tireless work of healthcare professionals is not going unnoticed. Many area restaurants are asking patrons to help efforts with donations of food and beverages. Zocalo Coffeehouse has initiated a "Pay It Forward" category on its website that allows you to purchase a cup or carafe of coffee that will get delivered to front-line medical workers in San Leandro.

"We are also collecting masks

and face shields for nurses at Summit Hospital in Oakland. Stop in the cafe and drop off supplies if you have them to share," the company said in an email.

Business Support Available

While businesses are finding ways to pitch in against the COVID-19 pandemic, economic help is on its way, say county officials. Congress passed three relief packages in response to the crisis, amounting to trillions of dollars which will go to businesses and workers. County Supervisor Nate Miley says he is, "acutely aware of the economic stress put on the Eden Area community during this emergency."

"My office is working diligently to connect constituents with available resources," Miley said. "If you need support, please reach out to my office."

For example, the Alameda County Community Development Agency's Economic and Civic Development Department (ECD) is working with small businesses in the county's unincorporated areas to connect them with available programs. They are also working with the Chamber of Commerce to post and share information.

Lunch Menu at The Senior Center

Senior lunch is take-out during the pandemic emergency; drive up and pick up your lunch; call 72 hour ahead

A low-cost senior lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services is served on weekdays at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th Street.

Everyone age 60 and up can have lunch. A suggested donation is \$3.75, but no one is refused for lack of funds. (\$10 for those under 60.)

Call 72 hours ahead to reserve a lunch (1-510-825-9793).

The menu for lunch next week, April 13 to April 17, is:

Monday – Cheesy pasta bake, lima

beans, cauliflower with red peppers, seasonal fresh fruit.

Tuesday – Chicken cordon bleu, green beans, peas and onions, wheat roll, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Southwest chicken salad on romaine tomato, cucumber orzo salad, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday – Hamburger on wheat bun, roasted potatoes, peas and carrots, tender greens with fruit.

Friday – Sweet-and-sour chicken, chow mein noodles, baby carrots, green beans, fresh fruit.

Flex Shuttle Keeps Running

Shuttle operates 9 to 5 for everybody over 60 years old

The Flex Shuttle is still operating during the coronavirus emergency.

The shuttle's hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Flex Shuttle runs on two routes – The North Route and the South Route,

stopping at shopping areas, medical offices and senior centers.

The Flex Shuttle is open to anyone at least 60 years old. There is a \$20 annual fee.

For more information or an application, call 510-577-7985.

Mental Health Hotline Free and Confidential

It is likely that the emergency declaration over COVID-19 has left many with increased levels of stress, anxiety, worry, and fear.

The Mental Health Association of San Francisco is making immediate, free non-emergency emotional support available to anyone in the state via

telephone or instant messaging through the California Peer-Run Warm Line, a toll-free service that operates 24/7 and can be reached at: 1-855-845-7415 or on Web Chat at: www.mentalhealthsf.org/peer-run-warmline/

The Warm Line is staffed by trained peers with specialized training

'Hike for Hope' Canceled

Hope Hospice has canceled its annual Hike for Hope 2020 fundraiser which had been scheduled for Saturday, May 2.

Participants who already paid the event registration fee should send an email to info@hopehospice.com to request a refund, to apply the fee to the 2021 hike, or to change their fee to a tax-deductible donation.

OPINION

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Time to Heal Together

Editor:

I am dismayed to hear of the increasing number of racist remarks and even physical attacks made against Asians and Pacific Islanders that seem to be rooted in the fear of Covid-19. These attacks are happening everywhere, including our own community.

On "Next Door," I recently learned of a young Asian American woman who decided to take her two small children for a morning walk at the Marina. As they passed a group of people, one yelled out "Coronavirus!" Several other members of Next Door added their own stories of being bullied, harassed, and physically assaulted.

Such misguided fear will not protect any of us. Seeing one another as the enemy will not protect our families. Bullying mothers and young children, elders, and the vulnerable will not protect our communities.

We are in this time together, and we will either find ways to heal together or we will continue to weaken and eventually break our already fracturing structure. Unfortunately, the damaged caused by racism is not new to our country.

Because I am an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, I want to leave you with this partial statement just issued by our national Justice and Peace Action Network office (www.ucc.org):

"Scapegoating and blaming Asian Americans for Coronavirus (COVID-19) is deeply immoral, rooted in bad science, and extremely harmful to Asian Americans and society as a whole...Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are on the front lines of combating COVID-19. They're teachers and grocery clerks, medical professionals, and people who live and serve in all of our communities and congregations."

May we all look around and see how we can be of hope, strength, and encouragement. Let us come together

and heal together for the good of all.

—Rev. Sue Ann Yarbrough
Associate Pastor, San Lorenzo
Community Church

SLPD Mission Has Not Changed

Editor:

I grew up in San Leandro and have spent my entire law enforcement career serving this great city. I have always admired the support, strength, and human kindness of this community.

These past several weeks have been very challenging as we are all learning to navigate during these uncharted times. I'd like to take a moment to thank the community for your resiliency, commitment to service, and your flexibility. We will get through this time of adversity together.

Please rest assured that the San Leandro Police Department is working very closely with the County Department of Public Health and Office of Emergency Services to thoroughly address concerns regarding COVID-19. We are in constant communication with our local and state partners and working diligently with them to ensure the safety of our community.

In our efforts to keep our staff and community safe, we've had to make several changes to ensure the safety of our entire Police Department. The very nature of our law enforcement profession states that we may potentially interact with people who may show the symptoms, or remain asymptomatic of COVID-19.

To minimize any exposure for our staff, you will see our Officers and other front-line staff wearing Personal Protective Equipment as they respond to calls for service. This new measure is in effect to ensure the health and safety of everyone in our community.

Please rest assured, the mission of the San Leandro Police Department has not changed and we will continue to maintain law and order in the City of San Leandro. During these challenging times we've never been more proud to serve our

community.

I encourage everyone to please adhere to the Public Health Order to ensure a safe and healthy community for everyone. Please know that the San Leandro Police Department will continue to answer the bell when it rings, we will continue to get up when we are knocked down, and we will overcome all challenges through teamwork, character, and unity.

I'd like to thank all members of our San Leandro community and please continue to stay mentally and physically healthy.

—Chief Jeff Tudor
San Leandro Police Department

New Pathways to Help Out

Editor:

As your Mayor, I want to thank the community for coming together during these difficult times, supporting each other, and following the public health orders.

I also want you to know that we're actively working with local non-profits, Alameda County Public Health, our school districts, and local hospitals to support the community. With our partners at the Chamber of Commerce, our economic development staff are providing support to local businesses, many of whom are really hurting right now.

The Chamber also created an online list of businesses that remain in operation; please check that out and do what you can to support local businesses.

And please join me in thanking the first responders in our Police and Fire departments, they are literally working around the clock to keep the public safe.

I'm also pleased to share that all food pantries remain open and food access programs are fully functioning. Our City staff are coordinating with them daily and some of our staff are being dispatched to help with food runs and distribution.

Yet there's so much work to do. Along with our non-profits, we're working to give residents new pathways to get involved and help out. That's why I'm thrilled we've launched our online volunteer portal, www.SLKindness.net. I am calling on any residents with available time and who are healthy to sign up.

Please also check out sanleandro.org/C19, our City page where you'll find lots of resources, or sanleandrolibrary.org to

access an increased trove of online offerings from our Library. Frequent updates are also being shared on social media including Facebook, Twitter, Nixle, and Nextdoor.

Rest assured, your City Government will continue to provide vital services, but it's up to all of us to adhere to the shelter-in-place order, while doing whatever we can to help those around us.

—Mayor Pauline Cutter
San Leandro

San Leandro's Generosity of Spirit

Editor:

These last weeks I have been so appreciative of the generosity of spirit that I have witnessed from the San Leandro community.

Our teachers found ways to connect with our preschooler. Over a dozen households, some I didn't even know, helped me put together the rent funds for someone who had lost all their income.

Folks who run one of the local food pantries made sure we picked up groceries for the family in need. Neighbors checked in with us. A church made sure we had Easter baskets for the kiddos and let us pick up one for a neighbor.

The pharmacy folks were really kind. I've seen so much sharing of resources, so many people volunteer to help each other, people visibly showing support for our front line workers, and just basic care for each other. I've seen people step up to support individuals who have been harassed for reasons of racism.

Right now the news is just relentlessly difficult to hear and there is so much heaviness. I so appreciate the moments of kindness and grace I have witnessed. We've told our five-year-old that right now the world is sick and we are all doing our part to participate in the healing. To know that we are collectively participating in this common goal is encouraging. It gives me hope. Thank you San Leandro.

—Gloria Strohm, San Leandro

Questions 'Feel Good' Website

Editor:

With thousands of people dying and hospitals all over the country becoming overwhelmed, how has San Leandro spent its valuable advanced planning time and limited city resources? Why, launching a feel good website with a domain address meant to stroke the mayor's ego, of course.

in supporting mental health challenges that people can use to seek support before they've reached the crisis point.

The staff can also help link callers to local emergency, mental health, or social services. All calls are free and confidential.

In typical fashion the new website doesn't really do anything – it merely instructs you as to where you can volunteer and sends your information to any agencies needing help. Right now, that's a total of one – Davis Street.

What's worse is that the mayor and council that approved this total waste of time and money will surely take credit for all the volunteers that do sign up to help during this unprecedented time. I'm not seeing the council or especially the mayor out volunteering, they just want us to.

In this time of crisis we don't need another website to pay for and maintain. This could have been a large button on our existing city website. How much money did we spend building a brand new website from scratch with a cutesy domain name?

Whatever it is, it's too much. We have far better uses for money right now. I want to know where our city testing site is. I want to know what is the plan to get small business back up and going after the all clear. I want to know what we, as a community, are doing about the exploding homeless population that soon will be sick. I want to know what plan is in place to handle the overflow at San Leandro Hospital.

Not a single one of those concerns are going to be handled with a feel good website.

—Gary Langbehn, San Leandro

Used Masks Becoming Litter

Editor:

As I go on my normal walk around my Washington Manor neighborhood I've noticed a new additional trash propping up. It seems while so many people are taking so many precautions to protect themselves from this deadly virus, it seems they have forgotten about our environmental issues.

People have got to be reminded of the importance of disposing of these protective items properly. Please people don't just throw these things on the ground, take a couple extra seconds to dispose of these items properly, maybe have a garbage bag in your car or wait until you see a trash can. Again Please Don't Litter!

Thanks so much for your Consideration in this matter

Your friendly neighborhood concerned neighbor

—Rick Romero, San Leandro

Two Charged with Murder

Two suspects arrested and charged for March 13 shooting

The district attorney filed charges Tuesday against two suspects in the double-murder at a grocery store parking lot on East 14th Street in San Leandro on March 13.

San Leandro police arrested the suspects on March 30 on the 7700 block of Bancroft Avenue in Oakland. The two men, both Oakland residents, are Ronyae Marcus Haywood, 27, and Angel

Lache Shavers, 21, according to San Leandro police.

Haywood and Shavers are charged with the deaths of 28-year-old Duane Palmer and 27-year-old Dalton Kline in the parking lot of Grocery Outlet in 2100 block of East 14th Street.

Police say the incident began as a gun sale that was arranged by Haywood's girlfriend to take

place in the parking lot at 11 p.m. An argument broke out and as Palmer tried to drive away, Haywood fired shots into Palmer's car striking him as well as Kline who was in the backseat, according to police.

Despite the life-saving efforts made by the officers and the Alameda County Fire Department, Palmer and Kline succumbed to their injuries.

After review of the case, Haywood was formally charged with two counts of homicide with special circumstances and other firearm related charges. Shavers was charged with the sale of an assault rifle and as an accessory after the fact.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to call the San Leandro Police Department at 510-577-2740.

Schools Closed for Rest of the Year

Public schools will be closed for the rest of the school year, school districts in six Bay Area counties announced on Tuesday.

School superintendents in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and San Francisco counties made the decision to close for the remainder of the school year after consultation with the public health officers in their respective counties.

Schools will continue to transition from in-person classroom instruction to at-home and distance learning formats. School leaders will continue to utilize campus facilities to distribute school meals and provide child-care or supervision as determined by local needs.

Bay Area counties made the decision following Governor Gavin Newsom's statement that students would not likely be able

to return to campus for in-person learning for the remainder of this school year, and would complete the year with distance learning.

Alameda County Superintendent of Schools L. Karen Monroe said last week that she did not anticipate a return to in-classroom instruction for the remainder of the school year.

"Extending school dismissals in Alameda County is a serious decision, but our hope is that

it gives our communities additional time to slow the spread of COVID-19," said Dr. Erica Pan, Alameda County's interim health officer. "As our schools plan and develop ways to continue education in the future while maintaining health and safety, we know this places a greater burden on families."

The joint announcement comes as local public health officers continue to monitor and ensure the local orders to shelter in place with limited availability of COVID-19 testing, and adapt to new information about the ways in which COVID-19 spreads in a community.

Local officials are now recommending that residents wear face coverings when out in public and are requiring essential businesses to post social distancing protocols.

"This public health crisis is unlike anything we have faced in public education," said L. Karen Monroe, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools. "I am proud that the public health officers and county superintendents have been able to come together to determine what is in the best interest of our students and their families. We must ensure that we continue to do all we can to support our most vulnerable students, while maintaining the overall safety of our communities and flattening the curve."

BART Reduces Trains to Save Costs

Trains to run every 30 minutes during weekdays

Starting yesterday, BART reduced the number of trains running to every 30 minutes systemwide all day, with 3-line service beginning earlier in the evening and single tracking in San Francisco starting at around 8 p.m.

Effectively, every other train is being cancelled Monday through Friday. Weekend service is unchanged for now.

BART ridership for Monday, April 6, was down by 94

percent compared to the April projections.

As the Bay Area counties have now extended mandatory shelter-in-place orders, BART service will be reduced to match demand, save costs, and maintain reliable service based on staffing levels.

Ridership data shows social distancing remains possible on all trains with this change, according to BART officials.

PDFs of the new schedule will be available on bart.gov.



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BART, It's an Adventure

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Riding BART is a little different these days.

It's not the commuter crowd anymore. It's more like the crowd on a city bus at 3 a.m. Sometimes there are more people sprawled out across the seats than there are people sitting up.

Jumping the fare gate is more routine than ever. People seem to know that a station agent isn't going to confront you with the COVID-19 going around.

The other day a BART car heading to San Leandro had an odd smell. Two guys in the back row were smoking crack.

The next car was a little better. One guy with a big backpack was casually smoking a cigarette.

On Monday, a lady boarded at the Coliseum Station bellowing out "I hope you all don't mind," as she sprayed Lysol toward everyone she passed, apparently an effort to ward off something in the air.

At the San Leandro Station a person inclined to take BART for free doesn't even have to jump the fare gate. The emergency exit at the foot of the stairway opens easily and the alarm is always broken. These days the emergency exit is almost as busy as the regular turnstiles.

Chanticleers Reschedules Shows for Upcoming Season

Castro Valley's Chanticleers Theatre has announced a tentative rescheduling of some productions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Bridges of Madison County," previously set to open May 1, will now open Oct. 16 and run through Nov. 15. "The Foreigner" will open as planned on July 17, running through Aug. 9. "Mamma Mia" will open the 2021 season in February 2021.

Those who have purchased tickets and reserved a specific day for either of the rescheduled shows will have their tickets moved to the same day within the new time frame, or they may change days, or request a re-

fund. Contact the box office staff at reservations@chanticleers.org or call 510-733-5483. Flex Pass holders will be sent a separate email with additional information regarding their options.

Prior to re-opening the theatre, the facility will be cleaned

and disinfected to ensure the safety of audiences, staff and performers, according to Jacklyn L. Wilferd, Ph.D., President of the Chanticleers Board of Directors who expressed Chanticleers thanks to all for their patience and support.

A.R.T. Events Canceled for April

A.R.T., Inc. has canceled all meetings and demonstrations for the month of April 2020.

The cancellations comply with current restrictions, and to keep everyone as healthy and

safe as possible.

A previously scheduled colored pencil demonstration by Peggy Milovina Meyer has been rescheduled to Sept. 12 at the Adobe Art Center.

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