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With the owner of The Oriental Carpet preparing to retire this year, everything in stock at the downtown Menlo Park store is on sale – with the steep discounts ranging from 50% to 80% off. Owner Bruce Good amassed an incredible collection of high-quality hand-knotted rugs in his nearly four decades in the business, and he has more than 2,500 pieces left to sell in his Santa Cruz Avenue store. The store’s entire inventory is priced to sell.

“As I get closer to retirement, there will be more reductions – but less choice,” said Good. “The best pieces will go quickly.”

He’s seen some customers come in and buy a rug for every room in the house, he said. All the rugs the store sells are hand-woven and knotted from traditional producers and cooperatives in Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nepal. The store has pieces in every standard size and offers an array of designs including traditional, contemporary and “transitional” – rugs that can be formal or casual, depending on the furnishings they’re paired with. The store offers rugs made from wool, silk and viscose, a material that looks and feels like silk but is more affordable.

Good says the majority of the rugs he sells are made of wool, which is the strongest and hardest material. Viscose offers the soft feeling of silk but is easier to clean.

“I personally really like it,” he said. “You can put it into a family room without worrying about it.”

The store’s selection also includes a large number of antique rugs. Collectors appreciate how a rug’s colors soften over the years, giving the piece a fine and distinctive patina.

The traditional handcrafted method makes the rugs both beautiful and durable, said Good. The Oriental Carpet has been serving Peninsula residents for 46 years, helping homeowners and designers achieve the look and feel that a beautiful, high-quality carpet can bring to a room. Good said the handcrafted rugs last forever – but his sale won’t. If you’re looking for an attractive rug at an even more attractive price, now is the time to go shopping.

Come check out their selection at their showroom at 707 Santa Cruz Ave. or call (650) 327-6608 for more information.
Most county schools close for three weeks

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

The San Mateo County health department issued an order on March 13 to close all schools in the county for three weeks starting on March 16 in response to the growing threat of the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, across the Bay Area.

The order applies to all public and private institutions that teach students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade, along with adult schools operated by public school districts and programs for special education students up to age 22.

The county is encouraging school districts to implement distance-learning models that could offer online content, paper packets, extended readings and research, at-home projects and other options, if feasible. School facilities may be used by faculty and staff to manage distance-learning efforts. The order is effective until April 3.

The county's order came on the heels of the announcements by four local public school districts that they were closing their campuses to students and moving to distance learning for the next several weeks because of the virus threat.

Sequoia Union High, Portola Valley, Menlo Park City and Woodside Elementary school districts made announcements on March 11 and March 12 that they would close for in-person classes starting this week. There are about 17 schools across the four districts’ campuses.

The Sequoia district, which serves nearly 10,000 students, was set to begin distance learning, using an online platform called Canvas, on March 16, according to an email to district families late last week.

District officials are “hopeful” that the schools can resume in-person classes after spring break, which begins March 30. If the district determines it can’t reopen classrooms on April 6, it will notify families by April 3.

Portola Valley district schools are on a minimum-day schedule today to allow teachers to prepare instructional materials for distance learning, which will begin on March 16, according to the district website. Teachers at the district’s two schools, Ormondale and Corte Madera, will also prepare distance-learning materials on March 16 and 17. The campuses will be closed to students through the end of spring break on April 5.

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An empty classroom at Menlo-Atherton High School on Monday, March 16.

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City closes facilities in response to ‘local emergency’

By Tyler Callister
Almanac Staff Writer

In a statement sent to the public on March 12, the city of Menlo Park declared a state of “local emergency” in response to the coronavirus outbreak in San Mateo County. Among the notable changes put in place as a result of the declaration are that all city facilities would close as of March 13, though some closed the day before.

The decision to declare a local emergency was on March 11 at a special City Council meeting, where the council voted unanimously to authorize City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson to adopt emergency orders or regulations to ensure the health and wellbeing of the public during the coronavirus outbreak.

Jerome-Robinson signed the Proclamation of Local Emergency in Menlo Park under Municipal Code Chapter 2.44. “The health and safety of our employees, residents and businesses remains the highest priority. We encourage those who are sick or who are at higher risk for serious illness to stay home,” Jerome-Robinson said.

“This proclamation provides us the flexibility to position resources and to best address this public health crisis.”

“This is a global outbreak that requires us to prepare for significant disruptions to our daily lives,” Mayor Cecilia Taylor said. “We must take action now. The health and safety of the Menlo Park community is our highest priority.

“Our neighbors, friends and family can work together through neighborhood associations, CERT and emergency preparedness classes. When we are informed, we are stronger together and more resilient.

“Preparedness and prevention is our best defense.”

Among the city facilities closed until further notice, according to the city’s statement:

- City Hall
- Menlo Park Senior Center
- Belle Haven Youth Center
- Belle Haven Child Development Center
- Menlo Children’s Center
- Arrillaga Family Gymnasium, Family Gymnastics Center, and Family Recreation Center
- Belle Haven Branch Library
- Children’s Reading Room
- City Corporation Yard
- City Council Chambers
- Belle Haven Classroom and Conference Room
- Menlo Park Library
- Neighborhood Service Center
- Onetta Harris Community Center

All outdoor parks remain open at this time, according to the city’s Public Engagement Manager Clay Curtin.

In its statement, the city said, “This local emergency shall continue until it is terminated by proclamation of the City Council. Pursuant to Section 8630 of the Government Code, the City Council shall proclaim the termination of a local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant. The need for continuing this local emergency shall be reviewed within 60 days by the City Council.”

As City Hall is closed to the public, Curtin confirmed that the city is currently discussing online alternatives for residents who need to conduct business with the city, such as permits and applications.

“Staff is meeting to discuss ways to address the needs of people who visit us to conduct business and looking for ways to

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Super Tuesday update: Lieber gains on Glew as more votes counted

By Kate Bradshaw

In San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, District 13 state Senate candidate Democrat Josh Becker has pulled ahead with a sizable lead as the top candidate, with Republican Alex Glew remaining in second place — a shift from election night results, when he had the most votes among voters who submitted their ballots early.

As more votes are counted, Sally Lieber, currently third, has gained on Glew and is now within about 1,250 votes of the second-place position. The top two candidates will move ahead to the general election in November.

As of the most recent results available on March 16, Becker had collected 23.8% (65,198) of the votes, while Glew had 17.4% (47,655), just 1,249 votes ahead of Democrat Sally Lieber. Currently in fourth place is Democrat Shelly Masur, 2,337 votes behind Lieber.

They are followed by Democrats Annie Oliva and Mike Brownrigg, who hold 11.8% and 11.6% of the vote, respectively. Trailing them is Libertarian John Webster at 2.1%.

So far there have been 274,081 votes counted in the Senate district, which runs from South San Francisco to Sunnyvale and along the Coastside.

The elections offices for the two counties report they have counted ballots representing 53.3% and 51%, respectively, of the number of registered voters countywide.

Portola Valley schools parcel tax measure still trailing behind

By Angela Swartz

Electoral results as of the afternoon of March 16 show that Measure P, a parcel tax measure for the Portola Valley School District, is gaining in support as more votes are counted, but the measure is still falling short of the votes needed to pass.

With 67.77% of the votes counted by the afternoon of March 13, 64.43% of voters supported the measure, which requires a two-thirds, or 67%, voter majority, county election officials reported.

Semi-official election results released at 4:30 p.m. on March 13 show Measure P with 2,210
The Menlo Park City Council has designated about $112,000 to be used for relief of potential economic hardships to low-income Menlo Park residents during the ongoing coronavirus outbreak in San Mateo County.

Distribution of the economic aid will be overseen by Samaritan House, a San Mateo-based nonprofit that provides services and resources to county residents in need.

The council’s March 10 decision, which passed in a 4-0 vote, with Vice Mayor Drew Combs absent, came just one day before the council voted in a special meeting to declare a “local emergency” in response to the spread of the coronavirus in the county.

**New city ordinance: Guns must be kept in safety locks**

By Tyler Callister
Almanac Staff Writer

All guns stored at home must be kept in a locked container or disabled by a trigger lock, according to a new city ordinance passed by the Menlo Park City Council on March 10.

A locked container is defined as a “secure container that is fully enclosed and locked by a padlock, key lock, combination lock, or similar locking device,” according to California Penal Code 12026. A trigger lock is a pad or key lock that attaches to the trigger of a gun, available at many retailers.

The ordinance, known as Ordinance No. 1067, contains an exception for when a firearm is carried on a person inside the home.

“Applying trigger locks or using lock boxes when storing firearms in the home reduces the risk of firearm injury and death,” city staff said in a report.

“Keeping a firearm locked when it is not being carried ensures that it cannot be accessed and used by others without the owner’s knowledge or permission. This simple measure significantly decreases the risk that the gun will be used to commit suicide, homicide or inflict injury, whether intentionally or unintentionally. Safe storage measures have a demonstrated protective effect in homes with children and teenagers where guns are stored.”

The council’s decision came in a 4-0 vote, with Vice Mayor Drew Combs, who proposed the ordinance earlier this year, absent.

Violation of the ordinance is punishable by civil penalty of $50 for the first offense, $200 for second offense, and $500 for the third.

The ordinance takes effect 30 days after passage.

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votes of support and 1,220 opposing votes (35.57%).

Those results include vote by mail ballots received in the mail by the Monday before Election Day, on March 3, with by mail ballots returned at vote centers and drop boxes by the Sunday before Election Day, and a portion of votes cast at vote centers on Election Day, according to county elections officials. Results will be posted at 4:30 p.m. each weekday until all ballots are counted.

The numbers have shifted only slightly from the last results released in the early morning hours of March 4, when the measure had 63.46% voter approval. There were 1,525 more ballots counted between then and March 13.

Measure P would update the district’s Measure O parcel tax, which expires in June 2021. It would continue the tax at its current rate of $581 per parcel in its first year, then increase it by 3% in each following year for the duration of the tax, and would expire in 2028.

The current parcel tax generates about $1.2 million annually for Portola Valley School District classroom programs and teaching staff. The yearly boost in the tax would amount to an additional $17 to $21 per parcel annually, said district Chief Business Officer Connie Ngo.

In addition to Portola Valley residents, the district includes Woodside residents who live in the Skyonda and Skywood Acres neighborhoods and off Philips and Family Farm roads, and part of Mountain Home Road.

The current tax, Measure O, funds advanced math, science and technology programs; reading and writing programs; and music programs; reduced class sizes; and retention of teachers for the district’s two schools, Ormondale and Corte Madera, according to the district website. District staff asserts that the measure “must be renewed” to maintain these programs.

**Real Estate Q&A**

by Monica Corman

Being Creative During The Health Crisis

Dear Monica: My property is coming on the market this week, just as people are avoiding crowds, workers are being told to work remotely, and while the economy violently responds to these changes. Should I wait for some weeks and see if things calm down? Alice G.

Dear Alice: I am sure you wish the timing of selling your home didn’t coincide with all these incredible events. If you have flexibility on this, you could wait to market your home until the health crisis is more under control. But the real estate market has actually been active these past weeks and spring is traditionally a good time to sell a property so you might not want to wait.

Some agents are not holding open houses during this time, but there are some creative ways to limit exposure to the general public. Your agent can tell other agents to send their clients to an unpublicized open house, thus limiting the number of people who come. An advantage to this is that buyers who come have been pre-selected by their agents for your property. Whatever you decide can be adjusted if the market changes.

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City’s violent crime rate declines over 13 years

By Tyler Callister
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park’s violent crime rate has been showing a downward trend since 2007, according to Police Department crime statistics released recently that cover the last 16 years.

The yearly total of violent crimes — including homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, domestic violence, officer assault, hate crimes, and crimes against seniors — rose slightly or moderately for some of those years, peaking at 221 in 2016.

But the number of violent crimes then trended downward, hitting a low of 137 in 2018. Last year, the figure rose to 146, the department’s statistics show.

In a conversation with The Almanac, Menlo Park Police Chief Dave Bertini explained that the reason for the decline is multifaceted, likely ranging from changing economics in the area to changes in law enforcement practices. In particular, the opening of Facebook’s headquarters on Bayfront Expressway in 2015, and the police department’s crackdown on gangs in the Belle Haven neighborhood between 2009 and 2012, may have been factors, he said.

Meanwhile, the city has seen an increase in thefts in recent years, including car break-ins, Bertini said. But he pointed out that thefts of many kinds have increased across the Bay Area in general.

According to the police department’s 2019 statistics, theft, including auto burglary, increased by 34% from 2018 to 2019. Stolen vehicles increased by 24% over that period, while burglary decreased by 4%.

Bertini said that the department’s crime statistics archive reaches back only to 2004, but the FBI maintains statistics that go farther back.

According to data available on the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics website, violent crime in Menlo Park has come down significantly since 1987. Although using a narrower definition of violent crime (murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault), the FBI shows the city with a peak of 231 violent crimes in 1987, eventually dropping down to 52 by 2014.

Bertini said that gang violence in the city hit a recent peak around 2009 to 2012, when a gang known as the “Taliban” existed in the Belle Haven neighborhood and was involved in many gang-related shootings with its rival, the “DaVill” gang, in East Palo Alto. Police from Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and Palo Alto collaborated in several crackdowns during that time, quelling the violence, he said.

In terms of violent crime, he said, the Belle Haven neighborhood is “100% different now.”

Bertini said that these days the police department hears from residents much less about violence and a lot more about other concerns.

“No we have traffic problems,” he said with a smile.

Atherton declares ‘state of emergency,’ canceling events, scaling back meetings

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton City Manager George Rodericks declared a state of emergency in response to the growing spread of the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, across the Bay Area, according to a message to town residents on March 13.

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak of the respiratory illness a pandemic on March 11.

The proclamation, which the City Council is expected to ratify at its March 18 meeting, allows the town to change its operations during the outbreak.

The town has canceled all committee meetings until April 30; the City Council and Planning Commission meeting agendas will be limited to essential action items only.

“This Proclamation isn’t because there are positive cases of COVID-19 in the community; or because the Town is experiencing an imminent threat of disaster,” Rodericks wrote. “Instead, the Proclamation allows the Town to take the steps necessary to protect the safety of our community and Town staff in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

Gov. Gavin Newsom’s March 12 executive order requiring the Brown Act allows members of the public, council members and committee members to participate in town meetings remotely. A public access meeting site will be established in the Pavilion in Holbrook-Palmer Park.

Atherton: Woman comes home to find stranger in spa room; suspect nabbed

A 22-year-old Hayward resident was arrested on March 12 in connection with a break-in and theft at a James Avenue home in Atherton after the homeowner reported that when she returned home that morning, she found a stranger in her spa and sauna room.

Police had responded to the area, near Heather Drive, at around 10:30 a.m. after receiving a call from a resident who had returned home with two real estate agents to find an unfamiliar man sitting inside the spa and sauna room, according to a police department bulletin.

The resident told police that she immediately closed the door to the sauna room, left the house and called 911.

The resident was able to provide a description, and police responding to the area found the suspect walking on James Avenue toward Middlefield Road, according to the bulletin.

The man was reportedly found to be in possession of keys, a garage door opener and a cell phone, all of which police say belonged to residents of the home.

The suspect was booked into the San Mateo County jail.

In another incident, the culprit who broke into a home on Belbrook Way, near Walsh Road, over the weekend has yet to be caught.

Police said the burglary occurred between 8:30 a.m. on March 13 and 3 a.m. on March 15. The unknown thief made off with jewelry and purses, the homeowner told police.

The burglar entered through an unlocked rear patio door; police reported, adding that although the house had an alarm, it hadn’t been set.
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Nonprofit senior centers temporarily closed due to virus threat

Little House Activity Center and the Rosener House Adult Care center, two Menlo Park programs that cater to seniors, closed for at least two weeks at the end of the day on March 13 due to the coronavirus threat, the nonprofit that runs the centers announced on March 12.

“In an effort to protect the most vulnerable population of our community against the spread of COVID-19 and in conjunction with the city of Menlo Park deciding to close their senior center, we believe it is in the best interest of our participants that we temporarily suspend programming,” the nonprofit Peninsula Volunteers said in a news release signed by Chief Executive Officer Peter Olson.

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RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT
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The District Board of West Bay Sanitary District finds and determines as follows:

A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District’s “Zone Master Annexation Resolution” (“ZOMAR”), which was adopted by the District Board August 12, 1996. The provisions of ZOMAR are incorporated by reference into this Resolution of Intention.

B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property (the “Parcel”) to the District’s On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone (the “Zone”). The Parcel is described in Exhibit “A” attached to this Resolution of Intention and the description contained in the Exhibits are incorporated by reference. The name and address of the applicants and the number, type, volume and location of on-site wastewater disposal systems which are proposed to operate on the parcels to be annexed are described in Exhibit “B” attached to this Resolution of Intention and the information contained in the Exhibit are incorporated by reference.

C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board that the Parcel constitutes “real property” for the purposes of Section 2(b) of ZOMAR in that:

- All of the conditions described in Subsections i., ii., iii., iv. and v. of ZOMAR Section 2(b) are satisfied; or
- Other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone. If applicable, those conditions are also set forth in Exhibit “B” and are incorporated by reference.

D. All of the conditions and requirements of ZOMAR Sections 2(a), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) have been fully satisfied.

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

IT IS RESOLVED by the District Board as follows:

1. It is the intention of the District Board to annex the Parcel to the Zone pursuant to the provisions of ZOMAR and applicable laws.

2. In conjunction with a meeting of the District Board to be duly and regularly called and conducted, the Board will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering all matters pertaining to this Resolution of Intention.

   - The time, date and place of the Public Hearing are:
     - Date: April 22, 2020
     - Time: 7:00 PM
     - Place: West Bay Sanitary District Offices, 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

   At the Public Hearing, all interested persons will be heard.

3. This Resolution of Intention shall be published and copies shall be delivered to the persons and entities as specified in ZOMAR Section 2(e)(i).

4. A true copy of this Resolution of Intention shall promptly be filed for record in the office of the County Recorder of the County of San Mateo.

5. The District Manager shall cause the matters set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of this Resolution of Intention to be completed as directed.

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Local teenagers jam their way to become a successful professional jazz band

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ive heads bob in unison, keeping to the beat. Eyes alternatively look inward, searching for the next note, or beyond, glancing at the other musicians to see who’s going to solo next.

The song is “Summer Wind,” a jazz standard the boys play from memory at their weekly band practice at a member’s home in Portola Valley.

The song choice represents wishful thinking for these Woodside High students who make up a professional jazz band called Indygo Rhythm Section, because it’s only March and summer is a long way off.

This month the band was on course to be crazy busy, just when the four seniors, Christopher Badger, Dominic Constantz, Max King and Gavin Carlson, are waiting to hear where they will go to college in the fall. But cancellations due to the coronavirus threat have slowed the pace.

Constantz was to play guitar, and sophomore band member Sebastian Najbjerg was to perform on the drums for Woodside High’s musical, “The Addams Family,” scheduled for March 13 to 21 but now canceled.

The quintet had also booked gigs at two venues for later this month: On March 25, the Indygo Rhythm Section was set to make its first appearance at the Park James Hotel in Menlo Park, but that event was canceled last week because of the public health crisis that is shutting down most public events and arts venues. It is unknown whether a March 29 date, which would have marked the group’s 14th performance at Savanna Jazz in San Carlos, will take place.

Savanna owner/musician Pascal Bokar first heard the boys play at Silicon Valley Jazz Festival in the fall of 2018. He liked them so much he offered them a chance to perform at his club the last Sunday of every month, and bookings have taken off from there.

In 2019 the band gave more than 30 performances, sometimes appearing for free, such as at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto last fall, or for the price of admission at Angelica’s in Redwood City earlier this month. Otherwise the group charges $500 to $750 for private parties, fundraisers and corporate events.

That’s on top of the band’s regular practices at lunchtime at school and every Saturday in Portola Valley, amounting to about 10 hours a week.

Badger’s father, John Badger of Portola Valley, serves as the band’s manager when he’s not working in the tech business.

The band’s musical director, John McGory of Menlo Park, is also in the software business, and is a professional trumpet player who directs the jazz band at La Entrada School.

McGory used to run the jazz combo class at Woodside High, and that’s where he met the boys and recognized their talent and potential. He suggested that they go out and form their own band.

The band’s name suggests the color indigo blue and the blues form often heard in jazz.

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**Stanford University**

Stanford University has temporarily closed the Cantor Arts Center and Anderson Collection to the public through April 15, but outdoor spaces will remain open to everyone. The museums will permit Stanford ID holders into the building. Stanford has also decided to postpone or cancel events on and off campus likely to attract 50 or more people through May 15, including music concerts, as well as the winter and spring sports seasons, according to an updated health alert posted March 12 by the university.

Canceled events include:

- Second Sunday: Family Day at the Cantor Arts Center and Anderson Collection on April 12.
- Regularly scheduled public tours at Cantor and Anderson from March 4 through April 15. (Tours will resume on April 16.)
- A members-only morning event celebrating the opening of the “Paper Chase” exhibit.
- All Department of Music concerts and many Stanford Live events.

A full list of event changes can be found at news.stanford.edu.

**Palo Alto**

Palo Alto has also decided to close until further notice. The closure means the last two weeks of the film festival honoring Japanese film director and screenwriter Akira Kurosawa will be suspended. The festival was originally scheduled to end March 15, but the theater hopes to screen the remaining films at another date.

The Pear Theatre in Mountain View has canceled the opening weekend (March 12-15) of its production of “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,” which was planned to run March 12-April 5, according to a March 12 press release. The theater hopes to resume performances as soon as possible, according to the release. Patrons with tickets are being contacted with options for exchange, refund or donation.

The release cites new guidelines from the California Department of Public Health that state that gatherings of fewer than 250 people, if held in venues that do not allow social distancing of 6 feet per person, should be postponed or canceled. “Ticket sales for future shows are frozen until ongoing plans can be made,” the release states.

As of March 12, all performances at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts have been canceled through March, including Peninsula Youth Theatre productions, according to the city of Mountain View.

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley has canceled the remaining performances of “They Promised Her the Moon” at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto as well as “Ragtime.”

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Gov. Newsom orders all bars to close, restaurants to cut occupancy by half

By Elena Kadvany

In a March 15 press conference, Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered all bars, wineries and breweries in the state to close. He ordered that all restaurants reduce their occupancy by half, “focus on takeout for those isolating” and “practice deep social distancing.” Bay Area restaurants are being hard hit, and many are closing, at least temporarily.

In San Mateo County, which on March 16 issued a three-week ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, a number of restaurants started to go dark temporarily, including the Village Pub and Buck’s in Woodside, and Cafe Benvenuto in Menlo Park.

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department notified restaurants on Friday that they must adhere to new legal orders to slow the spread of the coronavirus — including social distancing and mandatory conditions for gatherings of less than 100 people — prompting a slew of local restaurants to decide to close. Some temporarily and others, indefinitely.

The restrictions apply to all restaurants, bars, cafes and other facilities in Santa Clara County, both during normal operations as well as for special events or gatherings. They do not apply to grocery stores or certified farmers’ markets.

“A business that serves food and/or beverages, the county requires your assistance to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in our community,” the Public Health Department and Department of Environmental Health wrote to food businesses on Friday.

“The primary way that the virus spreads is by respiratory droplets (e.g. when someone coughs) or when a person touches a contaminated surface or object and then touches their eyes, nose or mouth. In these ways, the virus could spread from one employee to another, from an employee to a patron, or from a patron to an employee.”

Santa Clara County issued the orders as its number of coronavirus cases continued to climb, with 91 confirmed cases as of Friday, March 13, including two deaths.

The new restrictions on public and private gatherings of 35 to 100 people — which includes employees — and practicing social distancing by keeping people at least six feet apart will prove challenging for some restaurants to implement. Within the week-end, a fast-growing number of local restaurants — including the Michelin-stared Chez TJ in Mountain View and Palo Alto restaurants Maum, Zola, Italian and Taverna — closed temporarily. Some are continuing to serve food via take-out or delivery while others are fully shutting down.

“Given the increased advisements against public gatherings, we have determined it is in the best interest of our community to temporarily close Zola in efforts to flatten the curve,” Zola owner Guillaume Bienaire wrote on Instagram on Saturday. “Despite this being a difficult personal and fiscal decision, our mission is to create a space for people to come together and this is precisely what we need to avoid for the time being.”

“You, our patrons, are our livelihood and we hope that you understand and support this decision and do your part as well.”

He plans to reopen Zola on April 7. Zola employees will have to file for unemployment.

“We don’t have the funds to keep everyone afloat,” Bienaire said, “so I will help where needed. We hope the government at all levels will help us later.”

Michael and Meichik Kim of the Michelin-starred Korean restaurant Olon in Los Altos, quickly responded to the new orders by limiting the number of diners in the restaurant at any given time, removing tables and half of the 132-seat restaurant’s chairs and stools on Friday night to allow for social distancing and offering curbside pick-up for takeout orders.

“We are going to try and operate like this as long as it is safe for both guests and staff,” chef and co-owner Lars Smith said on Saturday. “We are also very aware of the possibility of being required to close for a period.”

By Sunday, he announced that State of Mind would be closing and moving to online ordering.

Zareen’s in Palo Alto and Mountain View closed the station where diners can usually serve themselves condiments and grab utensils and started accepting credit cards for any payment amounts to limit the exchange of cash, owner Zareen Khan said in an Instagram post. The restaurant is also checking staff members’ temperatures daily with touchless thermometers.

Many restaurants, from casual to fine-dining, are turning their focus to delivery. County public health officials told food businesses Friday that giving customers the choice to have food left at their doors or curbside “may prove beneficial to your operation.”

Many third-party delivery apps such as Postmates and DoorDash have started offering no-contact delivery. DoorDash and Caviar are also distributing hand sanitizer and gloves to their drivers.

Ted Kim, owner of Steins Beer Garden in Mountain View, said the challenges of the public health restrictions have been compounded by the fact that there’s been little information yet about how and when small businesses will get emergency financial support. (The U.S. Small Business Administration has said it will work directly with state governors to provide “targeted, low-interest loans” to small businesses that have been severely impacted by the coronavirus.)

“I understand the need for precaution but why aren’t these new restrictions coupled with information on where to get financial emergency aid to help us through this?” Kim said. “It’s impossible for us to continue like this.”

By Sunday, he decided that Steins would close for up to four weeks, starting Monday, March 16.

Restaurant staff must wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at the following times, the county stated:

Before starting food preparation.

Before touching their face, hair, or other areas of the body.

After using the restroom.

After coughing, sneezing, using a tissue, smoking, eating, or drinking.

When handling raw food then ready-to-eat food.

Before putting on gloves.

After cleaning tables or anything else that contact may contaminate the hands.

Restaurants should also minimize touching ready-to-eat food with bare hands, assign an employee to keep soap and paper towels stocked at handwashing stations at least every hour, post additional visible signage for customers to wash their hands frequently and provide hand sanitizer and/or wipes for patrons to use, the county said.

Bartenders should avoid accepting reusable utensils and containers from customers, which many local coffee shops have started doing with personal cups or mugs.

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Kepler’s takes steps to operate during public health crisis

Bookstore switches to pick up service to keep customers reading and employees paid

By Kate Daly
Special to The Almanac

In an attempt to help prevent the wider spread of the coronavirus, Kepler’s Books, a mainstay in Menlo Park, has decided to close its doors to the public, but is providing customers with a new curbside pick up service.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., customers may call Kepler’s at 650-324-4321, extension 1, to order books, pre-pay, and then pick them up during those hours either at the back door on Merrill Street or at the elevator door in the garage downstairs.

Customers can also place orders and pre-pay for them at keplers.com at any time. Likewise those books may be picked up curbside from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or shipped. If shipping costs pose a burden, they could be waived, the store announced last week.

The bookstore reduced work hours for all full-time and part-time booksellers, buyers and managers by 40 percent last week, but committed to paying them at their regular levels. It’s unclear how things will play out over the long haul.

CEO Praveen Madan said he met with staff twice to reach this agreement. At a March 12 staff meeting, he explained that sales had dropped by 20 percent. The staff discussed what to do and voted unanimously to scale back work hours, but not salaries.

“We did this to be fair and democratic,” Madan says.

“A few staff members who we consider to be in high-risk categories, we have asked them to reduce their in-store hours to absolute minimum (including not working in the store at all) and we are letting them decide the schedule that makes most sense for them,” he said.

Reading is a great way to practice social distancing,” a recent Kepler’s email blast tells customers.

The email goes on to explain that all literary events have been canceled through April 5, and urges patrons to donate to the nonprofit Kepler’s Literary Foundation to “help us bring engaging literary programs to our community once the restrictions are lifted, and keep our staff employed so they continue to get paid for what they love to do.”

Kepler’s is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year and hopes to hold some public events this summer in recognition of reaching this milestone despite the many hurdles that independent bookstores have faced in recent years, largely because of the popularity of online, deep-discount shopping.

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which was planned to run April 1-May 5 in Mountain View, the company announced in a March 12 press release. “With rehearsals for Ragtime already begun and sets and costumes in production, it is the company’s intention to present ‘Ragtime’ in April 2021, in place of the previously announced ‘Man of La Mancha,’” the release states. Patrons will be contacted by TheatreWorks Silicon Valley’s box office with options to exchange their tickets for future shows, donate their ticket value in support of TheatreWorks, or have other options, according to the release.

Redwood City’s Dragon Productions Theatre Company said in an email on Sunday, March 15, that it is suspending current productions. “To the end of serving our community, we are already working with our playwrights and rights holders on other ways we may be able to share these shows with ourDragon family in digital form,” the email states. The company will also update patrons regularly via social media to keep them informed on the status of other programs. Reflecting the harsh reality for many local arts organizations, the company is also asking for donations via Facebook.com. “On April 1, we will pay our rent of about $12,000 to have a theatre when this has blown over, and our staff will pay their rents and mortgages on their homes. We realize everyone is worried, or already getting ready for a financial struggle with what is happening right now, but any financial gifts you are able to make at this time will make a world of difference towards our odds of survival, and we promise, as always to put your support right back to supporting our local community of brilliant artists help us get through this difficult time,” the email states.

Menlo-Atherton High School announced on March 11 that it was canceling (or postponing until further notice) its spring production, “Peter and the Starcatcher,” which was set to open March 13.

Palo Alto Players announced in an email to patrons March 12 that its gala fundraiser has been moved from April 4 to May 31. Performances of “Matilda,” set to open April 24, will go on as planned, but exchange fees will be waived for any tickets purchased. Managing Director Elizabeth Santana said in an email.

Redwood City film non-profit Bravemaker announced March 12 that it was canceling its planned March and April events, including a screening and discussion of “The Illegal.”

A film festival scheduled for May is, as of now, still planned to continue.

Los Altos Youth Theatre is canceling this weekend’s performances of “She Kills Monsters.” Additionally, Los Altos Stage Company’s upcoming production of “Sunday in the Park with George” (scheduled for April 9-May 10) has been postponed to next season, according to a March 13 Facebook post. Ticket holders are asked to donate the cost of the tickets for canceled shows back to the theater groups if possible, but can exchange them for tickets to future shows.

Music

Foothill Symphonic Winds ensemble canceled its March 15 concert at Cubberley Theatre in Palo Alto, and is considering whether or not to continue with its smaller March 22 concert in Mountain View.

The West Coast Songwriters competition scheduled for March 31 at Cafe Zoe in Menlo Park has been canceled, according to a Facebook post.

Ragazzi Boys Chorus and Peninsula Girls Chorus have announced the cancellation of the collaborative “Siblings in Song” concert planned for May 2 in Palo Alto. Ragazzi has also cancelled its regular choir rehearsals through mid-April, according to a press release sent March 13.

Community organizations

The Oshman Family Jewish Community Center closed for at least two weeks starting March 15, according to an email from CEO Zack Bodner. The Palo Alto Art Center closed on March 14, with tentative plans to reopen on Saturday, April 4.

Senior services nonprofit Avenidas, based in Palo Alto, has postponed its “Re-inventing Aging” Fair on March 21 over concerns about COVID-19.

Palo Alto environmental nonprofit Acterra has switched its 50th anniversary celebration on March 28 from an in-person gathering to a virtual event. More information can be found at acterra.org.

Other

Kepler’s Books in Menlo Park canceled all literary events through April 5 as a precaution based on advice against large gatherings from the San Mateo County health department, and closed the storefront, though it offers customers online, phone and pickup services. (See separate story, Page 23.)

On March 12, the Los Altos History Museum announced it is suspending its planned March 21 event celebrating the unveiling of the newly renovated Tank House and the opening of the museum’s exhibition, “In the Fields of the North / En los Campos del Norte.” However, the museum will remain open to the public.

“The safety of our community is of paramount importance to the Los Altos History Museum,” Executive Director Elisabeth Ward wrote in a press statement. “We are installing additional hand-sanitizing stations and implementing additional cleaning protocols to allow us to remain open for our normal opening hours.” (The museum is open Thursday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.)

On March 13, the Computer History Museum in Mountain View announced it will be closed through the month.

On March 13, Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills announced it would be closed to the public through Monday, April 6. All programs and overnight stays will be suspended through April 30.

On March 15, Pacific Art League in Palo Alto announced it is postponing classes, workshops and events at 668 Ramona St. for at least two weeks beginning March 16. On the nonprofit’s website at pacificartleague.org/covid19, a survey is available for patrons to suggest how the organization may continue to serve the community during the closure.
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