SANTA CLARA COUNTY MOVES TO ORANGE TIER

As more activities are allowed to resume, proceed with caution.

COVID-19 case rates, hospitalizations and deaths are decreasing but remain present.

Vaccinations are occurring at the speed supplies allow but most Santa Clara County residents are still not vaccinated.

City council votes on homeless issues

Community members differ in whether they support the removal of San Jose homeless encampments

By Giorgina Laurel

After weeks of public outcry, San Jose City Council members voted in favor of continuing the controversial removal of homeless encampments throughout the city during a Tuesday Zoom council meeting.

Todd Langton, a member of Agape Silicon Valley, said he's against sweeping encampments because the city has no current plan to relocate the homeless community. Agape Silicon Valley is a San Jose nonprofit that aims to improve the quality of life for the homeless community, according to its website.

“I strongly encourage the city to stop the sweep, stop the abatements, unless there are sanctioned encampments already in place,” Langton said during public comment. “There should be a sanction and cabinet in everybody’s district.”

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo halted the sweeps of homeless encampments in March 2020, abiding by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines which state homeless people should be permitted to stay in their encampments to prevent spreading the coronavirus.

SJSU holds discussion for AAPI community

San Jose State community members joined together to discuss thoughts, emotions and issues that have arisen from the Atlanta shootings and recent high numbers of hate crime incidents Monday evening on Zoom.

Alumnus Don Nguyen said the recent shootings have brought deep-rooted issues of discrimination and hate toward the Asian American and Pacific Islander community to the "limelight."

"Systemic racism has always been there . . . but it was really brought out both last year and this year with all these attacks, hate crimes and systemic injustices," Nguyen said.

Many of us on this [Zoom] call have been grappling and struggling with issues of hate incidents that are anti-Asian in their attacks [and] exclusion of people in our community.

Kathleen Wong (Lau)
SJSU chief diversity officer

A series of shootings occurred at massage parlors in Atlanta on March 16 and out of eight people who were killed, six were Asian American women, according to a March 17 NBC News article.

Christopher Yang, director of the MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center said the dangerous realities Asian women face from hypersexualization is a leading example of microaggression and xenophobia in the U.S.

"The fetishization and exoticization of this particular act of violence in Atlanta is really part of the idea of who we consider to have power and rights to humanize [others]," Yang said.

Other examples include the model minority stereotype and the discriminatory coronavirus rhetoric, according to the American Psychology Association.

The model minority stereotype stems from the idea that all Asian Americans are far more successful through the combination of talent and dedication and therefore are at a higher level than other minority

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Stop AAPI Hate is a California non-profit that tracks discrimination and hate.

During the meeting, the city’s homeless coordinator, 6,097 people, according to the city’s Homelessness Annual report included in the Tuesday city council meeting.

San José residents who've been supportive of the city's manager office, 50-foot buffers around schools are 50-foot buffer zone.

San Jose neighborhoods. According to police data analysis, 2020 Oscars, to "Parasite" winning Korean blockbuster U.S. from accomplishments of color, " Nguyen said in the discussion. "I'm not always aligned with some of the things that are being planned where the city is making [taking care of homeless people] an 'official thing for the community.'" Zarrate said in the presentation during the meeting. "They do not eliminate homeless encampments citywide, but rather, typically result in just shifting people around the same area and without sufficient enforcement resources."

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Disneyland’s reopening must prioritize guest safety

Madilyne Medina

Disneyland opened its gates on March 13, 2020—blissfully unaware it would be the last day of operation for more than a year, the park’s longest closure in its 66 year history.

While it’s not necessarily wrong for Disneyland to reopen because the county’s health guidelines now allow it, it’s critical that employees and visitors are mindful of the potential risks.

Disneyland could cause major damage if the reopening isn’t executed properly because the park differs from your average local mall or grocery store.

Since the start of the pandemic, there have been multiple instances of dramatic case increases after several states and their facilities reopened, according to a July 9, 2020, New York Times article. The trend may prove California’s spike in cases was because of “a haphazard reopening process that gave people a false sense that they were in the clear.”

Solutions

**SUDOKU PUZZLE**

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

**MISSING LETTER PUZZLE**

The missing letter is

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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**CONSISTENCY AND ENFORCEMENT**

Consistency and enforcement of the guidelines is what needs to be upheld by park management.

Guests need to be conscious of their decisions to visit Disneyland and understand the potential health risk they are taking by putting themselves and others in jeopardy. Those who are at high risk or have pre-existing health conditions should abstain from visiting until the pandemic improves.

It’s my hope the nostalgic magic of Disneyland will heighten the spirits of guests that visit and provide some sense of restored normality, taking that uncertain first step will be a nerve-wracking event.

Although the Orange County’s health guidelines allow for the park to reopen, park officials and guests still need to be extremely cautious of several potential risks.

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Soul food eatery overcomes hurdles

By Madelina Medina

"I would say that the South Bay, growing up, if you want soul food you go to Oakland," Ortiz said. "It's comforting that they had it in San Jose."

Jackie's Place is not only well known for its delicious food but also for its impact on the community.

"Everyone calls her that because they gravitate towards her," Kiana Jackson said. "She is that person and that matriarch of the community everyone looks to and welcome you with open arms."

Kiana Jackson said she’s happy to share her mom with the community because Jackson takes care of her customers. She said she has her mom more than the mayor of San Jose with the same consideration as she treats her business encounters, Jackie’s Place is not only well known for its delicious food but also for its customer service.

"Kiana Jackson is the daughter of Jackie Jackson's Place owner."

I am just glad that everyone is seeing something that I was fortunate enough to grow up with," Kiana Jackson said.

Dispite the obstacles the business encountered, Jackie's Place has been a staple for the volume of South Bay customers longing for soul food and carefully crafted cooking reminiscent of a family reunion.

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The shop is Filipino-owned and provides many traditional Filipino dishes alongside other creative dishes with fusion twists, containingFilipino staple ingredients like ube, or purple yam.

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Jacqueline Vela

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