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Performing arts shows cancelled or postponed due to spread of COVID-19

Bhairavi Senthilkumar Reporter

You buy a ticket to a show you've been waiting for. A few days before the show, you notice something. Alameda County is going to shelter in place, and now all of California and most of the USA.

San Francisco's traditional Irish dance and music community was waiting for St. Patrick's Day, where many celebrations and parties would have made the holiday one of the biggest money-making times of the year. As COVID-19 started to spread, Irish musicians wouldn't be able to perform shows.

Despite the situation, some artists have been trying to make the best of it. Irish musician Autumn Rhodes started an online St. Patrick's Day concert series on Facebook. With this page, musicians could livestream performances online.



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Performing arts communities are finding ways to deal with COVID-19.

"I started the series because March is usually the time of the year when everyone wants to hear Irish music. With the closing down, a lot of our gigs got canceled, so I knew a lot of my friends were going to be out of work and unable to pay rent," Rhodes explained during a phone interview.

"So, with the online performances, people could put on live concerts and content out to their friends, family, and just people who do have the money to spare and want to help each other out. It's also a way to connect socially with friends and have fun, because what else are you going to do?" Rhodes added.

Many websites have the same idea. Performers can submit sheet music, video clips of rehearsals, and other forms of art made for events that got canceled/postponed. The website holds a calendar full of events that go on in March.

Other parts of the community were also cut short, such as the TruDance Company in Union City. The dance school planned classes and programs that the shutdown had cancelled.

"We've been doing online classes to make sure we don't lose our flexibility throughout the shutdown," Taylor Rand, 8th grade, clarified. "I do like the online classes because it's a better alternative than nothing. But I'm crossing my fingers that we'll be back to regular classes soon!"

Numerous stores offer senior hours to reduce risks of seniors catching virus

Selena Chambers Reporter

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, stores have low inventory because of people panicking and hoarding important supplies. Necessities such as toilet paper, paper towels, sanitizing/cleaning products, medical supplies, eggs, and meat have been flying off shelves.

Grocery stores are crowded with people trying to buy their needed items and even have lines out the door

waiting to come in. This puts elders at risk when being in crowded areas to shop. The solution stores are making to help seniors be at lower risk of getting the virus is dedicating a special hour for seniors only to come in and shop without worrying about crowds and items out of stock.

Kathy Fisher, a local senior in Newark explained, "I think it is really great that the stores are taking these precautions to help prevent

the spread of the coronavirus."

With these Senior Hours established, Kathy will no longer shop online for groceries. She explains that going to Trader Joe's not at senior hours makes her uncomfortable and makes her feel not safe.

"Yesterday when I went to Trader Joe's the whole store was packed and no one was social distancing, so it was not safe. But today I went during the senior hours and

it was open. Everyone was social distancing and I felt safe being in there. So yes, these senior hours have changed my mind about shopping locally rather than online."

Stores like Costco, Food Maxx, Lucky, Safeway, Smart & Final, Sprouts, Target, Trader Joe's, Walmart, Whole Foods, for example, have established "Senior Hours" to help prevent elders at higher risk from getting the virus.



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With everyone staying inside and many factories closing, climate change is slowing down because of less pollution in the environment.

Coronavirus may be helping with climate change

Isabella Hembruch Editor

COVID-19 has brought many changes to our lives. The number of deaths has been rising, and the stock market is packed. However, there might be one positive... CO2 emissions have been falling, and there have been some changes in our atmosphere.

As reported by [cnn.com](#), "The average number of 'good quality air days' [in Hubei, China] increased 21.5% in February, compared to the same period last year, according to China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment." This is due to many closed factories in Hubei.

NASA and the European Space Agency's pictures show that nitrogen dioxide emissions that used to hang over Chinese cities have disappeared in three months.

Climate Change is decreasing because of how the planes, cars, and public transportation that used to run nonstop are less used. Factories are also being shut down.

Mrs. Hembruch, a 1st grade teacher at James Leitch Elementary, stated, "Due to the coronavirus, people are staying home more, and giving the planet a break from exhaust fumes."

However, Charlie Ing, a 7th grader, believes that people staying inside has a different effect on the planet. He

explained, "With everyone staying at home for safety, there are less people trying to save the planet from global warming."

Technologyreview.com has another opinion. It says that the coronavirus is bad for global warming. "It'll sap funding and political will- but actually, it should." It also says that all the resources that could be put to climate will be put into the virus. It also states that the dip in emissions will go back to normal when the pandemic is over.

Marketwatch.com believes that people only respond to what's in front of them. With words like "epidemic" and "outbreak" going around, action is being taken against the virus. Long-term problems are harder to combat. With regular elections swapping out who has the power to do something, and no threats like the deaths around us from the coronavirus, it can be tricky to stop something like global warming.

The best action is to learn from COVID-19. It's possible for the world to come together and help humanity. We have seen this before and we can do this for the climate.

Basketball game fundraiser cancelled

Katherine Bjornson Reporter

This year's student-teacher basketball game was cancelled due to the spread of Covid-19. The game, though skipped last year, is an annual event designed as a fundraiser for various organizations or school needs.

The game was originally scheduled to take place after school on April 2. Any member of the staff could have participated, as well as students on the boys' and girls' basketball teams. This year would have differed from past events by having a half-time show put on by the staff.

Ms. Weber, who helped organize the event, explained that it was a surprise, though she revealed that it would be "...a fun dance routine." Funds were planned to be collected as \$2-3 ticket fees, in addition to a snack bar inside.

According to Ms. Alves, past events have supported charities for school programs in India or brain tumor associations, among others. She commented, "It was a chance to bring our community together while supporting a great cause." The first basketball game fundraiser was a project for both the AVID and Leadership classes. Charities were researched and voted on in a joint effort from the two classes.

This year, however, the funds were intended to go to the Publications class and sports teams at Walters. Ms. Weber commented, "I know that Ms. Yuen [the Publications teacher] has worked really hard to fundraise. And as a coach for the volleyball team I know that not a lot of funds are available."

Because the fundraiser is cancelled, the sports teams and Publications class will not be receiving donations. Fortunately, while the extra money would have been appreciated, Ms. Yuen thinks that this loss will not have a major impact on the newspaper and yearbook because there is a school closure for the rest of this year.



Photo from Ms. Yuen

Most of this year's student-teacher basketball game funds would've been donated to the Publications class and Walters sports teams. This 2016 game raised funds for autism awareness.

Editorial: Is the coronavirus making people act differently?

Jaeda Histo

It is familiar that COVID-19, known as the coronavirus, is a very terrifying pandemic sweeping the globe. The very first case was reported in early January of this year.

As of the end of March, there have been approximately 597,458 cases in the world and around 85,356 cases in the United States.

I feel this is why we need to work together and ensure that that number doesn't go up. About 124,000 public schools have closed in the United States. We have been in quarantine since March 13th and we have no idea how long we will be on "lockdown."

This has been really hard on students. We are given more work than we were during school. It is hard not being able to see our friends for a while. Not

everyone is able to do their homework, as well.

There are many people who need supplies and food during this time. Many people have been hoarding and overstocking on these essentials. I don't think that this is fair because there are people out there who really are in need and there is nothing for them.

Everyone should be able to have these things. Everyone is limited to one pack of toilet paper, but what about people with large families? Those families aren't going to have enough toilet paper. People are being greedy and buying more than what they really need.

Grocery stores are having a hard time stocking up on items. There are people who would buy 10 packs of toilet paper all on one shopping trip. I don't think it is necessary to overstock. The stores would not close during this time.



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People have been unnecessarily hoarding basic needs due to Covid-19 by panic buying, leaving inadequate supplies for others.

There are many things people are stocking up on, from bottled water, to baby diapers and formula. I think people need to be more considerate of others. Not everyone has enough money to buy as many things as others.

This has also affected sleep schedules. Kids are going to sleep at 2 and 4 am like it is a normal thing and wake up in the middle of the day and the whole

routine happens again. There have also been zoom calls in the morning, for the people who stay up late, they don't get enough sleep.

We have to be careful to stay healthy, remain engaged in school and help our families. We should practice more social distancing until it's safe to go outside to keep ourselves and others safe from the coronavirus.

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Sports around the world canceled due to virus

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The Olympics are a series of sports where multiple countries and different people compete against each other to win medals. This event happens every four years.

This year, the Summer Olympics were planned in Tokyo. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus spreading, the International Olympic Committee decided to postpone the Olympics to the summer of 2021, according to NBC news.

The NBA has been canceled due to coronavirus concerns, as well. Some NBA

players have tested positive for the coronavirus. "It's better for the player's safety since they touch the same ball. It's better to be safe than sorry," Ruben Alonso, a 7th grader, announced.

In addition to the NBA, soccer has also been cancelled and teams have also quarantined some players.

Major League Baseball, also known as the MLB, has also been postponed. They've cancelled the last spring training games.

Tiajeanae Armstrong, a 7th grader, stated, "I am very disappointed that baseball season is canceled because I

always go to the A's games with my family, but now I can't go."

Lots of other sports have been postponed or cancelled due to coronavirus concerns. The people who are in charge of these sports want to keep their players, fans, and staff safe from the virus by canceling or postponing the sports until it's safe.

All of these cancellations are in effort to keep people safe from this virus and minimize open contact towards others.

Coronavirus brings changes to society too substantial to count

Brianna Nguyen Reporter

As a result of the cancelation of school, work, outside activities, and small groups getting together due to the coronavirus, people were forced to stay at home and told not to go anywhere.

“I feel that the coronavirus has impacted our society immensely. It is extremely unfortunate that thousands of people are suffering from the pandemic. This caused a stop in our economy, government, production, and education. I hope a cure is found as soon as possible to prevent more lives being lost and for us to resume our life before the tragedy,” 8th grader Alana Paje stated.

Alana added, “My volleyball practices and

tournaments are postponed. I miss playing volleyball with my team and it’s hard for me to stay active outside with the social distancing rule.”

This break has affects people academically, actively, and socially. It's harder to communicate with others. Most of us also had to learn to adjust to this new change. For example, distance learning or online schooling for students, working from home for adults, and not being able to go outside as often as we want.

“I do not enjoy distance learning because I prefer to be in a classroom. Not only is it motivational and beneficial for students to do their work, but it also provides a professional environment. In addition, it's easier for me to ask classmates and teachers for help in a classroom than to

email them and wait for an answer,” Alana explained.

Furthermore, being able to stay productive is harder now because several places and areas are closed to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Alana explained how being home all day, surrounded by her phone, computer, and TV urges her to use them all day. Also, not being able to go out to restaurants with her parents and walking around the mall is daunting.

“The self-quarantine limits what I can do during my day and how I can stay lively during this time,” stated Alana.

However, good things do come out of this quarantine. Alana added that quarantine helps slow the spread of the pandemic, which means less people get affected. Also, many of us don’t need to wake up early and can

take a small break from school and jobs. We also have more time to spend with family members.

Not only that, but we could find indoor activities. “For example, I’m taking up baking and cooking and making simple dishes for my family. Also, I enjoy making and watching videos,” Alana added.

Society should learn to adjust to this new change even if that means all our favorite things have been limited because of the coronavirus. Even though quarantine has stopped everyone from going out as often and going through with their daily routine, people need to adapt.

“I think we all need to follow the quarantine rules so we can stop the virus and continue our lives as it was before,” Alana concluded.

Doing your part: finding the positives in a negative situation

Zoya Chashmawala Reporter

We are all currently in a situation where we are being told to stay at home and only get out for essential needs. In addition, we don’t have school. To prevent the coronavirus, people are shopping for disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizers, masks, and even toilet paper. Stores are selling out. There are several people trying to help by making homemade hand sanitizer.

Tasnem Merchant, a parent and Amazon worker confirmed, “Stores are out of stock on several items as well as Amazon. Amazon is helping by providing products online, but it’s not helping us. We now have to work hard and have double



Photo by Google Images

People have been making homemade hand sanitizer to help others.

shifts, however if this is helping our community from COVID-19, then I am fine with working to provide these essential needs.”

Others are making masks to avoid the coronavirus. *The New York Times* (A Sewing Army, *Making Masks for America*) states, “All over the country, homebound Americans are crafting thousands upon

thousands of face masks to help shield doctors, nurses and many others from the coronavirus.”

In some cities, they have created a food net, which provides healthy food to everyone who needs it considering the coronavirus. *The Foodbank of Santa Barbara* has supplied food through *SAFE Food Net*. Also two of the local high schools, Kennedy and

Washington, are setting up free breakfast and lunch for students.

Another parent, Arif Chashmawala acknowledged that everyone is doing an excellent job in helping our community and economy. He hopes that he can benefit our society by staying home and keeping clean.

The best thing you can do to benefit society and prevent the spread of the virus is to stay home and take precautions. In addition, avoid touching others as well as your eyes, nose, and mouth. This will greatly help the world around us to slow the spread and give scientists time to find a vaccine.

Restaurants continue finding ways to protect their business and workers, keep customers

Sarmila Jagadeesan — Reporter

When coronavirus first became an issue, restaurants were focused on sanitation policies and how to best protect their customers from the virus. They recommended customers to order takeout instead of dining in. However, the once minor situation turned into a global pandemic.

On March 16, 2020 many restaurants closed in the Bay Area or only let customers order takeout. Many people have also been unemployed or experienced a pay cut. The common response to the foodservice market labor crisis has been to follow the emergency/sick leave payment protocol. However, as restaurants are being forced to shut their doors completely to abide by local ordinances, the 14-day emergency paid sick leave policies for sick and/or quarantined employees are either irrelevant or not enough.

“I used to eat out-a lot, like three times in two weeks,” explained Darren Su, 8th grade. “Nowadays, my family and I don’t go out to eat at all.”



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Restaurants have shifted to only take-out orders to keep their businesses running during the pandemic.

The lack of customers means less money for the restaurant. This leads to them not having enough money to pay their employees, much less make a profit. However not paying employees or firing them isn’t an ideal option. The workers need money now more than ever to support themselves and their families.

Many companies are stepping in with their own solution. As reported in Nation’s Restaurant News, Danny Meyer,

the CEO of Union Square Hospitality Group, tweeted that he would be foregoing his salary and creating a relief fund for affected employees. This is just one example of company executives taking the needed-measures to get workers the salary they need during this time.

“At our restaurant, we are making their shifts smaller and making them work part-time. This way they can stay in the workforce and make the money they need,” said Minh Tú, the owner of Phở Saigon Pasteur. “We also let them take home food, so they don’t risk themselves shopping for food outside,” continued Tú.

A few companies are also doing their best to meet the “basic food and shelter needs” of any employee that can’t make ends meet during this time. Many restaurants are offering their employees free meals and supplies.

As the situation worsens, restaurants are taking necessary measures to keep their customers and workers safe.

Logging on: students’ new daily reality

Photo By
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Former Walters student, Aathavan Senthilkumar, 11th grader at Kennedy High, submits work for his AP English class. Since the school closures, all learning has been moved to a digital platform, like Google Classroom.



Photo By
Kathy Bjornson

1st grader Corwin Bjornson, Mattos Elementary School, connects with his class in a Zoom session.



Past Pandemics

Smallpox: 1633 -1634, The last case of Smallpox was in 1949.

Yellow Fever: 1793

Cholera in three waves: 1832 - 1866

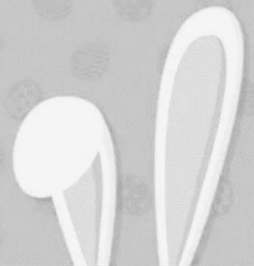
Typhoid Mary: 1906 - 1907, Rare to get in the U.S.

Spanish Flu: 1918-1920

Diphtheria Epidemic: 1921 - 1925, catching this virus is rare.

Second Measles Outbreak: 1981 - 1991

Happy Easter



1st grader shares how COVID-19 impacts his life

Katherine Bjornson Reporter

A worldwide event such as the coronavirus outbreak could define a generation. So, the question remains: What impact is this having on the youth? A vague memory of a prolonged spring break, or memories of trauma and chaos?

Corwin Bjornson is a 1st grader at Mattos Elementary. He, like many other students in California, is staying home in efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. His district began “distance learning,” conducting school work from home.

Corwin is dismayed that he must stay home from school. He understands that the coronavirus can be dangerous, and thinks that choosing to close the schools is the right decision. However, he still misses his old routine.

Corwin commented, “...I miss that I don’t get to see my friends and I miss my teacher.”

Corwin is “a bit” nervous about the coronavirus. He explained, “I’m scared

about other people dying.” He understands that it affects mainly older people, which he guesses to mean people around 30 years or older. For this reason, he is concerned about getting the coronavirus because he might spread it to his parents and they might die.

He advised, “Well, if you’re old, please don’t get the coronavirus ...especially if you’re a part of my family.”

To protect from Covid-19, Corwin thinks that eating healthy is important. His personal recommendation is oranges. “... lots and lots and lots of oranges. Last night, I ate five.” He elaborated, “They have vitamin C, and they are fruit which is healthy. And also I eat bananas.”

Overall, though he acknowledges that it is serious for old people, Corwin does not think that the coronavirus is having an immense impact on his life.

Parent’s steps for staying safe

Savan Gupta Reporter

COVID-19 is spreading very quickly, especially in the USA. People need to start thinking about their lives, and the lives of the people around them, because they matter a lot.

Walters' parent, Suhani Vinayak, stated, “People should stay indoors as much as possible, eat healthy foods, and drink lots of water to stay hydrated. They must also make sure to wash their hands with a good amount of soap for 20 seconds. When having to go for groceries, people shouldn’t necessarily take their entire family, because they don’t want their family to be exposed to COVID-19.”

According to Suhani, “People should stop socializing and partying in groups. They should also stop taking things lightly, because this disease is serious and it spreads like a forest fire. People must also stop going out with nothing covering their noses and mouths. Doing this will benefit them and the people around them.”

To stay safe from the coronavirus, Suhani makes sure to drink lots of water, eat healthy foods, and practice social distancing. Whenever she has to go outside, she always makes sure that she covers her mouth and nose, as well as her hair. She uses a thick scarf or a shawl, which she then puts in the laundry when she gets home. When using grocery store carts, she also makes sure that she doesn’t touch the handles with her hands. Instead, she uses a handkerchief to push the cart, because she doesn’t know who handled the cart before her.

People must start to be more cautious when going out, and taking things seriously. They need to practice social distancing, and try to protect themselves and others.

The good and bad of the shelter in place

Thejasree Venkatesh Reporter

7th grader Jacenya Corona thinks that Alameda County’s shelter in place has negative and positive effects. For example, she thinks that while it limits the spread of the coronavirus, it also limits interaction. She doesn’t even think that the shelter in place is necessary.

“The shelter isn’t really necessary, because while mass gatherings and school crowd people together, things such as shopping don’t involve people being close together. We only need to keep other people a safe distance away from us, but we don’t need to stop everything and stay isolated at home,” she commented.

Jacenya thinks that some positive effects of the shelter are that it primarily stops the spread of germs and disease, and that it gives us more time to be productive at home. She personally likes

the shelter because it gives her more time to sleep and exercise. She also gets to spend more time with her immediate family.

“There are some negative effects of the shelter though. We don’t get to see our friends as much. Workers also lose their jobs since people stop coming to stores because of the shelter,” she added.



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Thank you to the health workers, store workers, truck and delivery drivers, first responders, mail carriers, military, warehouse and factory workers, repairmen, scientists who are working on a cure for COVID-19, and everyone else on the front lines. You are the ones keeping society functioning. We couldn’t get through this without you. You take risks every day to help us. Thank you.