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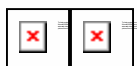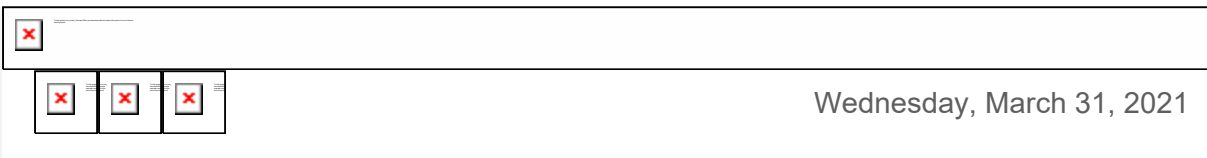
Good morning readers! Hope your day is off to a sunny start.

Will California see another coronavirus wave? The answer may surprise you.

COVID-19 cases are starting to climb again across much of the U.S. But infectious disease experts in the Bay Area say **the Golden State may be well positioned to avoid another surge**. ••• Will California's expanded vaccine eligibility **crowd out the people who need shots most**? ••• A San Jose vaccination clinic is **getting musical accompaniment**.

Reopening: Two more Bay Area counties reached the orange tier, **and one was held back**. ••• **Map of California COVID tiers**: Alameda and Santa Cruz are among the 13 improved counties. ••• California will **allow in-person graduation ceremonies this year**.

Recall effort: A new poll finds Gavin Newsom would **survive a recall vote — comfortably — if an election were held today**.

Schools: A parents group is **seeking to recall all five Mount Diablo school board members over slow school reopening**. ••• In Palo Alto, the Castilleja School's **expansion plan could see major changes yet**.

The promise of a cure: University of California scientists are launching a first-ever human study of a powerful new gene-editing technique to **fix the bad gene that causes sickle cell disease**.

- The Oakland City Council is **taking steps to tame weekend chaos around Lake Merritt**.
- An early **attempt to invoke the Racial Justice Act** was denied by a South Bay judge.
- A Berkeley cop was **fired for use of force after shooting at a car**.
- **San Jose's Al Fresco dining program is here to stay** — at least until the end of 2021.
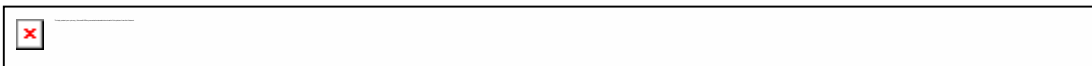- **Roadshow:** Is anything being done about **the crowded I-80 carpool lane**?

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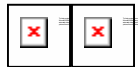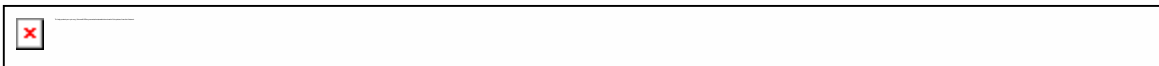
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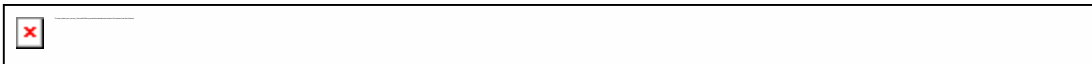
Otter-ly exciting: The Monterey Bay Aquarium **announced its reopening date**. ••• San Jose's **Children's Discovery Museum is also set to welcome visitors**.

Free lunch — and free crypto? Chipotle will **give away $100,000 in burritos and $100,000 in Bitcoin** to celebrate National Burrito Day.

Business

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Openings & closings: Silicon Valley is poised to get **its first new hotel since COVID-19 hit**. ••• **Target will close two Bay Area stores**, including one in the South Bay.

Housing: A former student dorm in Oakland could **become a shelter for homeless residents**. ••• Fremont is making roughly $7 million in federal relief funds available for **people struggling to pay their rent and utilities**. ••• How did **$2.7 billion in California housing bonds disappear**?

- **Editorial:** Should California **step in to help the state's "unbanked"**?
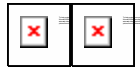
Sports

Stanford women's basketball: The team's big rally over Louisville **leads to the program's 14th Final Four appearance**.

Prep sports: California is **expanding attendance at prep football games** and other outdoor events. ••• Basketball season is beginning around the Bay Area: **your questions, answered** ••• **Week 4 high school football rankings** ••• **High school baseball rankings**

MLB: National League West Division preview: **How the Giants stack up** ••• Can the **Oakland A's repeat as division champions**? ••• The Oakland A's **expanded tickets in the orange tier,** but can't go past 26 percent capacity.

- **Kurtenbach:** Lebron and Steph teaming up? **The recruitment shouldn't surprise you.**

Things to do

Eat well: Walnut Creek's Brioche de Paris owner on **pastries, generous customers and his new cafe** ••• **Pasta with Michelin cred** is coming to the Pruneyard. ••• **Brenda's Cajun-Creole restaurant empire is expanding** to San Jose. ••• Off the Grid food truck events will **benefit the "Stop Asian Hate" campaign**.
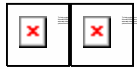
Cheers: Anderson Valley Brewing's **new Beer Park opens this spring**.

What to watch: The new Ken Burns documentary "Hemingway" separates the man from the myth. ••• **April's TV calendar** ••• "Godzilla vs. Kong" is **the dopey blockbuster we need right now**.

Take care today. I'll see you tomorrow.

—*Kate Lucky*

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