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11,800 POSITIONS ADDED IN MARCH

Bay Area job surge 'continuing'

This year, region has produced 61% (31,300) of positions in state

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The Bay Area's job market in March powered to its strongest monthly gains so far in 2019 — and the best month since June — with a hiring surge led by Santa Clara County and the East Bay, state labor experts reported Friday.

So far this year, the Bay Area has gained 31,300 jobs, which means the nine-county region has accounted for a head-spinning 61 percent of the 51,300 positions added statewide in

the first three months of 2019.

Santa Clara County added 5,100 jobs during March, while the East Bay gained 3,400 jobs and the San Francisco-San Mateo region added 2,200 positions, a new report by the state's Employment Development Department showed. All the numbers were adjusted to account for seasonal variations.

Overall, the Bay Area gained 11,800 jobs in March, the best one-month performance during 2019 and the most jobs added by employers in the nine-

county region since June 2018, when the area added 12,500 jobs, this news organization's analysis of the EDD figures determined.

"The job surge in the Bay Area is continuing," said Stephen Levy, director of the Palo Alto-based Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy. "I'm surprised that the surge has strengthened in recent months."

California added 24,500 nonfarm payroll jobs last month, the EDD re-

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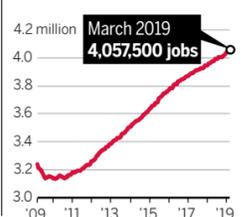
MARCH JOB GAINS

The Bay Area posted another month of job gains, with the greatest growth in the South Bay.

Jobs gained or lost in March

South Bay	5,100
East Bay	3,400
S.F.-San Mateo Co.	2,200
Marin County	500
Sonoma County	300
Solano County	200
Napa County	100
Bay Area	11,800

Bay Area 10-year job trend



* Bay Area numbers are derived from seasonally adjusted data provided by the state EDD and Beacon Economics
Sources: State Employment Development Department and BANG staff research

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'SHE'S A FIXER AND A DOER'

IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT TO REPAIR THE DMV



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Marybel Batjer, secretary of California's Government Operations Agency, is the leader of a strike team appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom to reform the DMV. "I love public policy," she says. "And I love even more the 'How do you make it work better?'"

'Jedi knight' has reputation for cutting red tape; reforming agency may be biggest challenge

By Erin Baldassari
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SACRAMENTO » She's been called a "Jedi knight" when it comes to slashing bureaucratic red tape, a benevolent Svengali skilled at breaking down complex government organizations into their most basic parts, the calming eye at the center of political hurricanes.

But Marybel Batjer now has in front of her perhaps the most daunting task she's faced: reforming the DMV. Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Batjer in January to lead a

strike team for an emergency, six-month intervention at the beleaguered agency.

And there's no shortage of problems to keep her busy. The DMV drew renewed vitriol last year after its botched rollout of Real ID, a new form of federal ID required for air travel beginning in October 2020, left customers waiting in field offices for upward of six hours. DMV employees actually became sick from the stress of working mandatory overtime and Saturday hours to address the long lines.

Computer outages on the department's outdated network left field offices in the

dark. Then, glitches in the department's new voter registration system signed up noncitizens to vote and bungled the registrations of thousands more.

The director of the DMV, Jean Shiimoto, left at the end of the year. A scathing audit released last month described a "reactive culture" among the department's top management that left the agency woefully unprepared to begin accepting Real ID applications or to address issues before they grew into serious problems.

But this is Batjer's wheelhouse.

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COLUMBINE HIGH'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Campus shooting threats now routine?

Educators, police have refined their responses to alarming behavior

By Robert Salonga and Nico Savidge
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SAN JOSE » On Thursday, a student at a charter school in East San Jose emailed a teacher, threatening to "shoot up the school" if he didn't get good grades.

Several days before, in South San Jose, a 12-year-old boy, fuming over being bullied at school, sat in the principal's office and muttered aloud how he wanted to "burn down this school and blow it up."

In each case, police went to the student's home, checked for any access to guns and determined that the threat was empty. The students were left in the care of school administrators, who of-

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CONFLICT WITH BARR

House Dems subpoena full Mueller report, plan hearings

By Nicholas Fandos
The New York Times

WASHINGTON »

The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee issued a subpoena Friday demanding that the Justice Department hand over an unredacted version of Robert Mueller's report and the evidence underlying it by May 1, and pledged "major hearings" on its findings.

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