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A CITY IN TRANSITION



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Large, colorful murals are abundant in Richmond's Jackson Ward neighborhood.

Richmond's changing neighborhoods

Richmond is changing. Census forms will start arriving in mailboxes this month to put numbers to these changes, but those who live in the city have observed the transformation for years. Businesses have opened, closed and been replaced by the next trend. More and more white people have moved into parts of the city that historically have been home to mostly African Americans. Abandoned warehouses have become apartments and breweries.

With the changing city, its residents — from those who've been here for decades to newcomers — are forming a new kind of place — with all of the pains and joys that come with it.

Here is the changing Richmond, through their eyes.

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Darlene Roseman has lived in Creighton Court for 21 years.

Creighton Court's residents wait to see what the future holds

BY SABRINA MORENO
Richmond Times-Dispatch

For six years, Darlene Roseman didn't have heat in her concrete-block-walled unit in Creighton Court. She'd use a single space heater to keep warm — two would cause a circuit fuse to blow — and wait for water to boil on the stove top for an added warmth as she bundled up under a series of blankets.

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Oregon Hill, as seen from the Lee Bridge, is bordered by the James River to the south.

Richmond's 'funky neighborhood' is historic Oregon Hill

BY ALI ROCKETT
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Oregon Hill's patchwork of single-family and attached homes has "always given the neighborhood a sort of gap-toothed, devil-may-care grin," according to a 2005 column in the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Bound on all sides, the neighborhood is the very definition of an enclave.

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Va. prepares for arrival of coronavirus

Health officials, businesses, schools put plans in place

BY BRIDGET BALCH
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Amid the continued spread of coronavirus across the globe and warnings that a disruptive outbreak is likely to hit the U.S., Virginia's health department, hospitals, schools and universities are preparing for a potential public health crisis.

There have been no

positive coronavirus cases in Virginia so far, with eight possible cases testing negative. The state health department has monitored 279 travelers deemed to be at risk of infection. There have been 62 confirmed cases in the U.S., according to the CDC, and more than 86,000 globally, causing more than 2,900 deaths, according to the World Health Organization. The vast majority of cases and deaths were in China, where the virus originated.

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Developments on U.S. coronavirus outbreak

◆ President Donald Trump said Saturday that there was "no reason to panic" as the governor of Washington state declared a state of emergency Saturday after a man died there of COVID-19, the first such reported death in the United States. The man was in his 50s, had underlying health conditions and no history of travel or contact with a known coronavirus case.

◆ The president said he was considering additional restrictions, including closing the border with Mexico, among other steps.

◆ Vice President Mike Pence and top public health officials said the U.S. was banning travel to Iran and urging Americans not to travel to regions of Italy and South Korea where the virus has been prevalent.

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U.S. makes preparations

The U.S. is among countries best prepared to prevent or manage a possible coronavirus epidemic, experts say, but there are vulnerabilities. Story on Page B4

Group unveils \$19M plan for Evergreen Cemetery restoration, improvements

BY SABRINA MORENO
Richmond Times-Dispatch

In the 1970s, John Mitchell grew up hearing how Confederate sympathizers would tie chains around his grandfather's obelisk in Evergreen Cemetery and pull it down. He learned about people from black- and white-owned businesses who would frequent the grounds after them and clean as much as they could.

His ancestors buried in Evergreen — a long-neglected African American cemetery in the city's East End that's fallen victim to overgrown trees, vines and vegetation — include John Mitchell Jr., an editor of the Richmond Planet who pushed for racial equality in the late 1800s. In all-caps dark-gray letters, his headstone states he was "a man who would walk into the jaws of death

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