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'Don't panic' says Chamber of Commerce

Norwalk's Chamber of Commerce continues to keep business owners informed as more details come out about the COVID-19 emergency.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

NORWALK - Though things still remain uncertain surrounding the total impact of the coronavirus, the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce says not to panic.

It's no secret that businesses across the nation are already feeling the dramatic effects of the COVID-19 outbreak.

According to Caryn Spilsbury, Executive Director of the Chamber, the chamber has been preparing for the ramifications of the coronavirus for around three weeks.

"I pay attention to the news, stay informed," said Spilsbury. "It was about three weeks or so ago that people started running Costco out of toilet paper. I said, 'okay, this is going to be an issue.'"

Spilsbury has been in contact with other chambers locally, and says that all involved have continued to communicate.

She says, "everyone is sharing."

"As a group, I have Gateway



A shopper - wearing a medical mask - exits Costco. Photo by Alex Dominguez

Chambers Alliance that I am the interim executive director for, so I work with 121 other chambers locally," said Spilsbury. "We've been in conversation for about a week and a half on our events, on how we can best serve as a gatherer and processor of information for our members."

"Right now, we are in an email chain right now about how everybody is providing information and perhaps trying to gather as much information as we can as a group to support each other in getting that information

out." At this point, Spilsbury says that she thinks a lot of chambers are "hunkering down," and that there's not much a chamber can do other than provide information and stay supportive at this time.

Still, she says that the best thing for businesses to do right now is to stay calm.

"My best advice to anybody is to not panic, because panicking doesn't create solutions," said Spilsbury. "Whether that's panic

buying, whether that's social media hysteria, whatever it is, just stay calm."

"This is something new that the entire world is dealing with, and none of us have the right answers yet. But I believe that our government is on top of things as best they can be, that they will find those answers, and that we will all come out on the other side of this - probably a little worse for the weather - but we will."

L.A. County Library offers temporary digital library card

Due to COVID-19 precautions, all of LA County Library's 86 locations are currently closed to the public through March 31, 2020. Due dates for borrowed materials have been automatically extended, no late fines will be assessed, and customers can return materials when the Library reopens.

In an effort to make access to all of the Library's digital resources more easily available to Los Angeles County residents, including those who do not currently have a library card, LA County Library is offering a temporary digital card, valid for 90 days. To sign up for a temporary digital card, LA County residents can visit LACountyLibrary.org/library-cards.

The digital card provides

users access to all of the Library's digital offerings, including eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV, homework help, online classes, and more, including but not limited to:

OverDrive and Libby- Place holds on and borrow up to 15 eBooks and audiobooks. No need to worry about returns - eBooks automatically expire at the end of the lending period.

Kanopy - Stream independent, international, classic, and documentary films, with 10 play credits per month. Enjoy temporary unlimited access (through mid-April) to Kanopy for Kids with educational content like Sesame Street and Arthur.

Hoopla - Borrow up to 8

eBooks, audiobooks, movies, or TV shows per month.

RB Digital - Download popular magazines including US Weekly, Vogue, Vanity Fair, Wired, Newsweek, Rolling Stone, and more.

com - View instructional videos in a wide range of topics, including business, technology, design, and more.

Mango Languages - Learn over 20 languages with free, self-paced classes, plus ESL courses in Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic, and more.

Brainfuse - Get online tutors daily from 12 - 10 pm for K to college students and adult learners. From math to science, resume to essay review, and GED

to citizenship prep, there's a tutor for you!

After signing up, customers will receive an email with a library card and PIN number within one business day. These credentials can be used to access all the eResources noted above. The card enables checkouts of and access to digital materials only; customers will not be able to borrow physical materials or place them on hold.

For more information about Coronavirus and Library resources, including Express Holds Pickup offerings at select libraries, visit LACountyLibrary.org/coronavirus.

City Hall open only for essential services by appointment

NORWALK - As a continuation of the City of Norwalk's aggressive efforts to help slow the transmission of COVID-19, The City of Norwalk announced that City Hall will now be open only for essential services by appointment.

The City also has implemented a hotline for general questions, available Monday through Friday from 8 am to 8 p.m at 562-929-5760.

In the meantime, residents are encouraged to view council meetings online or via a public access channel, and to submit comments and questions at publiccomments@norwalkca.gov.

Parking citations for street sweeping have also been suspended, unless it possesses a public hazard.

These recent measures follow the previous suspension of City-sponsored events and programming through March, and closure of the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex and modified hours to the Norwalk Senior Center. All measures follow State and County guidelines.

City approves purchase of electric buses

NORWALK - Norwalk City Council approved the purchase of four zero-emission battery electric buses (BEBs) at their meeting on Tuesday.

These BEBs will be utilized on Norwalk Transit System (NTA)'s Route 7 that operates northbound from the Greenline Station in Norwalk and El Monte Bus Station, offsetting greenhouse gas emissions while also providing clean, quiet, and attractive alternative transportation options to working professionals, college students, low income and disadvantaged who utilize NTS as their primary means of transportation or part of their connections while commuting.

The purchase comes as part of an agreement which will also allow for the purchase of more busses in the future when there are sufficient funds to completely transition the NTS's fleet to BEB's, pursuant to the California Air Resources Board's requirement to do so by 2040.

The current base unit price for each bus is \$801,480, with the total purchase value not exceeding \$970,396.60 per bus. The grand total of the transaction is \$3,881,586.40, which is funded through FTA funds and various local match funds, with no impact to the city's General Fund.

Norwalk restaurant grades

Hola Pho
11575 Rosecrans Ave.
Inspected: 3/13/20
Grade: **A**

Taco Bell
12503 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/13/20
Grade: **A**

Noemi's Mexican Restaurant
14350 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/13/20
Grade: **A**

Hibachi Grill Buffet
14021 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **A**

The Poke Co.
12200 Civic Center Dr.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **B**

Ana's Bionicos
10977 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **A**

RC Burgers
14041 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **A**

Costco - Bakery
12324 Hoxie Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **A**

Costco - Pizza
12324 Hoxie Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **A**

El Eden
10628 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/11/20
Grade: **A**

Casa Adelita
12842 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/11/20
Grade: **A**

Un Rinconcito Argentino
10633 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/11/20
Grade: **A**

El Pollo Loco
11473 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Yoshinoya Beef Bowl
12555 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Angelina's Famous Pizza
12553 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Food 4 Less Bakery
10901 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Kikka
11660 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Santos Juice Bar
13324 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/9/20
Grade: **A**

IHOP
12623 Norwalk Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/9/20
Grade: **A**

Chinatown Express
13935 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/9/20
Grade: **A**

California Bakery
11860 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/5/20
Grade: **A**

California Sushi and Teriyaki
12305 Norwalk Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/5/20
Grade: **A**

Foodieum
12440 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/5/20
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

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THINGS TO DO



Seinfeld

All Weekend - Hulu

Four single friends - comic Jerry Seinfeld, bungling George Costanza, frustrated working gal Elaine Benes and eccentric neighbor Cosmo Kramer -- deal with the absurdities of everyday life in New York City.



Narcos

All Weekend - Netflix

The true story of Colombia's infamously violent and powerful drug cartels fuels this gritty gangster drama series.



The World According to Jeff Goldblum

All Weekend - Disney+

Jeff Goldblum pulls on the thread of a deceptively familiar object to unravel a world of astonishing connections.



The Wire

All Weekend - Prime Video

In the drug-ridden streets of Baltimore, there are good guys and there are bad guys. Sometimes you need more than a badge to tell them apart.



Curb Your Enthusiasm

All Weekend - HBO Now

Larry David stars as...Larry David in this acclaimed verite-style comedy series that follows him at home, at work and around town.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

UPDATE: Effective TODAY, as a result of coronavirus, City has suspended parking citations for street sweeping (unless it poses a public hazard) through March 31. @CityofNorwalkCA

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Training dogs means training their owners, and that's "No Bull"

WHITTIER— Sometimes training a dog means training its human as well.

No Bull Rehab officially kicked off around a year ago, with partners Sarah Peel and Drew Camarillo coming together after several years of doing volunteer work in shelters prior.

"My business partner Drew and I have been working together with rescue dogs for just over five years now," said Peel. "We started just kind of volunteering in rescues, going in and finding their dogs that needed the most help, they felt weren't very adoptable. I put my behavior knowledge and [Camarillo] put some of his training knowledge towards that. We kind of teamed up and realized we were helping a lot of dogs get adopted, who actually didn't really have issues, they just weren't being supported by the environment in the kennels."

Surprisingly, Peel's "behavior knowledge" comes not from a background in animal training, but from a career in special education.

"I currently work for Whittier Union High School District, with adults with special education," said Peel. "I have my Master's in special education and then I also have my under-grad in child development."

"I used to work primarily with students who have autism and behavioral needs in the classroom. Now I work with a much wider range of students who have an array of disabilities and needs, but still really supporting behavior."

So, how does this fit in with man's best friend?

"Really what dog training is is training humans to be able to understand their dog," said Peel.

And there is a fair amount of "human training" that goes on.

"People need to adopt or own dogs that are appropriate for them and their lifestyle and what they'd like to be doing," said Peel. "Dogs need certain things. If you get a working dog - a border collie - or a herding dog, there's certain behaviors like nipping at heels and stuff like that that we see all the time with these high-drive dogs."

"So often, we see pit bulls in the news who have very high-drive who are set up for failure by human error. That's sort of my stance on that; always own a dog that's right for your lifestyle... any dog can display behaviors if they're not in the right situation, because they're frustrated. They have no outlet."

No Bull - as one might guess

- deals primarily with pit bulls, however works with "all breeds of dogs." According to Peel, No Bull has already worked with hundreds of canines.

Peel says that No Bull focuses on the "other side" of training dogs.

"There's a lot that goes into training, and I think there's a little bit difference between training obedience and rehabilitating behaviors," said Peel. "Yes, obedience is important, but state of mind and teaching our dogs how to have coping skills to be neutral to their environment and not be scared [is as well]."

Peel says that eventually, things come to "make sense" for their clients, which leads to more success with their pets.

"There's something with clarity and peace of mind - even if you're still dealing with that behavior - there's a plan there, you know," said Peel. "That's really why I do it; I do it to keep dogs in-home."

More information can be found at www.nobullrehab.com, or on Facebook and Instagram at @NoBullRehab.

County buildings close to COVID-19

Los Angeles County will close all of its buildings to the public effective Monday as a precautionary measure to help slow the spread of COVID-19, Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger announced.

The announcement comes as Gov. Gavin Newsom directed closure of California's bars, brewpubs and wineries, and called on people over 65 and others at higher risk of serious complications from exposure to the virus to stay at home.

"We need to do all we can to protect the public and our employees in the midst of this expanding public health crisis," Supervisor Barger said. "Our departments will continue to provide essential services to our

residents, but it is prudent to limit public access to our facilities at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation and urge the public to follow the guidance of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health."

"Our goal is to slow the transmission of COVID-19, but we can't do it alone," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Each and every one of us, both businesses and residents, must do our part by practicing social distancing and taking common sense infection control precautions."

"We urgently need to flatten the curve of COVID-19 in order to keep our hospitals and emergency rooms from becoming overwhelmed with COVID-19

patients," she added. "Flattening the curve requires conscientious social distancing efforts by all our L.A. County residents during this time of crisis. Our collective efforts during this pandemic can literally save the lives of our loved ones and most vulnerable residents."

County hospitals and clinics will remain open. Essential services from first-responders will continue, and many departments will continue to operate with modified services to minimize in-person contacts.

Los Angeles County libraries and museums are also closed, along with every school district in the county.

Amazon slowing non-essential orders

Amazon is banning sellers from shipping any non-essential items to its warehouses as it grapples with overwhelming demand for basic staple items as the coronavirus pandemic worsens.

The Seattle-based e-tailing giant sent an email to sellers Tuesday announcing that it would only be accepting "household

staples, medical supplies, and other high-demand products" for the next three weeks so that it can "more quickly receive, re-stock, and deliver" the products to customers.

"We are seeing increased online shopping, and as a result some products such as household staples and medical supplies are out of stock," Amazon told sellers, according to an email obtained by NBC.

Sellers who use the Fulfillment by Amazon program normally send their goods to

Amazon's warehouses, which store and deliver the products for a fee.

Goods in high demand include baby products, groceries, pet supplies and personal care products.

Amazon on Monday announced plans to hire 100,000 additional warehouse and delivery workers to deal with the surge in orders. It also said it would raise the pay for its current workers by \$2 an hour through the end of April.

Whittier resident makes OSU honor roll

WHITTIER - Whittier's Alicia Huerta has made the honor roll at Oregon State University for the 2019 fall term, the school announced.

Huerta, a junior studying Environmental Sciences, earned a straight-A average with a 4.0 GPA.

School Board taking applications for vacant seat

NORWALK - The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District is taking applications through April 1, 2020 for people wanting to be appointed to a vacant seat on the Board of Education.

The vacancy was created by the resignation of board member Ana Valencia, who was recently elected to the Norwalk City Council in March 2020. Her term on the Board of Education expires in

November 2022. The application is posted on the front page of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District website (www.nlmusd.org). The submission deadline April 1, 2020 at noon.

The Board of Education will review applications at the April 6, 2020 board meeting and make a provisional appointment at the May 4, 2020 board meeting.

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Norwalk man charged with murder

NORWALK - A Norwalk man was charged today with killing two people and injuring others in a DUI crash on the 605 Freeway.

Alex Barragan (dob 8/27/86) faces two counts of murder and one count each of driving under the influence of alcohol within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense.

Arraignment was scheduled for Wednesday at Los Angeles County Superior Court, Bellflower Branch.

On July 16, Barragan was allegedly driving his car on the freeway near Alondra Boulevard when he rear-ended a disabled van, prosecutors said. The van erupted in flames and two people died and three others were injured, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Barragan faces a possible maximum sentence of 44 years to life in state prison.

Bail is set at more than \$2.29 million.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe Springs Area.

Freeway off-ramp closed for 3 months

NORWALK - Caltrans announced the scheduled closure of the Norwalk Boulevard off ramp from northbound Interstate 5 (Santa Ana Freeway) at 10 p.m., Sunday July 15.

The off ramp will remain closed for up to 90 days for reconstruction and paving.

The reconstruction of this ramp is part of the I-5 widening project which is adding two lanes to each direction of I-5 between I-605 (San Gabriel River Freeway) and the Orange County line.

This segment of the project includes reconstruction of the Norwalk Boulevard interchange and the San Antonio Drive Bridge.

Travelers are advised to the

SUMMER CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Photos by city of Norwalk

Next week: The Hodads

Norwalk restaurant grades

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Rancho Grande
10935 E Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 7/17/18
Grade: A

Diana's Mexican Foods Market
16310 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/17/18
Grade: A

Rancho's Grill
12405 E Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 7/17/18
Grade: A

United Oil
11353 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 7/17/18
Grade: A

Tacos y Mariscos Mi Pueblo
13011 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 7/17/18
Grade: A

Lima Services Corp
11405 E Firestone Blvd. #1
Date Inspected: 7/13/18
Grade: A

AMC Norwalk
12300 E Civic Center Dr.
Date Inspected: 7/13/18
Grade: A

AMC Norwalk Restaurant Bar
12300 E Civic Center Dr.
Date Inspected: 7/13/18
Grade: A

Joe's Food Mart and Liquor
10541 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 7/13/18
Grade: A

El Paraiso Juice Bar
15002 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/12/18
Grade: A

Lucian's Pizza
15008 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/12/18
Grade: A

Tacos Chihuahua
11735 The Pits
Date Inspected: 7/12/18
Grade: A

Home Style Donuts
12840 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/12/18
Grade: A

Sp Food Market
12344 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/12/18
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Ana's Bionicas
10977 Rosecrans Ave.
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13220 San Antonio Dr.
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Grade: A

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 86° ☀️

Saturday 85° ☁️

Sunday 87° ☀️

Movie Nights: "Wonder"
Friday - Norwalk Park, 7:30 pm
The City of Norwalk presents a free outdoor screening of "Wonder" bring a blanket or lawn chair. Food will be available for purchase.

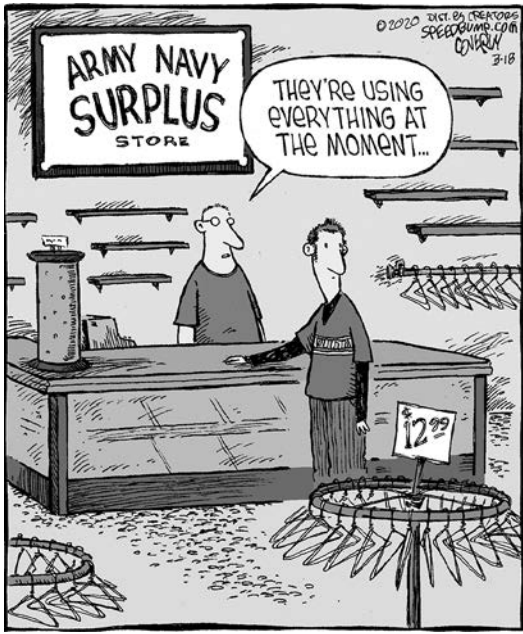
Summer Soul Festival
Friday - Norwalk Beach Performing Arts Center, 5 pm
Hip-hop themed festival with performances by Doug E. Fresh, Big Daddy Kane, EPMD, and Ahmad, 5:30

Jenni and Selena
Saturday - Sage Lounge in Whittier, 7 pm
Jenni Rivera and Selena impersonators perform live, along with full band La Sonora Dinamita.

Colombian Festival
Sunday - Pico Rivera Sports Arena, 12 am
A celebration of all things Colombia. Three stages of live music, including tropical, reggaeton, and electric dance. Sponsored by Mega 98.5 FM, 5:30

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAYS

1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School
1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village
1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Norwalk Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge
2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd, 7:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge

SATURDAYS

2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk
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On This Day...

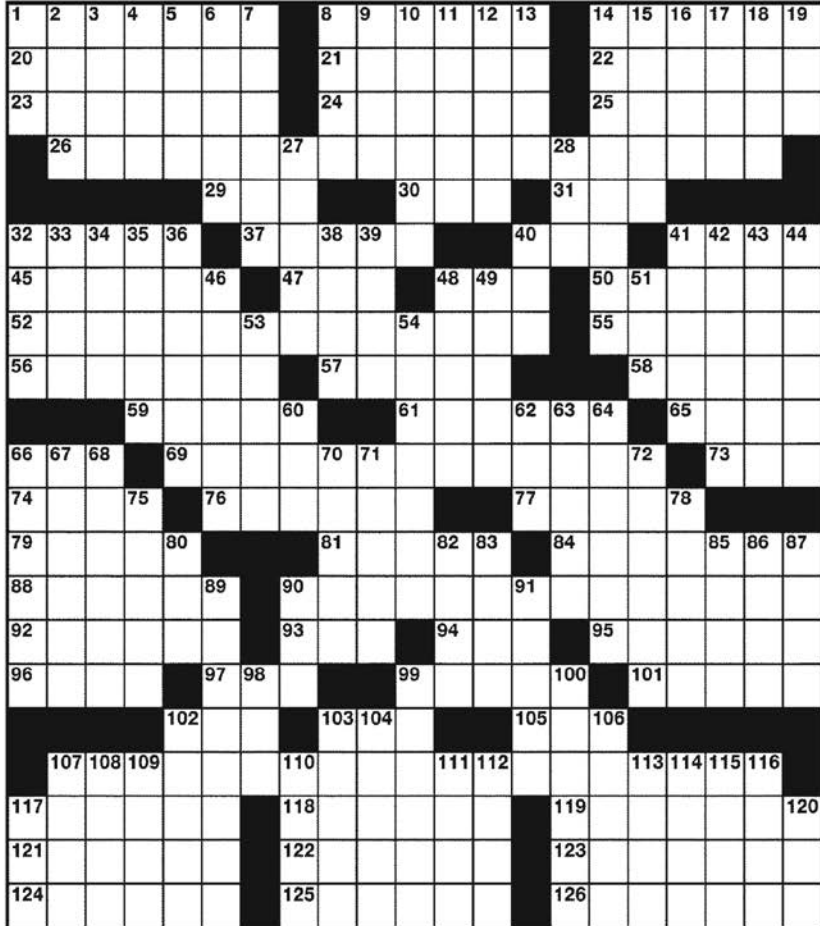
- March 20, 1760: The great fire of Boston destroyed 349 buildings.
1815: Napoleon Bonaparte entered Paris after his escape from Elba and began his "Hundred Days" rule.
1865: A plan by John Wilkes Booth to abduct U.S. President Abraham Lincoln was ruined when Lincoln changed his plans and did not appear at the Soldier's Home near Washington, DC.
1972: 19 mountain climbers were killed on Japan's Mount Fuji during an avalanche.
2019: Disney acquired the rights to 21st Century Fox. Fox Corporation was formed with the remaining assets.

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County files suit over sanitation district's refusal to build park

LOS ANGELES — Following years of negotiations, Los Angeles County has filed a lawsuit to compel the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to fulfill their decades-old obligation to fund a long-anticipated regional park on the site of what was once the nation's largest landfill.

As a condition of operating the Puente Hills Landfill from 1983 until its closure in 2013, the Sanitation Districts agreed to set aside money to pay for the development, operation, and maintenance of the future regional park on the site. Despite their promises, no money was set aside for 20 years.

Following the landfill's closure, the Sanitation Districts and the county worked together to develop a Park Master Plan, which the County Board of Supervisors adopted in 2016. The planned 142-acre regional park will serve a park-poor region consisting of communities and cities like Avocado Heights, Baldwin Park, Bassett, El Monte, Hacienda Heights, La Puente, Pico Rivera, Rowland Heights, Whittier, Valinda and beyond.

During the Master Planning process, thousands of neighbors, local municipalities, and key community stakeholders vocalized their enthusiastic support for the Puente Hills Landfill Park they had been promised for decades.

"As a member of the California State Assembly representing the San Gabriel Valley, I authored legislation in 1994 requiring that the Puente Hills Landfill be converted into a public park after its closure. Now all these years later, the promises made to the surrounding communities by the Sanitation Districts must be honored," said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "I join with the voices of the thousands of neighbors who for far too long have tolerated living near a landfill with the promise that it would one day become a park. The time to act is

now."

In 1994, as a member of the California State Legislature, Solis authored legislation requiring the Sanitation Districts to fund the post-closure transition of the Landfill into a public park. Subsequent County permits reinforced the provision that the Sanitation Districts would provide the funding for the park in exchange for the County's blessing to continue operating the profitable Landfill.

Supervisor Janice Hahn expressed hope that the Districts would move swiftly to honor their commitment. "This community lived with a landfill in their neighborhood for decades. They were promised a park when it closed. I am hopeful that we can come to some agreement so that the Sanitation Districts fulfill that long-time promise to the community," Supervisor Hahn said.

The county's decision to sue came as a last resort after years of efforts to try to resolve the matter short of litigation. The Sanitation Districts participated in the creation of the Park Master Plan, adopted in 2016, that included the funding and elements of the park. Unfortunately, the Sanitation Districts refuse to provide the necessary funding to construct the Puente Hills Landfill Park.

John Wicker, Director of Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, emphasized the importance of creating public space on the former landfill site. "The Puente Hills Landfill Park is an opportunity to transform an environmental liability into an environmental, regional, and community asset," Wicker said.

The Puente Hills Landfill Park is located within the boundaries of the Puente Hills Landfill, which is owned by the Sanitation Districts, an independent governmental agency separate from the County of Los Angeles.

SoCal Gas won't shut off service during COVID crisis

Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) this week announced a suspension of service disconnections to any customers who are having a hard time paying their bill. This policy will remain in effect until further notice.

Customers are encouraged to call 1-877-238-0092 to speak with a representative about their bill. SoCalGas customer service is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

"We understand that our customers may be worried about paying their upcoming natural gas bill at this time," said Paul Goldstein, vice president of customer services at SoCalGas. "We want to help ease their concerns and continue to provide the reliable natural gas service they depend on to heat their homes and hot water and cook their food."

SoCalGas continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation with local, state and federal health agencies, as well as monitoring and implementing

guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In addition to the temporary suspension of service disconnections, SoCalGas is taking precautionary measures including:

- Asking customers a series of health-based questions before entering the home
- Instructing employees to keep a safe distance from anyone self-quarantined or sick
- Reminding employees to stay home if they are sick and encouraging work from home and other social distancing practices.
- Implementing company travel, visitor, meeting and event restrictions
- Enhanced cleaning of SoCalGas facilities and personal hygiene practices
- Providing SoCalGas branch offices with hand sanitizer for customer use

2 suspects plead guilty to murder of Downey Police officer

DOWNEY — Two men pleaded guilty today to the 2015 murder of Downey police officer Ricardo "Ricky" Galvez.

Steven Knott (dob 8/18/97) and Jeremy Anthony Alvarez (dob 8/7/94), both of Montebello, entered guilty pleas Monday, admitting the murder and multiple charges arising from a seven-victim crime spree between September 17 and November 18, 2015 in the cities of South Gate, Montebello, Bellflower, Paramount and Downey.

Knott pleaded guilty to one count each of first-degree murder and attempted robbery with the personal use of a firearm for the killing of Galvez. He faces a term of 50 years to life in state prison as a result of the plea.

Alvarez pleaded guilty to one count each of second-degree murder and attempted robbery for the murder of Galvez and faces 30 years to life in prison.

Knott and Alvarez also ad-

mitted an attempted murder in Montebello on October 18, 2015, shooting at an inhabited dwelling in South Gate on September 17, 2015, a take-over robbery of two victims at a Bellflower cell phone store and a street robbery in Paramount shortly before the murder of Galvez on Nov. 18, 2015.

The pair admitted multiple firearms enhancements and allegations that the crimes were committed in association with members of a criminal street gang.

Sentencing is scheduled on April 17 at Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

Galvez, a former U.S. Marine and five-year veteran of the Downey Police Department, was dressed in plain clothes after working with the department's K-9 team when he was fatally shot as he sat in his personal car in the police station parking lot, prosecutors said.

County halts evictions

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has issued a moratorium halting all residential and commercial evictions in unincorporated areas amid the coronavirus outbreak.

Supervisor Hilda Solis said Tuesday the county is enacting an emergency moratorium against all residential and commercial evictions through May 31 in unincorporated areas.

The moratorium will be retroactive to March 4, she said. The move is aimed at protecting tenants who may find themselves unable to pay rent because they lost work due to the coronavirus restrictions. Under the moratorium, tenants would be given up to six months to repay missed rent.

L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti Sunday also announced a moratorium on evictions for people unable to pay rent as a result of the crisis. Rent can be deferred, Garcetti said.

On Monday, Calif. Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order Monday calling for protections for homeowners and renters during the coronavirus pandemic. Newsom's order, which doesn't release tenants from paying rent, are in effect through at least May 31.

His order also asks for foreclosures and related evictions to be halted during this time period.

Rio Hondo College declares state of emergency

WHITTIER — Rio Hondo College's Board of Trustees declared a state of emergency on March 16, providing Superintendent/President Dr. Arturo Reyes with greater flexibility to formulate a response to issues related to COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused by the novel coronavirus.

The action was taken during a special Tuesday board meeting called specifically to address the issue.

"COVID-19 presents an unprecedented challenge to all of us. Our focus is first on ensuring the health and safety of our students, staff and administrators, and second on continuing our service to our students," Board of Trustees President Oscar Valladares said.

There are no known cases of COVID-19 illnesses at the College, but officials said it was necessary to plan for that eventuality.

The emergency declaration ensures Reyes will have more authority to determine the best path forward, including modifying activities, programs and courses, up to and including temporary closure of the College.

"During this challenging time, it has become clear that Rio Hondo College is a community of staff, faculty and administrators dedicated to helping our students pursue and achieve their goals," Superintendent/President Dr. Arturo Reyes said. "We are committed to fulfilling our mission, using every innovative tool at our disposal while promoting health and safety."

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A message on COVID-19 from PIH Health

Your care and safety are the absolute top priority at PIH Health. We are prepared to care for and protect our patients, physicians, clinical care providers and all employees from the spread of infectious disease. We understand that many of our patients have concerns over the recent pandemic known as COVID-19 or commonly referred to as coronavirus.

In the coming days, we will offer a TeleHealth solution that will allow you to visit your primary care physician using our patient portal. This option will be available to PIH Health patients who are connected to the My PIH Health patient portal, powered by FollowMyHealth.

Look for an email from nor-eply@FollowMyHealth that will include a link to sign up for the patient portal. If you do not receive the email, visit: PIHHealth.org/MyPIHHealth to register

online.

Following is information that can help you navigate your questions about COVID-19:

How to Best Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wash your hands with soap and water regularly for at least 20 seconds. Using alcohol-based hand sanitizers for 30 seconds is also effective.
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick (except to get medical care). Keep sick children home from school.
- Please do not visit patients in the hospital if you are experiencing respiratory symptoms

including: sneezing, coughing and fever.

• Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow if a tissue is not available. If you use a tissue, wash your hands afterwards.

• Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Masks Are Not Recommended

At this time the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is not recommending masks for the general public.

Common Symptoms of COVID-19

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

If you are experiencing a high fever, a cough and are having problems breathing, contact your primary care physician's office and you will be screened over the phone and instructed what steps, if any, are needed to diagnose your ailment. Calling in will help reduce the risk of exposure to others.

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, or have been to any high risk locations, upon arriving at your physician's office, please remain in your car and do not enter the building. Please call the office and you will be screened in your car.

People who are at risk for COVID-19 are those who have traveled internationally in the past 14 days OR have been in contact with a person known to have tested positive for the coronavirus.

If you do not have a primary care physician and have the above symptoms or feel that you are getting worse and need to be seen right away, you may visit our Santa Fe Springs Urgent Care Center, our Downey Urgent Care Center or any of our other urgent care centers. If you feel that

your condition is more severe, visit a PIH Health hospital emergency department. For Urgent Care Center locations and wait times visit PIHHealth.org/Wait.

HOW COVID-19 SPREADS

Person-to-person spread

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.

• Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).

• Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Can someone spread the virus without being sick?

• People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest).

• Some spread might be possible before people show symptoms; there have been reports of this occurring with coronavirus, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

Spread from contact with contaminated surfaces or objects

It may be possible to contract COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

How easily the virus spreads

The ease in which a virus spreads from person-to-person can vary. Some viruses are highly contagious (spread easily), like measles, while other viruses do not spread as easily. Another factor is whether the spread is sustained, spreading continually without stopping.

The virus that causes COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community ("community spread") in some affected geographic areas.

Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in a certain area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.

TESTING

PIH Health has testing kits available at all hospitals, urgent care centers and most primary care physician offices, however there continues to be a limited supply of testing kits nationwide. We will continue to test patients based on the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) guidelines.

HOSPITAL VISITING HOURS

Visitors who have risk factors for Coronavirus (COVID-19) will be appropriately managed and in certain cases, not be permitted to enter our facilities. Visiting hours at PIH Health Downey Hospital and PIH Health Whittier Hospital can be found here: PIHHealth.org/Visits.

Visitors who do not have patient related business to conduct within the facility will not be granted access. Certain exceptions will be granted with appropriate protections, such as for loved ones who have requested to visit patients who are approaching end of life.

HOW TO GET REGULAR CARE

Our physician offices, urgent care centers, pharmacies and hospitals remain open. If you have questions about your medical care, please contact your primary healthcare provider or the specialist directing your care.

Rest assured that PIH Health is following guidelines set forth by the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. For more information, please visit:

- Visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Visit the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health's (LACDPH) website at <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- Visit the World Health Organization's website at <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- Visit PIH Health's website at PIHHealth.org/COVID19

Disaster relief available for small business owners

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to California small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

"Offering support and disaster relief is a critical government function," stated Kevin McGowan, Director of the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management. "The devastating economic impact of COVID-19 is palpable. There is a great need for economic support during the coronavirus disaster, and SBA federal disaster loans are an excellent resource for small business owners."

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

County libraries closed through March

LA County Library will close all 86 locations through March 31. The decision to close libraries was made following guidance from State and local health officials to limit the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and encourage social distancing.

"After careful consideration, and discussions with local health authorities, we have decided to close our libraries in an abundance of caution and to help prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19," said Library Director Skye Patrick. "We understand the impact this can potentially cause on customers and will continue to monitor the situation closely to provide updates."

To provide for some continuity of service offerings, customers can contact their local LA County Library with questions about resources and services. Visit LACountyLibrary.org/library-locator to find a local library with contact information.

Library staff in Reference Services will answer phone calls Monday through Friday, 9 am to 6 pm. Teachers, parents, and caregivers can contact library staff for resources and engagement tips for children while they are home from school.

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