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## Norwalk at 135 coronavirus cases, including nursing homes

Three Norwalk nursing homes reported patients and/or staff with Covid-19, according to a state study.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**NORWALK** - Norwalk is now at 135 confirmed cases of coronavirus officially as of Wednesday.

This follows an alarming overnight spike of nearly 1500 new cases diagnosed in Los Angeles County earlier in the week on Monday.

However, officials cautioned to not be alarmed by the sudden increase.

"Today's dramatic increase in case counts should not cause undue alarm," health officials said on Monday. "As part of efforts to increase testing capacity in the county, many new labs responded to the emergency and are working with Public Health to ensure that they have the proper reporting systems in place.

"Until this reporting issue is resolved, there may be periodic increases in positive cases and total cases due to unevenness in daily reporting."

Over the weekend, the California Department of Public Health released a list of 258



Norwalk Meadows Nursing Center is one of 258 skilled nursing facilities in the state to have reported one or more confirmed COVID-19 cases. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

skilled nursing facilities across the state to have reported having one or more confirmed coronavirus cases by either a resident or health care worker as of April 17.

More than half of the facilities on the list were within L.A. County, including Norwalk's Norwalk Meadows Nursing

Center, Norwalk Skilled Nursing and Wellness Centre, and Southland Living.

All three Norwalk facilities were counted as having less than 11 positive cases for staff, and none counted amongst patients, according to the report.



Photo by Alex Dominguez

## Norwalk assumes responsibility of Metrolink station upkeep in new agreement

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**NORWALK** - Norwalk City Council voted on Tuesday to amend the existing cooperating agreement to operate the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink station, taking on responsibility for all maintenance and upkeep in return for a reduction of annual lease payments.

The amendment also includes that all Metrolink commuter parking permit revenue will be utilized by the City of Norwalk to offset expenses.

Overall, it is estimated that the yearly upkeep and maintenance will be \$87,275 on an annual basis.

Council also voted to amend the ground lease agreement with Santa Fe Springs.

Previously, the annual lease agreement's cost was at a sum of \$91,992 once the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station expansion parking lot was completed.

As the project is nearing completion, the change would now see the city pay \$1 to Santa Fe Springs annually for 50 years (from the original start date through Dec. 31, 2066), with the option to extend the agreement for two consecutive 10-year periods for a total of \$70 each.

While Santa Fe Springs's City Council has yet to approve of this new agreement, staff says that they have confirmed that these terms will be what is recommended to them.

That item will be scheduled pending final review.

## Op-Ed: L.A. County must act on banning single-use plastics

By Eleanor O'Connor

I'm a hypocrite. Walking home from my bagel shop job, sipping coffee from a straw, out of a plastic cup. I'm a hypocrite, because I know the facts. I know that single-use plastics devastate our oceans, marine life, and the health of individuals and the planet. While I'm only one of many working toward waste reduction in my own life,

the accessibility of these plastics means that a shift away from them isn't going to come on its own, at least not soon enough.

Single-use plastics are made from primarily fossil-fuel based chemicals and are immediately disposed of right after use. They take the shape of everyday objects like bottles, wrappers,

## Who are you? Putting a face on Covid-19

By Lawrence Christon  
Contributor

One of the strange and unusual features about the Covid-19 pandemic and its toxic seepage into our lives, is that we're rarely given the names of those who have died from it.

In a way, this is understandable. In our brave new world of Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and a technology in which everyone is connected to everyone else in screen cyberspace, we've seen that anyone who has a nametag and a signature photo is fair game for the spiteful, the sorehead, the lunatic and terminally begrudged—a small percentage of whom will translate bitter resentment into dangerous action. Add to that the pandemic fear that reaches farther than the disease itself, and how that fear can trigger anger against the victims and their families – and even Asian-Americans – and you'd have to agree that public officials are obliged to exercise prudence about releasing names.

But this goes against custom, of honoring the dead and placing a lapidary stone over a burial site: this person lived, this person died, these are the dates of that life and a few words to link it with perpetuity, even if they're merely spoken and snatched away by the wind.

conversations with other elected officials or partners, and was for "the protection of all residents."

Gomez described it as a "time out."

"[The moratorium] gives us time to look at the project, regroup, and had conversations," Gomez said.

The moratorium was – however – also meant to send a message that the council should have a say in the goings on of the city, especially during the current state of emergency.

"Local control belongs at the local level," said Councilwoman Margarita Rios.

Our names are ourselves; they confer selfhood. In Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," John Proctor vigorously argues for the protection of his name as linked to his oath of innocence and honor. Take my name away and you take me away. My name is who I am.

In one of Athol Fugard's plays, reference is made to a murdered infant, a casualty of political and racial strife.

"I want to know that child's name!" cries the anguished protagonist. A name establishes ineluctable personhood in the human community. It rescues the individual from the rubble of history. It puts an obscure Zulu child on the earth with Jesus, Socrates, Alexander the Great and everyone you've known or can find in an archive.

"Who's there?" is the first line of Shakespeare's "Hamlet." The absence of a simple reply strikes fear and turmoil in the court of Elsinore. Shakespeare also asked, elsewhere and rhetorically, "What's in a name?" The rose would indeed smell just as sweet, but naming it gives us the capacity to share it and thereby widen our knowledge of the world.

In the basest and most  
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## Norwalk restaurant grades

**Church's Chicken**  
15816 S Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/21/20  
Grade: **A**

**Tommy's Original**  
15911 S Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/16/20  
Grade: **A**

**Antichucheria Peroana**  
14351 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/15/20  
Grade: **A**

**Los Compadres**  
11600 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/14/20  
Grade: **A**

**Toros Taqueria**  
15617 Studebaker Rd.  
Date Inspected: 4/7/20  
Grade: **A**

**DK's**  
12549 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/7/20  
Grade: **A**

**McDonalds**  
12602 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/7/20  
Grade: **A**

**Lucian's Pizza**  
15008 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/20  
Grade: **A**

**Dulce Canella**  
15012 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/20  
Grade: **A**

**Yum Yum Donuts**  
15900 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/20  
Grade: **A**

**Top Donuts**  
10939 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/20  
Grade: **A**

**Burger King**  
13400 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 4/1/20  
Grade: **A**

**Dos Amigos**  
13310 San Antonio Dr.  
Date Inspected: 3/13/20  
Grade: **A**

**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**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 97° ☀️

Saturday 91° ☀️

Sunday 86° ☁️

## THINGS TO WATCH



### A Fall From Grace Netflix (film)

When gentle, law-abiding Grace confesses to killing her new husband, her skeptical young lawyer sets out to uncover the truth. A film by Tyler Perry.



### Angel Has Fallen Netflix (film)

Secret Service agent Mike Banning is caught in the crossfire when he's framed for a deadly attack on the president and forced to run for his life.



### Waco Netflix (series)

When federal authorities attempt to seize a religious compound, a standoff with its prophetic leader and his followers ensue. Based on true events.



### Insecure Hulu (series)

Created by and starring Issa Rae, this comedy series looks at the friendship of two modern-day black women and all of their tribulations.



### High Fidelity Hulu (series)

A record store owner revisits past relationships through music and pop culture while trying to get over her one true love.



### Good Boys Hulu (film)

Three 12-year-old boys endure epic misadventures as they prepare for their first "kissing" party in this coming-of-age comedy.

# Challenge of Covid-19 provides opportunity to reconceive society

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barbaric failure of civilization, war, soldiers wear their ID in dog tags; if they don't make it out alive, chances are we'll still know their names. Among of the most poignant expressions of that failure, incidentally, are the tombs of unknown soldiers, as if not knowing who they were seals their lives in utter loss, metaphoric as well as real.

You could argue that the numbers are too great for daily or weekly publication, and that family, friends and clergymen will know anyway who the Covid-19 casualties are and will honor them one last time with ceremonial love and grief before sending them on. It's the numbers that are changing how we deal with things. And their immediacy. No one really wants to think of what it's like to drown from inside your own lungs, or know it's happening to a loved one you're barred from comforting. It's enough to jack our nerves into high alert and ruin our sleep. And the numbers keep piling up.

There's no question

that Covid-19 represents the greatest challenge the world has faced since WWII, made more ghastly by our knowledge that it didn't have to be this way. We neutralized AIDS, SARS MERS, Swine flu, Legionnaire's Disease, Ebola, and Zika. "Mismanagement and grief," wrote W.H. Auden in his definitive WWII poem, "September 1, 1939," "Do we have to suffer them again?"

The answer is clearly yes. We were warned. Our self-serving political leadership in Washington dithered and then made, and continues to make, excuses for itself while lying to us and parceling out blame in its ongoing dysfunction.

So here we are, unable to know who among us carries a deadly virus characterized by the swiftness of its contagion, and without a vaccine to protect us. All we know for sure is that this condition, along with a collapsing economy, will last, in varying degrees of crisis, for years, with no way to predict how bad this is all going to be. For a lot of people, it's plenty

bad already.

The challenge isn't just what we're going to do by way of medical science and economic policy to get a handle on this thing and resume some semblance of normality; it's who we're going to be, as a society, a culture, and in our sequestered selves, once we discover how much that normality has changed.

We've already been moving into greater and greater individual isolation as the virtual world crowds out the real one and our sense of personal touch and ambient experience—the mysterious and unique atmosphere that links performer with audience, painter with viewer, poet with reader, the individual with nature and people with each other—becomes lost in transmission. I've read of young people in close proximity to each other who prefer to text rather than look up and read the infinite subtleties of face and flesh. This, to me, represents a death more insidious than any virus.

One thing we learn as

we mature—the universal, timeless lesson—is that change is changeless. It never exactly recurs, despite patterns. As the poet Joseph Brodsky said, "Nothing ever happens the same way twice." So maybe in time we'll find a way to exploit the considerable, even miraculous benefits of modern technology while rediscovering the ineffable value of the human touch and the understanding what it is to be alive in the only moment that's given us: the eternal present.

The question follows: what will we make of our world?

It may sound perverse, but the Virus has given us new challenges beyond survival and physical health. It's given us the chance to reconceive our society. It's redistributing financial resources. It's reintroducing us to the meaning of privation and community, as the mantra goes around, "We're all in this together." We're celebrating the right people, not for money and empty fame, but for courage, expertise, and devotion to service, from

medical professionals to cops to food bank volunteers and grocery store checkout clerks. Outside of Washington, state and local politicians—in our case Governor Gavin Newsom and L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, have come through for us. So has Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco, who's proven steady at the helm.

Now that we're stuck at home—no sports, no live performances or exhibitions or standup laughs—we're finding that binge-watching Netflix and the whole boredom-killing business of TV and entertainment is no longer feeding our hunger for meaning and connection. A lot of writers lately have been mentioning the Old Masters and their understanding of suffering, and how that has given us a more sober appreciation of our impermanence, as well as knowledge and wisdom. Maybe this is all forcing us to get a little more real.

Maybe, too, this will lead us to rethink the molting empire that's become the

American experiment. One of our great and definitive American musical achievements is Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring," with its lush and stirring evocations of pastoral beauty harvested out of the struggles of immigrant Pilgrims in search of a new land free of decadence and oppression. One of the piece's themes is based on an old Shaker hymn:

"Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,

'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,

And when we find ourselves in the place just right,

We'll be in the valley of love and delight."

We've always dreamt of finding a new Eden, of starting out all over and this time doing it better. Once we get out of lockdown, wouldn't it be nice if we found ourselves willing to try again?

## Why social distancing is critical to flattening the curve

Contributed by Kaiser Permanente

Social crowding – individuals gathering less than six-feet apart – has been proven to enable the coronavirus (COVID-19) to spread through populations. The concept behind social distancing has been touted as an effective way of helping to stop the spread of COVID-19 by maintaining at least six feet of physical space

from one another.

The coronavirus transmits from person to person primarily through coughing and sneezing, from which the virus is carried on droplets that can enter through the nose, mouth and eyes of others. This is why social distancing is so important to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

"With social distancing, along with the other infection prevention guidance including staying at home, frequent hand-washing and the wearing of masks, the rate of individuals being infected by this highly infectious virus will remain lower," said Dr. James E. Baker, with Kaiser Permanente Southern California.

"Without such preventive

measures, the number of coronavirus cases rises dramatically," he continued. "That steep increase can overwhelm the healthcare system of communities and countries as we have seen in New York City and Italy, for example. When the system is overwhelmed, it's harder for everyone to receive the level of care normally provided, even those who don't have COVID-19."

With social distancing, people may still be transmitting the coronavirus to others, but at a much slower rate, thus flattening the curve," Dr. Baker explained. The number of individuals infected will be spread out over a longer period of time, which in itself will reduce rapid transmission of the virus.

"This will allow health care resources to keep up with the

demand to care for patients, provide better care, and save lives!" Dr. Baker said.

For COVID-19 trusted resources for information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control or the World Health Organization. Additional information is also available at kp.org.

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# In corporate America, the more things change, the more they stay the same

By Jim Hightower

In this horrible time of economic collapse, it is truly touching to see so many corporate chieftains reaching out in solidarity to the hard-hit working class.

We know they're doing this, because they keep telling us they are — practically every brand-name giant has been spending millions of dollars on PR campaigns in recent weeks asserting that they're standing with us, declaring over and over, "We're all in this together."

Except, of course, they're really not standing anywhere near us. While we're waiting in endless lines at food banks and unemployment offices, the elites sit in posh executive suites, still getting fat paychecks, total health care and platinum-level pampering, as well as multibillion-dollar bailouts for their corporations. They'll even get a tax subsidy to pay for those "all in this together" ads.

The severity and gross disparity of our country's present economic collapse is not simply caused by a sudden viral outbreak but by a severe, decadeslong plutocratic policy of intentionally maximizing profits for the rich and minimizing everyone else's well-being. As the eminent economist Joseph Stiglitz rightly put it, "We built an economy with no shock absorbers."

Jobs, once the measure of a family's economic security, have steadily been shriveled to low-wage, unreliable work, untethered from a fair share (or any share) of the new wealth that workers create. In a relentless push for exorbitant, short-term profits, today's executives and financiers are focused solely on themselves, with no concern even for the long-term condition of their own corporate entity, much less for the common good. They've abandoned any pretense that a corporation is a civilized community of interdependent interests. For example, while top executives are richly covered, they're washing their hands of any responsibility for the health, retirement and other essential needs of their own workforce. Rely on food stamps, Obamacare and other publicly funded programs, they say, even as their lobbyists and for-sale lawmakers slash those safety net provisions in the name of helping rich shareholders and speculators take evermore profit.

These forces of American greed have forced millions of our families to live on the economic precipice — and all it takes is a virus to push them over.

In addition to exposing the gaping wealth divide in America, the COVID-19 crisis is spotlighting an ugly ethical divide. On the one hand, the pandemic has brought out the best in the American people — the selflessness of front-line nurses and doctors, for example, as well as the generous community spirit of local food businesses. Yet,

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse made \$42 million in profit last year but took \$20 million in federal small business relief.

Its CEO made \$6.1 million in 2019.



on the other hand, it has also amplified one of the worst character flaws in our society, namely the "me-first" greed of corporate chieftains.

Just last August, we were given a glimmer of hope that a new, more democratic corporate ethic was emerging. In a major PR splash, the CEOs of 181 big-name giants signed a public pledge that they would run their corporations not solely to increase shareholder profits but also to benefit workers, communities and other "stakeholders" in our economy. Then, only five months later, BOOM! The coronavirus hit. Profits dropped. And the new magnanimous spirit of togetherness vanished from those corporate boardrooms. Immediately, masses of workers were punted out the door; health benefits were coldly terminated just when needed most; and the August pledge to serve the common good went into the shredder.

Well, retorted such pledge signers as Marriott International CEO Arne Sorenson, with revenues drying up, all promises are negated ... so, adios. In a March video message dispatching most of the hotel empire's employees, Sorenson cluelessly added this insult to their

injury: "I wish you good health and a sense of optimism."

A couple of weeks later, the sting of corporate greed was felt even more acutely by workers when they learned that not all stakeholders were sharing their pain. While the Marriott board cut off workers' paychecks, it doled out \$160 million to those who own its stock, a group that includes Sorenson. In fairness, the CEO did say he'll forgo some of his \$1.3 million salary this year. But that's a disingenuous show of solidarity, since his annual pay has apparently been quietly goosed up with some \$11 million in stock compensation and incentive pay. And, while workers are now consigned to the unemployment line, Sorenson is reportedly in line for a 7.7% pay hike next year, plus a multimillion-dollar cash bonus.

In CorporateWorld, the more things change, the more they stay the same. That's why the corporate greed system will only be fixed when we outsiders impose real change on these incurably greed-headed insiders.

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## Stop the coronavirus jailbreaks

By Josh Hammer

All across the nation, state and local officials have glommed onto the coronavirus pandemic as an expedient to concretize their long-subdued political fantasies. Many progressive governors and mayors have scratched their inner authoritarian urges by enacting draconian crackdowns, often dripping with palpable animus, against religious communities and church gatherings. Alas, as Rahm Emanuel infamously told us, the progressive instinct is to never let a good crisis go to waste.

But the most destructive of all the coronavirus-inspired mass policy initiatives has been something akin to the opposite of authoritarianism: anarchy. As the virus wreaks havoc, the bipartisan lust for criminal-mollycoddling jailbreak madness, which reached a seeming apogee with the First Step Act federal jailbreak of 2018, has only accelerated anew.

Due to the alleged overly cramped conditions afflicting prison populations and the associated difficulty of "social distancing," Democrats and "criminal justice reform"-touting liberalized Republicans alike have been letting criminals loose under the guise of "safety" and "compassion." It is unclear whether our ruling class ever bothers to consider the safety of law-abiding citizens or show compassion for the small business owners whose stores have been increasingly looted amidst the forced lockdowns.

In deep-red Oklahoma, Republican Governor Kevin Stitt, who instituted the largest single-day jailbreak in U.S. history last

November, has vowed to commute the sentences of 450 more inmates. Never mind that Oklahoma has had soaring property and violent crime over the last few years. In Hillsborough County, Florida, an inmate oh-so "compassionately" released due to fears of virus contagion now stands accused of committing second-degree murder the very day after he was released. In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio has bragged about the hundreds of criminals he's freed; it turns out grand theft auto has also happened to spike in the Big Apple. What a coincidence.

At the federal level, the Anti-American Criminal Lovers' Union, otherwise known as the ACLU, has decried the Bureau of Prisons for "slow walking" jailbreak at a certain coronavirus-infected Louisiana penitentiary. What tripe. If anything, the Bureau has been overly generous, having increased the use of overall home confinement by over 40% since March. Overall, since Attorney General Bill Barr's initial memo on home confinement in late March, the Bureau has transferred more than 900 prisoners into home confinement.

More generally, it takes an obtuse moral dilapidation to survey the national environment right now and conclude that prioritizing criminals' safety ought to be our true political lodestar. Coronavirus presents a health risk to everyone, but so does allowing violent gang members and sex offenders to roam our largely abandoned streets. The men and women of law enforcement, who put their lives on the line every day to protect us, are already at heightened risk due to the virus. The last thing we need is to flood the streets with more hardened lawbreakers.

The ideological zeal for jailbreak, especially in its most indiscriminate and opportunistic forms, recklessly endangers both the rule of law, as a societal norm, and law-abiding citizens, as individuals. The bipartisan jailbreak cartel promotes its noxious agenda as a properly calibrated response to the purported scourge of "over-incarceration," but such sloganeering is belied by the facts. As criminologist Barry Latzer has shown, America's higher rate of incarceration relative to the European median is justified due to our higher rates of recidivism, unique sentence-enhancing firearm penalties and higher murder rates. Overall, the truth is closer to what Senator Tom Cotton once said: America actually has "an under-incarceration problem."

In 1927, President Calvin Coolidge said: "We have flourished as a people because of our success in establishing self-government. But all of these results are predicated upon a law-abiding people. If our own country should be given over to violence and crime, it would be necessary to diminish the bounds of our freedom to secure order and self-preservation. In whatever direction we may go we are always confronted with the inescapable conclusion that unless we observe the law, we cannot be free."

Now, more than ever before, Americans of all political or partisan stripes ought to heed such timeless advice.

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## While the economy goes bust, farm-to-table booms

By Salena Zito

There is an argument to be made that the coronavirus pandemic could change the food supply chain for the long term. It may disrupt across the board our reliance on distant producers, processing plants and large chain grocery stores.

In the process, it would connect many of us to local food in the same way our parents and grandparents were.

For months during this pandemic, consumers who used to drive to the supermarket to buy prepackaged food have instead gotten food delivery literally from a farm to their table. People are getting hooked on direct food sourcing and eating healthier because of it.

Farmers such as Tony Brusco here at South Mountain Creamery are growing their family farms in the process.

Brusco's farm provides fresh milk, cream, yogurt, eggs, butter, produce and select cuts of meat — all from his farm and other local family farms that have tilled the soil, grown the grass that feeds their cows, milked, churned and prepared everything else they deliver.

While the number of unemployed workers nationwide grows sky-high, demand has been so strong that Brusco is hiring people and has brought along other local farms to share in the profits.

"We're a second-generation dairy farm family that started back in 2001," he told me. "There's four of us total that run the operation. My wife and I run the creamery (or the value-added side of our farm), and my brother-in-law and his wife run the farm side of our operation."

"We like to say that we take care of things from dirt to door," he said. "So we grow the crops. We raise the animals and milk the cows. We pasteurize and bottle the milk. We do the home deliveries of all the products to our customers' doors. Our customers have an intimate knowledge of our farm and our farm operation and standards that we offer."

The creamery makes about 10,000 deliveries, all in the Maryland, Washington and Virginia areas. That includes a full line of milks and ice cream from their creamery.

It's fantastic ice cream.

"We've been working on that recipe for a long time, and it's changed over the years, but we're pretty proud of the quality of the products we're putting out — for sure," said Brusco.

The rolling hills with lush green meadows punctured by silos surrounding the farm operations are as picturesque as a postcard. The sounds of cows mooing as they head toward their daily milking add to the bucolic charm.

Inside the dairy plant, a hundred different efficiencies are going on at the same time. The one that caught the eye for a moment was the employees pouring rich chocolate milk into glass bottles.

Outside the production plants, there's a long line of delivery trucks, which look like old-fashioned milk trucks and are decorated with murals of cows, chickens, a barn door and a promise: "Bottled at the source, delivered fresh to you at your front door."

"Back in 2004," Brusco said, "when we were first getting started, really, we were struggling to grow, but we found ourselves in the right spot at the right time because of the local food movement. Right now we kind of find ourselves in a similar spot, where we spent the last 19 years building up an efficient delivery service, and right now that's where everyone's going toward. Everyone's going to get food delivered right to their homes, avoid the stores."

Brusco said they are seeing this in a couple of different ways. "It's a great opportunity for us to share our products and get people to learn more about us or our farm operation," he said. "We also carry a lot of products from other farmers, like produce and meats and things. So those farmers are finding new outlets for their products through us because farmers market attendance is down. We're working on supporting those guys."

One big problem he sees on the horizon for all farmers is getting the raw supplies and ingredients to produce their food to be sold. "We're at the tip of the iceberg at the moment, and I think we're going to see some major issues here very soon," he says. "Right now egg cartons are super back-ordered. I can produce the eggs, but if I can't get the cartons to put them in, there's nothing I can do with the eggs."

"Same goes with milk," he says. "We use glass bottles, and the company that prints on the bottles is up in Canada, and they are going on a 10-week back order, and they supply all the glass bottles for the country."

Brusco says he is seeing these kinds of raw ingredients getting further and further back-ordered: "My concern is I think if things don't change sooner than later, we're going to be heading into a big problem."

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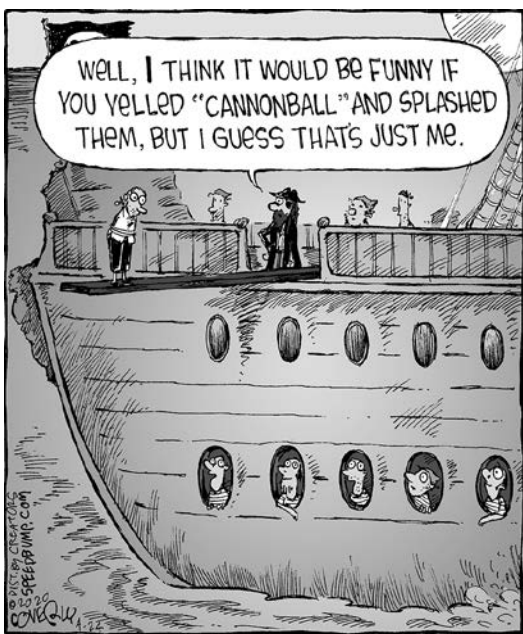
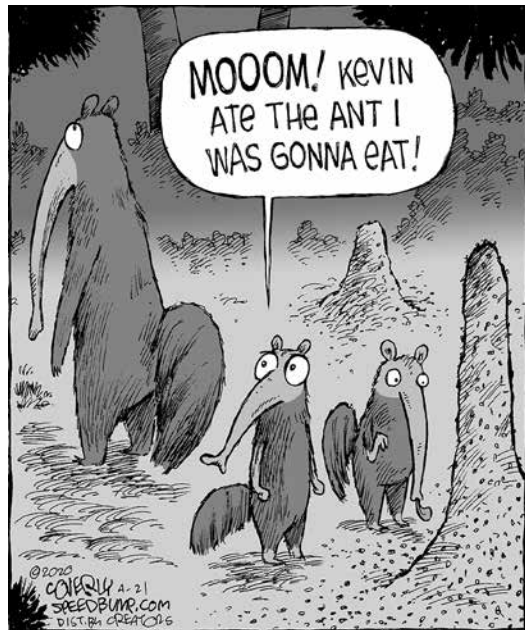
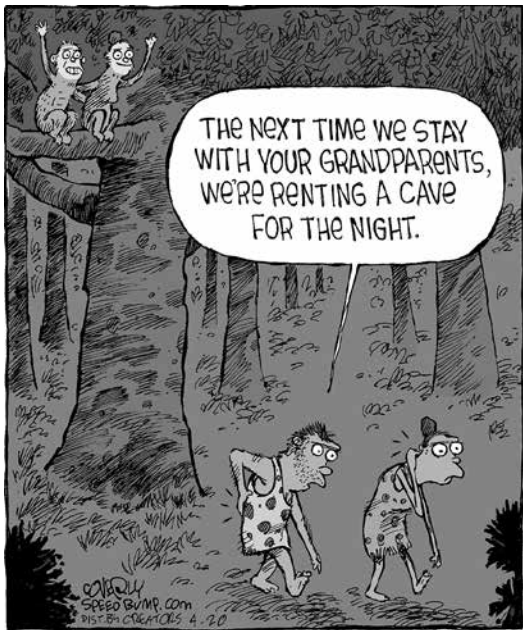
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**MONDAYS**

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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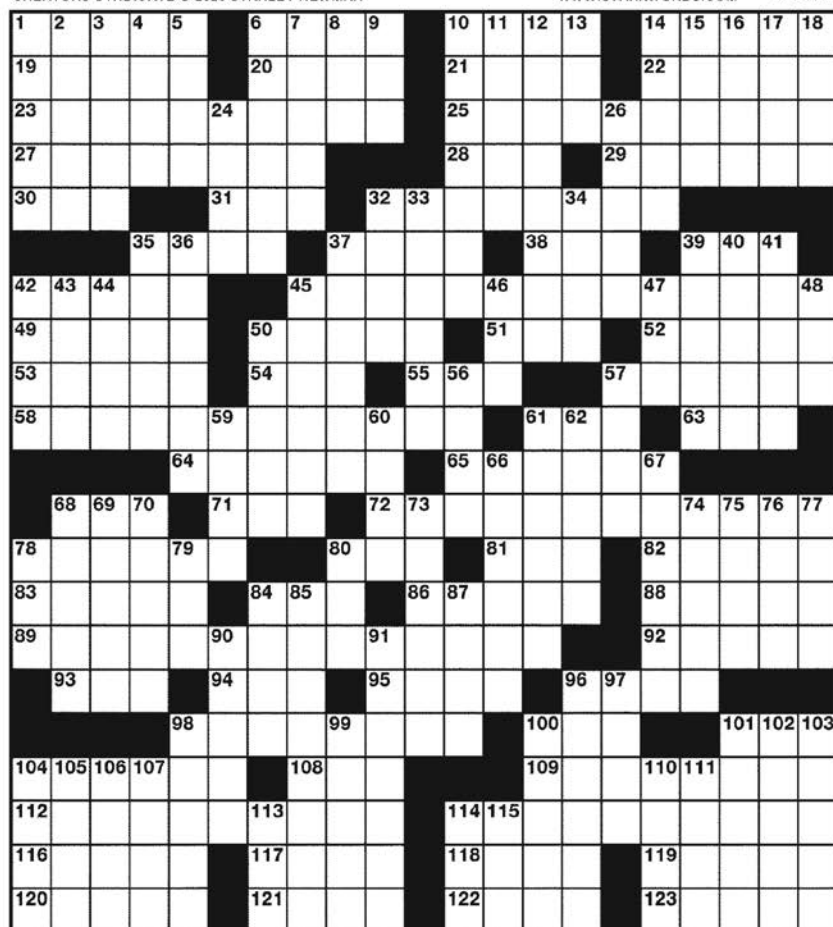
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- April 24, 1800: The Library of Congress was established with a \$5,000 allocation.
- 1805: The U.S. Marines attacked and captured the town of Derna in Tripoli.
- 1877: In the U.S., federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans. This was the end to the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.
- 1961: Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers struck out 18 batters becoming the first major-league pitcher to do so on two different occasions.
- 1990: The space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, FL. It was carrying the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope.

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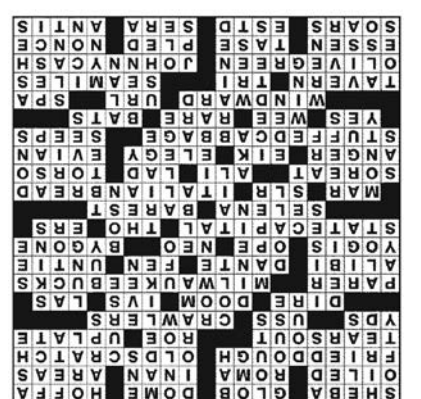


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# LEGALS

## BULK SALES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S) (UCC Sec. 6105 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)**  
 Estate of: **ES 20-03495-SP**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: SK HAUS, 14740 BEACH BLVD. LA MIRADA, CA 90638 Doing Business as: HAUS CAFE All other business names(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are:

The name(s) and address(es) of the buyer(s) or applicant(s) is/are: SM KARATAINMENT, INC., 14740 BEACH BLVD. LA MIRADA, CA 90638 The assets being sold are generally described as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, AND ABC LICENSE and is/are located at: 14740 BEACH BLVD., LA MIRADA, CA 90638 The type of license(s) and license no(s) to be transferred is/are: 47-591308 ON SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE. And are now issued for the premises located at: The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: TEAM ESCROW INC, 6025 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the anticipated sale/transfer is MAY 26, 2020

The purchase price or consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$250,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$1,500.00 which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION/AMOUNT CASH \$250,000.00. It has been agreed between the seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended buyer(s) or applicant(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Dated: SK HAUS, SELLER(S)/LICENSEE(S) SM KARATAINMENT INC, BUYER(S) APPLICANT(S) LA2513769 NORWALK PATRIOT 4/24/2020

**FCS LA2513769**  
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## GOVERNMENT

**CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN NO. 2029 DENSITY BONUS AGREEMENT NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION (CLASS 32)**

**Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.  
**Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650**

**Project Description:** For the City Council to review the following application filed by Tony Abdoud, Florence Homes LLC; a request to construct a 62-unit residential apartment development and approve a density bonus agreement. The subject property is generally known as 14815 Pioneer Boulevard located near the northwest corner of Pioneer Boulevard and Excelsior Drive (also known as Assessor's Parcel Numbers ("APNs") 8074-024-002, 8074-024-003, and 8074-024-007), in the Multi-Family High Density Residential (R-4) zone.

**Environmental Review Information:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the local CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is listed as a Class 32 Categorical Exemption. Class 32 includes in-fill development projects on sites no more than 5-acres substantially surrounded by urban areas. A Notice of Categorical Exemption (Class 32) has been prepared for this project.

**Public Comment:** Interested persons may review the agenda report for the above-described project at the City's webpage at: <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/meeting-agendas-393>. Until further notice, the City Council meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, which does allow for City Council and/or staff to teleconference. As a precaution to protect both staff, our constituents, and elected officials, public access to the meeting in person will not be allowed due to the Governor's Executive Order. You may watch the meeting from home on Charter Channel 3, Verizon Fios Channel 32, or livestream through the City's website. Additionally, as City Council meetings are now closed to the public, if you wish to make a comment on an agenda item or provide oral communications (during the meeting), you may provide input either by phone or electronically through the following procedures: 1) By emailing [publiccomments@norwalkca.gov](mailto:publiccomments@norwalkca.gov). Please identify the specific item or whether your comment is for oral communications (items not on the agenda) and limit your comments to 3 minutes maximum, which is the same time allotted at meetings. Emails will be read during the meeting; or 2) By calling the City Clerk's Department at (562) 929-5720 prior to the meeting to let staff know that you would like to make a comment during the meeting. You will be asked for your name, phone number, and the item number so that staff may call you during the meeting at the appropriate time. If you challenge the proposed project, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the public hearing.

**More Information:** Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kate Kazama, Assistant Planner, at (562) 929-5955; [kkazama@norwalkca.gov](mailto:kkazama@norwalkca.gov).

**Accessibility:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk's Department at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2020  
 Theresa Devoy, CMC  
 City Clerk

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## PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERTO ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ Case No. 20STPB02851**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERTO ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Celene Rodriguez and Lea Rodriguez in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Celene Rodriguez and Lea Rodriguez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
 A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 29, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
 Attorney for petitioner:  
 R GRACE RODRIGUEZ ESQ  
 SBN 196957  
 LAW OFFICES OF R GRACE RODRIGUEZ  
 2100 DEVONSHIRE ST STE 111  
 CHATSWORTH CA 91311  
 CN969403 RODRIGUEZ Apr 10,17,24, 2020

**CN969403**  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICHARD EURTON Case No. 20STPB03069**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RICHARD LEE EURTON  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: MELISSA EURTON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MELISSA EURTON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
 A HEARING on the petition will be held on MAY 11, 2020 at 8:30am. in Dept. 4 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE.

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 Attorney for petitioner:  
 GRISWOLD, LASALLE, COBB, DOWD & GIN LLP  
 111 E. SEVENTH STREET  
 HANFORD, CA 93230  
 (559) 584-6656 PHONE  
 (800) 948-6085 FAX  
 ZAMORA@GRISWOLDLASALLE.COM

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## TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No.: 2019-00428-CA  
 A.P.N.: 8021-023-011  
 Property Address: 10650 Spry Street, Norwalk, CA 90650

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
 PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要  
 참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다. NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LUJY; KEM THEQ ĐẤY LA BÀN TRINH BAY TOM LUQCV VE THONG TIN TRONG TAI LIU NAY

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:**  
 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/11/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Trustor: **Marco A Ibarra and Rosario Garcia, Husband and wife as Joint Tenants**  
 Duly Appointed Trustee: **Western Progressive, LLC**  
 Deed of Trust Recorded **04/20/2006** as Instrument No. **06 0864898** in book ---, page-- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **Los Angeles County, California**, Date of Sale: **06/02/2020 at 11:00 AM**  
 Place of Sale: **BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766**

APR 2004-CA-3674634  
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T.S. No.: 2019-00725-CA A.P.N.:  
 8046-005-031  
 Property Address: 14409 Greenstone Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650

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All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: **10650 Spry Street, Norwalk, CA 90650**  
 A.P.N.: **8021-023-011**

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: **\$ 274,686.89.**

NOTE: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the

return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

**NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.allsource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case **2019-00428-CA**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

Date: April 2, 2020  
**Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237 Ventura, CA 93003**  
**Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299** <http://www.allsource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>

Trustee Sale Assistant

**WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

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# Food giveaway at Cerritos College draws 1,300

Cerritos College hosted a drive-thru food distribution on April 14, serving approximately 1,300 students and community members with a boxed kit that included dry foods, a frozen chicken, fruit, and canned vegetables.

The event took place from 11 a.m. until about 1 p.m., with participants arriving earlier than the scheduled event. The food distribution ended when all supplies were distributed.

Sixteen Cerritos College volunteers helped distribute the kits, practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and

gloves. Cerritos College Board of Trustees President Marisa Perez and Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Fierro also served as volunteers.

"The overwhelming response to the food drive reminds us of how much we need to support our students and the community during this critical time," said Perez. "We are humbled by the chance to serve our students as much as we can. COVID-19 has revealed enormous inequities for our student population that limits them from getting basic needs like groceries. We want to fill in the gaps."

"The food distribution event is part of our promise to always keep students first," echoed Dr. Fierro. "Our goal is to help meet the needs of our students and the community who count on us for services and support."

The event was coordinated by the College's Falcon Basic Needs Taskforce in partnership with the L.A. Regional Food Bank to help students and community members in need of food and resources amid the COVID-19 crisis.

Cerritos College will host another food drive on April 29 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

# Cerritos College celebrates Community College Month

NORWALK - The Cerritos College Board of Trustees joined statewide efforts to declare April as Community College Month. The Board adopted a resolution to celebrate the achievements and contributions of community colleges. Community College Month raises awareness of the critical role community colleges play in providing students with access to an affordable, quality education.

The California community college system makes up the largest entity of higher education in the country, serving 2.1 million students.

At Cerritos College, student success continues to increase. Last year, the College honored its largest graduating class in the campus' history for the fourth consecutive year with more than 5,000 students receiving degrees and certificates. The

College also covered two years of tuition for 1,800 local high school students through its California Promise Program, Cerritos Complete. The program increased its one year of free tuition to two years, serving over 2,500 participants, to date.

As COVID-19 spreads across the nation, community colleges have increased their efforts to assist students and the communities they support. Campuses serve as a vital lifeline to help supply basic food, housing, mental health, and financial needs.

At Cerritos, the Foundation established a Student Emergency Fund to help students who are facing a financial crisis. The college is also hosting drive-thru food distribution events to help students and community members in need of food and resources amid the COVID-19

crisis.

"Cerritos College and California community colleges provide quality education that gives underrepresented students the opportunity to improve their social mobility into the middle class. We are committed to providing innovative education experience that gives our students the best opportunity for success," said Cerritos College Board of Trustees President Marisa Perez.

"Our communities are being challenged now more than ever before. We strive to meet our students' basic needs, including access to food, housing, transportation, and other services while students seek education and vital workforce training," echoed Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro.

# In South Whittier, more than 13,200 meals distributed

**SOUTH WHITTIER** - South Whittier School District's Nutrition Services team have distributed over 13,200 meals to students between March 16 and April 10.

South Whittier's Nutrition Services have been providing pick-up meals for the district's students since the "Stay at Home" order began in mid March. Families have been able to pick-up breakfast and

leach meals without having to leave the safety of their vehicle every Monday and Wednesday at Loma Vista Elementary and Graves Middle School, with the exception of spring break when facilities were closed.

The district's Nutrition Services Accounting Technician, Grace Hong, shared that according to district data they have distributed about 6,500 breakfast meals and 6,700 lunch

meals. Bringing the district's overall total to 13,200 meals and counting.

Nutrition Services Supervisor, Terri Sperry, shared, "I want my team to know I appreciate all their dedication they give to provide the grab and go breakfast and lunches and we will continue to provide to all families that are in need."

# Talking COVID-19 with your children

**Contributed by Kaiser Permanente**

With COVID-19 dominating the news, and schools shut down as part of efforts to slow down the spreading of the disease, it's understandable that many children feel overwhelmed and in need of self-assurance to help them cope with the added stress.

Parents have an important role to play to make sure their children's mental health does not suffer during these trying times, according to Dr. Ashley Zucker, a child and adolescent psychiatrist with Kaiser Permanente Southern California.

"In these challenging times, it's important that parents remain a source of comfort and calm for their children," Dr. Zucker explained. "When talking to your children about COVID-19, you want to be open, but age-appropriate. It's best to share only the information they are asking for, and not to go into excessive detail on components they may not even be aware of."

According to Dr. Zucker, children often look to their

parents and adults to see if they should be afraid or anxious. It's important to be honest, she said, but also comforting. "Let your kids know that it's normal to feel stressed or worried, but reassure them that health care workers and government health officials are working hard to keep everyone healthy and safe."

And, while being out of school for an extended period of time can be quite the challenge for both adults and children, it's important to maintain as much of a schedule and normal routine as possible, Dr. Zucker said. "Set aside some specific time to work on school-work, but also time to relax and play or exercise. School-work is important, but it's also important to be aware of when children are feeling overwhelmed and may need to take a break."

Dr. Zucker encourages parents to be honest about the seriousness of the disease, and what their children can do to keep themselves safe. Parents can explain that the disease can spread between people who are

in close contact with each other, through coughing or sneezing. Children should also know that most people who do get sick will have minor symptoms or recover in a week or two, she noted.

Dr. Zucker urged parents to limit extended media/news viewing among their children, as this can increase anxiety.

"Ofentimes, information in the news is not intended for young children and can make their fears much worse," Dr. Zucker explained. "For all ages, hearing stories repeatedly regarding COVID-19 can increase anxiety and stress levels. Make sure to stay factual and be careful where you look for information. It's always best to look for information at trusted resources such as the Centers for Disease Control or the World Health Organization. Additional information is also available at kp.org."

# Single-use plastic should follow in the way of plastic bags

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straws and bags. While recycling reduces the footprint of plastic, 91 percent of all plastic isn't recycled at all, giving us the illusion that our recycling bin is absolving us of any harm to the planet.

In reality, when we throw that straw in the bin, it finds a home in our waterways. Projections show that our oceans will hold more plastic than fish by 2050. The intrusive nature of plastics isn't only affecting marine life, but is making its way into our stomachs as well. According to the World Wide Fund for Nature, humans are ingesting the equivalent of one credit card of plastic per week.

The pervasiveness of single-use plastics and the damage they do to our environment is unacceptable, and LA County can be leaders in the shift away from them by banning them altogether.

California was the first state to ban plastic grocery bags, and spending my life across the coast, I have witnessed the effectiveness of these bans at producing a consumer shift. In Marin, an early county to pass a plastic bag ban ordinance in 2012, out of town family members would grumble at our grocery stores, balancing groceries in hand and often refusing to pay the five cent fee charged on paper bags. Local friends and family took on the challenge, collecting reusables in the back of the car,

and participating in contests at the grocery store that rewarded those who brought their own bags. When I worked at Target, a store that charges a five cent fee for their bags which are now made with 40% recycled content, I was shocked by the amount of individuals that took their groceries straight from cart to car. The ban on plastic grocery bags has transformed the way individuals go grocery shopping and only in a few years.

However, working in the food service industry, one still fraught with the use of plasticware, I've witnessed the work that still needs to be done. There are currently not many ways to avoid taking takeout items without plastic cups and containers or the amount of plastic packaging used in one work shift. Given their prevalence, a shift away from these single use plastics can't solely rely on individual choice, but must rather come from a change in policy enforcement.

After success in working to pass the plastic bag ban in California, the UCLA Chapter of the California Public Interest Group (CALPIRG) is working to enact and pass a policy banning single-use plastics in LA County. CALPIRG Students just worked with UCLA to develop a policy to phase out single-use plastics from foodservice operations across their campus. If one of the largest universities in Los Angeles

can take this step, the entire county can take action. At UCLA, over a thousand students signed up as dues-paying members of this student advocacy group in support of phasing out single-use plastics. They have gathered 1800 petitions to call on the LA County Board of Supervisors to pursue a single-use plastic free LA. This could potentially influence the rest of the state, and set an impetus for the rest of the country to follow as LA's plastic bag ban did in 2010.

Following California's plastic bag ban in 2014, plastic bag usage has been reduced by 85 percent and coastal pollution has decreased. The evolution of plastic alternatives continues, but we can no longer wait for the best replacement to stop polluting our oceans. LA County has been an advocate for the environment in the past, and can be a champion for this issue in California and beyond, to change policy instead of counting solely on individuals to change on their own.

Immediate action in banning single-use plastics will create concurrent change, as well as a vacuum in production that can be filled by innovations to create the alternatives that consumers desire.

*Eleanor O'Connor is a third-year political science student and intern with CALPIRG Students at UCLA.*

# Lynwood distributes 5,300 Chromebooks to students

**LYNWOOD** - Lynwood Unified families are receiving new Chromebook laptops as the District has provided more than 5,300 this month to ensure students can thrive in distance learning amidst school closures.

The District set up a drive-thru station that adhered to social distancing at Lynwood High School where families were scheduled according to their child's grade level. Parents were issued the devices and given information on how to access free internet.

Alejandra Martinez, mother to a fourth- and first-grade student at Lindbergh Elementary School, said the laptops could not have arrived at a better time.

"My kids were super excited to get the laptops. It was important to keep them energized and continue the momentum of what they have learned all year," Martinez said.

Martinez said she was

particularly happy that the flexible scheduling allowed her to get two laptops for her children during one time slot.

Lynwood Unified prepared for the laptop distribution weeks in advance, sending surveys to families and identifying those most in need prior to receiving the shipment of devices. The District continues to provide laptops at each school site, and is working to get them to all families in need.

"We know that now more than ever, our students need learning tools that keep them engaged and inspired to continue growing in their education," LUSD Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite said. "Our school sites may be closed, but we are still opening the doors of learning for students through technology and collaboration."

The laptops help children beyond just classwork, they will also keep families connected with educators who are using

a variety of online platforms to communicate with the community.

Each of the District's 20 schools operates its own social media accounts where they provide parents with consistent updates and galvanize the community with Virtual Spirit Week challenges and other activities. Educators use Google Classroom to give assignments and hold class lessons via video chat.

In addition to the electronics, families are receiving work packets to ensure they continue learning.

"We're going to meet families at their place of need," LUSD President Gary Hardie Jr. said. "Whether that means equipping them with more technology, helping with essential needs, or providing social and emotional support. We're committed to working through all challenges with our community."

# In times of quarantine, people form digital connections

**By John Jacho**

When you consider the ever changing circumstances in society that either indirectly or directly affect the day to day lives of the average person, it's no surprise that technology has become an integral part of our daily routines.

Besides reducing stress by simplifying tasks, it also acts as a pivotal tool in keeping billions of people connected through social media, which not only adds to the long list of its uses, but contributes to its appeal as well.

It's not an exaggeration to assume that technology is widely depended on whether it's used professionally or for amusement. This begs the question: How does a technological society react to a global pandemic?

If we take a look at the community, it's evident that we adapt as the events of the pandemic continue to unfold, however, despite the urgency of social distancing, this hasn't kept our community from standing in arms with each other.

Downey Unified School District, for example, has made significant strides in making online learning possible by utilizing the available technology to keep in touch with their students in the event the pandemic should cause any needs to arise. Aside from students being affected, many working

class citizens find themselves out of work, creating a major problem as bills continue to roll in despite the lacking source of income. To combat this, organizations such as the Downey Tenants Union have begun campaigning on a variety of different social media platforms as they advocate and inform residents about possible options at their disposal in the event they can't pay rent, once again showing the benefit of technology during a time like this as it amplifies the needs of marginalized people, allowing for said needs to be catered to.

Ironically, something that has been advised to be consumed in controlled quantities pre-quarantine out of fear of losing touch with the world around you seems to be the only thing keeping the world spinning. Thousands gather on video chat apps every day whether it's for school, business, or simply for personal reasons, making the popular video chatting program known as Zoom the new social gathering hub in lieu of real life gatherings. Many have begun to get creative with the different implications a laptop and an internet connection has.

A group of New Yorkers, for example, created an online club known as Club Quarantine, @clubquarantine on Instagram, where a Zoom join code is released every day at 9 est., offering anyone with a laptop or a phone a fun

getaway from everyday life that's filled with music and laughs. The club has since garnered 50,000 followers in a month.

Musicians Dylan Brady and Laura Les, who together form the band 100 Geeks, have even organized what they call "Square Garden," which is essentially a music festival taking place in the video game Minecraft. Donations made towards Square Garden will go to Feeding America to further aid the crisis' emerging as a result of COVID-19.

Downey's own Stay Gallery has contributed to finding a silver lining in social distancing as they have announced a virtual group exhibition with the theme of "human connection in a time when social distancing is the new normal."

Not only does this give those with a career in the arts exposure in a time where exposure is the last thing we desire, but it's a reminder that when facing adversity, humans have found a way to acclimate, whether it's organizing tenants to stand up for their rights, hosting Easter Sunday on a video call, or creating an virtual art exhibition, music festival or club, humans will continue to do so out of necessity but also, if the resources allow for it, because we simply can't help it.

*John Jacho is a senior at Warren High School.*

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# Remembering the Holocaust, 75 years later

By Mario A. Guerra

**W**ith the current pandemic we thank those who are helping us get through it. We salute all those essential workers. We are forever grateful for your bravery and spirit to serve others.

This April marks a scary time for our country in many ways. The coronavirus has many suffering physically, emotionally and financially.

But it also reminds of us of a past only 75 years ago this month that we should never forget.

Today, we pause to commemorate the Holocaust and remember the victims, survivors and rescuers. We remember their lives, some which ended much too soon, and are determined that an event of this magnitude will never again happen. It has been seventy-five years since the liberation of the

concentration camps.

We can learn from the actions of people who helped those in danger during the war, and from the actions of United States Army Soldiers who helped liberate the camps. Their actions went beyond military boundaries to a fundamental understanding of human decency.

As the Allies began moving through occupied countries, they began discovering the concentration camps. Over the course of a year, they liberated prisoners, giving them food, medical attention and whatever help they could provide.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Army's Center of Military History have recognized 36 U.S. Army divisions for their heroism, gallantry, and help in liberating prisoners from brutal Nazi rule. The first concentration camp to be liberated by U.S. troops was Ohrdruf, a subcamp of Buchenwald. The 4th Armored Division liberated the camp on

April 4, 1945.

By April 12, General Dwight D. Eisenhower had visited the camp and described what he saw to General George C. Marshall, Jr., saying, "I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda.'"

Eisenhower anticipated a time when people would deny the Holocaust happened. A few days later on April 19, Eisenhower told Marshall in a cable that, "Whatever has been printed on them to date has been understatement. If you would see any advantage in asking about a dozen leaders of Congress and a dozen prominent editors to make a short visit to this theater in a couple of C-54s, I will arrange to have them conducted to one of these places where the evidence of bestiality and cruelty is so overpowering as to leave no doubt in their minds

about the normal practices of the Germans in these camps."

Later, Eisenhower said, "When I found the first camp like that I think I never was so angry in my life... I think people ought to know about such things."

The U.S. Army Signal Corps, who documented the military campaign, also recorded approximately 80,000 feet of moving film, together with still photographs, of conditions at concentration camps. About 6,000 feet of that film footage was used to create a one hour documentary. Prosecutors used the film to prove that Nazi leaders on trial at Nuremberg had perpetrated unbelievably heinous crimes.

The Congressional mission, which included American press, supported the reports of war correspondents and the military. Without photos and testimony from those present, many people would not have believed the horrors that had taken place at the Nazi camps, and how the brutality went beyond religion, nationality or politics.

When the concentration camps were liberated, Army Soldiers brought medical care, food and clothes. And they brought hope. On May 5, 1945, the 11th Armored Division liberated Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria, where 150,000 prisoners were killed.

The surviving prisoners used sheets and jackets to make a United States flag as a gift to the American Soldiers. The prisoners



could not remember how many stars the United States flag had, so they made their flag with 56 stars. Colonel Richard Seibel ordered that the Mauthausen 56-star flag immediately replace the Nazi swastika flag.

Mauthausen prisoner Simon Wiesenthal later said, "I barely weighed 90 pounds that day, and like so many others, I was too weak to walk. But seeing the American flag rekindled something in each of us. Every star on the American flag stood for something precious we had lost: One for hope, one for freedom, one for justice..."

This flag is preserved so that future generations will know its story and understand the emotions that it represents. It stands today as a witness to the liberation of Mauthausen at the Simon Wiesenthal Center here in Los Angeles.

It's hard to listen to some of the things that happened

during the Holocaust, but we can learn lessons from looking beyond labels, whether religious, political or national. I challenge everyone in our community - military and civilian - to remain vigilant. Reject all forms of prejudice. Refuse to participate in bigotry. Defend those who are persecuted.

The Army honors the individuals who took a stand during the Second World War, and it honors individuals today who take a stand against hatred, wherever we find it - in our work places, in our schools or on the battlefield. Please remember those who stood for goodness and decency and stand with them.

**Mario A. Guerra is the former Mayor of Downey and current Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. He can be reached at [www.MarioAGuerra.com](http://www.MarioAGuerra.com)**

## Rio Hondo College expands online services for vulnerable students

**WHITTIER** - Río Hondo College is providing a full menu of online services to ensure students - especially those most vulnerable and marginalized - receive the support they need while completing spring classes via online instruction.

Services include remote counseling, online tutoring, financial aid assistance, psychological services, food pantry distribution, Chromebook loans, access to free Office 365 and internet, guidance for undocumented students, and access to local, community-based support.

The College launched online learning on March 16; students are tentatively expected to return to campus on Saturday, May 9. Until then, only essential personnel are allowed on campus.

"One of the hallmarks of Río Hondo College is our exceptional faculty, staff and administrative support for students," Superintendent/President Dr.

Arturo Reyes said. "This crisis has required us to devise innovative ways to continue providing these essential services for our students, many of whom struggle with food insecurity, housing instability and other significant challenges."

As the campus transitioned to online instruction, the Student Success and Dream Center provided 355 students with resources ranging from free legal services, counseling sessions, Chromebook loans and assistance with financial aid.

### STUDENT SERVICES PROGRAMS

**Food assistance:** The RioSource Room - a combination pantry and resource location - is providing free, prepackaged "grab 'n groceries" for students at a campus drive-through location from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. Contact: [studentlife@riohondo.edu](mailto:studentlife@riohondo.edu), (562) 908-3427.

**Counseling Center:** Reach out to counselors

[counselingcenter@riohondo.edu](mailto:counselingcenter@riohondo.edu) or (562) 908-3410.

**EOP&S/CARE:** Students and single parents served by the Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOP&S) and Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) can set up online appointments with counselors. Contact: [eops@riohondo.edu](mailto:eops@riohondo.edu), (562) 908-3423.

**Dreamers and Undocumented Students:** Río Hondo College is continuing to support undocumented students, including providing group psychological counseling at 11 a.m. Fridays. In collaboration with the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), the College is providing free legal services. Contact: [dreamers@riohondo.edu](mailto:dreamers@riohondo.edu), 562-463-7023.

**Student Health & Psychological Services:** A team of counselors is responding to messages at [dsanchez@riohondo.edu](mailto:dsanchez@riohondo.edu) and (562) 463-7302 and providing group counseling to undocumented students at

11 a.m. Fridays. Students in crisis should seek emergency aid at (800) 273-8255 or Exodus psychiatric urgent care at (323) 442-6018.

**CalWorks:** The program provides cash aid and services to eligible families with children at home. Contact: [dsilva@riohondo.edu](mailto:dsilva@riohondo.edu), (562) 463-7313.

**Center for Career & ReEntry Services:** Programs for adult learners who return to college after a prolonged absence. Contact: [careercenter@riohondo.edu](mailto:careercenter@riohondo.edu), (562) 908-3407.

**Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSP&S):** Provides assistance accessing College programs. Contact: [DSPS@riohondo.edu](mailto:DSPS@riohondo.edu), (562) 908-3420.

**Guardian Scholars:** Assists students formerly in foster care. Contact: [mshaenz@riohondo.edu](mailto:mshaenz@riohondo.edu), (562) 463-7472.

**Financial Aid:** The Financial Aid Office is responding promptly to messages at 562-463-3370 and [financialaid@riohondo.edu](mailto:financialaid@riohondo.edu).

**Registration for Summer and Fall:** Summer registration is open and the fall 2020 schedule is posted on the College website. Fall registration starts April 22. Students in special programs, such as EOP&S, CARE and DSP&S, may have earlier registration dates. Contact: [admissions@riohondo.edu](mailto:admissions@riohondo.edu), (562) 908-3415.

**Outreach and Educational Partnerships:** The College is continuing efforts to collaborate with K-12 school districts and community partners. Contact: [outreach@riohondo.edu](mailto:outreach@riohondo.edu), (562) 463-4693.

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**Student Affairs:** Umbrella for student services programs ranging from CalWorks to Guardian Scholars, DSP&S to PASS. Contact: [Inashua@riohondo.edu](mailto:Inashua@riohondo.edu), (562) 908-3498.

The College also is providing students with information on community-based resources, including assistance with housing and food insecurity.

For more information, visit [www.riohondo.edu/student-health-services/coronavirus](http://www.riohondo.edu/student-health-services/coronavirus).

## 93% of South Whittier students are participating in online classrooms, district says

**SOUTH WHITTIER** - South Whittier School District has been distributing hundreds of Chromebooks and closed their second week of distance learning with 93% of student participation, further closing the gap towards reaching 100% of students.

Distance learning officially began Monday, April 6. For students, distance learning includes computer use with many different types of communication technology. Students are participating in Zoom calls, Google Classroom, virtual IEP's, emails, phone

calls, and much more. They also have independent learning that consists of print materials for incorporating assignments that are the subject of written or oral feedback.

At the end of the first week of distance learning the district was able to connect to 87% of all South Whittier School District students. South Whittier has been taking action to ensure equitable access to all students including; providing information on how families can obtain free internet access, the district has been working on obtaining internet hotspots, and

distributing devices to students who need them.

"Our principals, school secretaries, and community liaisons have been emailing, placing phone calls and reaching out to friends and neighbors to inquire why our unforgotten students have not participated in distance learning," Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, Martha Mestanza-Rojas, shared.

"We are holding our third device distribution day on Thursday, April 16. This should bring our participation percentage closer to 100%."

During South Whittier's third device distribution they gave 261 devices out. This brought their total of Chromebooks distributed to 640.

With second week data showing a higher percentage of 93% of students participating in distance learning Rojas shared, "This is awesome, however we need 100!"

South Whittier School District has not only support student learning and access but have worked with their teachers as well. Administrators and teachers participated in professional development

training the week prior to when distance learning began. Their virtual webinar included topics such as guidance to distance learning and South Whittier's plan, instruction agreements, how to support families and using Google voice, planning with EL's in mind, resources for teachers, and much more.

"It brings me great joy when teachers share how happy and excited our students are to be able to connect and interact with their teachers and classmates," Rojas stated.

"SWSD teachers are incredible

professionals. They have jumped into this new world of distance learning with enthusiasm and passion. They are determined to provide our SWSD students high quality standards-based lessons, intervention, English Language Development as well as provide our students with a sense of normalcy by providing opportunities to participate on a daily basis.

"I am so appreciative of our SWSD teachers."

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# Over 100 Bellflower families given groceries



By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

Photo by Alex Dominguez

**BELFLOWER** – Over 100 in need families received groceries on Wednesday, thanks to some quick collaboration between the City of Bellflower, Kiwanis, Caring Connections, and a local temple.

Wednesday's event started to take shape after the Shriji Mandir Temple reached out to Mayor Juan Garza in an attempt to help 40 families in need with groceries.

"With the need that's in the community right now, the growing need for food, it's just how do we capitalize on this opportunity, get this product to our community in need as soon as possible? That really was the first reaction...at that point it's 'okay, what's the proper gateway that will be able to do this as fast as possible as well,'" said Garza. "It was identifying key people like Victor [Sanchez], who in turn also has a network of relationships in the community... tapping into the network, tapping into the relationships to be able to get this to collaboration as soon as possible."

Temple attendee Bhavesh Muni, who was helping distribute, said that the temple members are taught to be "a good neighbor."

"We want to help our community to the best of our ability," said Muni. "This is part of what we call our religious belief, helping mankind...that is

what we are doing basically."

The event would eventually swell from the initial 40 intended to 100, with a few extra groceries distributed to other families who were not on the list.

Sanchez, a former Bellflower Kiwanis president, said that along with the groceries that were donated by the temple, Caring Connections – of which he is a board member – was able to reallocate some recently received grant funds to also help the cause.

"Caring Connections reallocated a Kaiser grant of \$13,000 that we received, and reallocated it to grocery money," said Sanchez. "We went out and bought \$9,000 gift cards, and we are going to distribute that to 125 other families that aren't even coming here today."

Sanchez says that there will be another distribution held in the future.

# Short Stories: Mom's famous friend

By Sharon Benson Smith  
Contributor

Down the street, a short jaunt from Auntie Vi's home on 104th Street and Figueroa, lived the young Bob Waterfield. Mom used to see him playing football in the street, and they often waved to one another from across the street or ran into one another at the corner soda fountain.

Of course, that was long before he played quarterback for the UCLA Bruins and the L.A. Rams. It was also long before he married the popular, sexy actress and Hollywood bombshell, Jane Russell.

As a teenager living in Imperial, Calif., Mom spent her summer vacations with Auntie Vi. Auntie was an avid ballroom dancer, had lovely formal dresses, and she took Mom with her to the various ballrooms in Los Angeles. Mom learned to dance all the

then-popular dances, and she won a Tango contest on one of their evenings out.

She was so proud of that fact that years later she shared her Tango win with the six of us (most likely in the mid 1950s when we were learning the Bop and the Twist, those being the latest teenage dance crazes of our day).

When Mom shared her Bob Waterfield experience with us, our brothers were quite excited, as they knew exactly who he was. He was yet to be inducted into The Pro Football Hall of Fame; that came in the year 1965.

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# Inglewood gets \$95 million to build people mover

**INGLEWOOD** – The California State Transportation Agency has awarded Inglewood a \$95.2 million grant that will go toward the Inglewood Transit Connector Project (ITC Project). In selecting the city to receive one of the largest amounts disbursed in this year's round of grantmaking, state officials noted the project's importance not only with regard to transportation, but also as a years-long engine for regional employment and economic growth.

The City of Inglewood is undergoing a historic economic revitalization that is projected to become one of the fastest growing housing and employment centers in Los Angeles County. The ITC Project, an elevated automated people mover system with three train stations, will complete the missing link that exists today and provide a direct transit

connection from the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line's Downtown Inglewood station to the City's new housing and employment centers, and sports and entertainment venues including Downtown Inglewood, The Forum, SoFi Stadium, Hollywood Park and the proposed Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center. By 2040, these areas, all located within walking distance of the ITC Projects stations, are projected to experience a tremendous boom in population, housing and employment.

The state is not alone in its strong support for the ITC. Funding for the \$1 billion project will also consist of local regional Measure R funding, infrastructure impact fees, real estate developer contributions, City revenues and private financing from the selected ITC Project developer. In fact, on March 9, 2020, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments also voted to reallocate \$233 million in Measure R sales tax revenue that had been slated for highway improvements to the ITC Project.

"This is terrific news for the people of Inglewood and all residents of the region," said Mayor James Butts. "Even in this time of economic challenge and hardship, our city's

economic momentum keeps moving forward. But I have to note that months of work went into this application, and Inglewood enjoyed the support of environmental advocates, the transit community, labor, residential communities, commercial and nonprofit stakeholders, and virtually every elected official in the region. For that I am deeply appreciative."

In particular, CA State Senator Holly Mitchell expressed her support for the ITC Project.

"The Inglewood renaissance hasn't happened overnight. It's taken lots of hard work, visionary leadership and strategic planning, so I am thrilled to see the state invest in the city's future by awarding it this well-deserved grant. Our region has an overwhelming need for increased investment in transit infrastructure. This grant will benefit our residents, provide for a more integrated transit system, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and support jobs in our region."

Likewise, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas threw his support behind the project. He also cheered today's news.

"I know once we bounce back from our current crisis the

need for social connectedness will be more essential than ever before," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. "This investment from the State is a true game changer – as it will catalyze a true public-private partnership connecting people from across the Southland to the tremendous new infrastructure being built in Inglewood including the SoFi stadium. Public transit must get people where they want to go – and this investment will go a long way in making the vision for Los Angeles County's 21st century transit system a reality. This is a big win."

The state TIRCP grant is an extra financial boost that assures the ITC Project will be completed in time for the 2028 Olympics.

When completed, the project will provide a critical transportation connection during the 2028 Summer Olympic Games; the new SoFi Stadium is slated to host the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Eli Lipmen, Director of Development and Programming at MoveLA, also expressed the organization's support for the ITC Project.

"The Crenshaw Line and the ITC play a vital role in beginning to connect South Bay residents to the Metro System countywide. Equitable public transit is pivotal to jobs, education, affordable housing, and more. We hope to see projects like these expand connectivity to the South Bay in the future."

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