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The St. Paul Swordsmen have their eyes set on 2020 success. (Photos by Keith Durlinger)

St. Paul is ready for football season

Looking towards a potential championship season in 2020, Coach Rick Zepeda has the Swordsmen rolling despite the coronavirus.

By John Sherrard
Contributor

SANTA FE SPRINGS - St. Paul appears to be ready for the football season, like most high schools these days. With no spring practice and players working out on their own, everyone is excited to get started.

One problem. It's only May and the future is still uncertain at this point.

Coming off of a second consecutive undefeated Del Rey League title and a 2019 CIF-Southern Section championship game appearance, the Swordsmen have unfinished business to attend to in 2020.

The last title seems so long ago, as they defeated Palmdale, 42-14 in 2007.

But, eighth-year coach Rick Zepeda seems to have the Swordsmen on the brink of great things to come.

Zepeda and defensive coordinator Juan Vigil recently sat down and talked about the state of St. Paul football.

Zepeda has seen his teams steadily improve in the last seven years, culminating with a tough, 20-16 loss last season to Aquinas in the CIF Division 5 title game.

"I would say we're hungrier now, all because we lost that game," Zepeda said. "There's a burning sensation in all of our stomachs still."

"I was telling the boys that there was no one, or perhaps a couple of other teams, that are more hungry than us to get back on that field and get that feeling out of our stomachs again."

Zepeda took over a program in 2013 that had only 22 players on varsity.

"We went back to concentrating on just working on our own kids and getting a mindframe of competing at a higher level," said Zepeda, who graduated from St. Paul in 1988. "I would say about our fourth year we believed in each other."

After three consecutive years of no post-season action, Zepeda began the beginning of a four-year, deep run in the playoffs. Over the last two seasons the Swordsmen have compiled a 23-4 overall record and a perfect 8-0 in league.

The Swordsmen advanced to one quarterfinal and two

semifinals prior to last year's title game.

"We just began to chip away at it and it's really about the mentality of the players," Zepeda said.

Zepeda, who was the freshman coach under legendary coach Marijon Ancich from '95 to '97, became head coach at St. Paul in 2013.

"Sometimes, it's overwhelming because I feel the weight of all of the traditions on my shoulders at St. Paul," said Zepeda, who played football at St. Paul as a defensive back.

A couple of traditions that have been around for decades are the senior walk on the field at the last home game and the individual senior farewell walk in the 200 building on campus before the underclassmen.

This week Zepeda and the rest of the coaches will have a drive-by for the senior players.

Presently, the team is doing zoom workouts and will wait for any word on when they can resume any kind of training as a



team. "We don't know if we are going to get the green light tomorrow night at 8:00," Zepeda said. "We don't know if it's going to be October 10th. But we will not have any excuses if we're not ready."

"If we're coaching a team that we have to motivate to train, then we're not a very good, well-coached team."

Zepeda, who has a daughter Corina, who is an incoming senior and captain of the song team and a son, Orlando, who is an incoming freshman, who will play football and baseball, married a St. Paul graduate, Sarah, from the class of 1995.

Defensive coordinator Virgil

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Op-Ed: Why we report the COVID-19 numbers

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

Here are just a couple of the things I have heard over the past few months:

"You need to stop spreading fear!"

"That's not a lot; this entire situation has been completely overblown."

"Yeah, but how many people have recovered?"

"All you do is report on the negative; what about the positive that's come out of this?"

At the time of writing (Tuesday, May 26, right before noon), Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has reported over 46,000 cases of COVID-19, with over 2,100 deaths; that includes 548/20 in Downey, 358/12 in Norwalk, and 273/8 in Whittier.

Yes, by comparison on a

county, state, and national level, our communities are just a "drop in the bucket" (Downey actually leads many local cities in case numbers, but for sake of argument I'll concede to naysayers for a moment).

Yes, a vast majority of those who contract the virus do survive and ultimately get better.

Yes, there have been stories of triumph and good will towards men that have emerged from the thick coronavirus haze.

But that is no excuse to bury your head in the sand and pretend as if everything is alright.

As members of the news media, we are obligated to keep our communities informed of the world around us, regardless of if it is pretty or not.

So, news flash: There is a highly contagious, potentially deadly virus out there right now.

Norwalk COVID-19 statistics: 384 cases 13 deaths

Information collected from Los Angeles County Public Health website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/locations.htm>.

Updated numbers as of 8 pm on Tuesday, May 26.

People are still getting sick. People are still dying.

There should not have to be a minimum body tally for it to matter.

You should not need to wait for you or your loved ones to get sick for you to take notice.

This is more than just a toilet paper meme in the making.

And, God help me, if you are one of those who stares at the current climate and says, "Que Sera Sera," then you are either a

liar or a fool.

Yes, we should absolutely try to stay positive as we attempt to endure.

But to put on a pair of rose-colored glasses is not the answer; on the contrary, it is not only extremely immature and selfish, it is downright dangerous.

The numbers we publish are not just numbers, they are people.

And people matter.

Norwalk restaurant grades

Alberts Mexican Food
11543 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/26/20
Grade: **A**

Outback
12850 Norwalk Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/26/20
Grade: **A**

Chuchi's Bionicos
16220 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/26/20
Grade: **A**

The Habit Burger Grill
12401 Norwalk Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/26/20
Grade: **A**

La Corona Bakery
15708 1/4 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/22/20
Grade: **A**

Wiki Ramen World
13220 San Antonio Dr.
Date Inspected: 5/21/20
Grade: **A**

So Cal Pizza
12253 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 5/7/20
Grade: **A**

Applebees
12129 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 5/7/20
Grade: **A**

Denny's
12616 Pioneer Blvd.
Inspected: 5/6/20
Grade: **A**

Albert's Mexican Food
11610 Imperial Hwy
Date Inspected: 5/6/20
Grade: **A**

CC Pho
12359 Imperial Hwy
Date Inspected: 5/6/20
Grade: **A**

Don Julio's Tacos and Tamales
12856 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/6/20
Grade: **A**

Wienerchnitzel
11610 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/5/20
Grade: **A**

KFC
10937 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/5/20
Grade: **A**

Tam's Super Burgers
11700 Rosecrans Ave
Date Inspected: 4/29/20
Grade: **A**

Bobos
12949 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/22/20
Grade: **A**

El Marinero
11025 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/22/20
Grade: **A**

Rivera's Juice Bar
11912 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/22/20
Grade: **A**

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**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 75°

Saturday 76°

Sunday 78°

ON THIS DAY MAY 29

1922:

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that organized baseball was a sport, not subject to antitrust laws.

1942:

Bing Crosby recorded Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" in Los Angeles for Decca Records.

1953:

Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and sherpa Tenzing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

1975:

Tom Bradley was elected the first black mayor of Los Angeles.

1977:

Janet Guthrie became the first woman to drive in the Indianapolis 500.

1980:

Larry Bird beat out Magic Johnson for the NBA's Rookie of the Year award.

1987:

"Twilight Zone" director John Landis was found not guilty of involuntary manslaughter after three actors were killed in a helicopter crash during filming.

1988:

President Ronald Reagan began his first visit to the Soviet Union as he arrived in Moscow for a superpower summit with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

1999:

Space shuttle Discovery completed the first docking with the International Space Station.

2009:

Jay Leno ended his first stint as host of "The Tonight Show."

Notable Birthdays

Composer **Danny Elfman** turns 67. Singer **Melissa Etheridge** turns 59. Pop singer **Mel B** turns 45. Comedian **Daniel Tosh** turns 45. Basketball player **Carmelo Anthony** turns 36. Professional wrestler **Nia Jax** turns 36.

Notable Deaths

Broadway actress **Betsy Palmer** died at age 88. U.S. Army General **Winfield Scott** died at age 79. Politician **Barry Goldwater** died at age 89.

Holidays

Today is **Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day**, with celebrants placing pillows on the top of their refrigerator to usher in wealth and good luck.

Also celebrated today is **National Paperclip Day**, celebrating the well-known piece of curved wire that keeps our papers together and help us stay organized.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

As Sheriff of @CountyofLA, I share in the nation's outrage over the tragic death of George Floyd. Police brutality is unacceptable under any circumstances, and in order to gain the public's trust, we have to respect the very rule of law, we are sworn to uphold.
@LACoSheriff

Twitter.com/NorwalkPatriot

Students protest for in-person graduations

NLMUSD students say that the virtual ceremonies the district currently has planned aren't enough.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

NORWALK - Students of the Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District continued their pleas for graduation proceedings on Tuesday, escalating their push with a protest earlier this week

Representatives of the class of 2020 from John Glenn, Norwalk, La Mirada, El Camino, and Southeast Academy High schools chanted and waved signs outside of the NLMUSD office on Tuesday, pleading with district officials to grant them more than just a virtual graduation ceremony.

Large gatherings such as graduation ceremonies have been up in the air due to health and safety concerns surrounding COVID-19. Schools themselves closed back in March, with the official decision to close for the remainder of the academic year following in April.

Still, Nately Aguilar, an 18-year-old senior at Southeast Academy High School, said that the graduating class "deserves something."

"We worked hard all our years," said Aguilar. "I see everybody else get something, and we don't get anything...we deserve more than what we have now; it wasn't our fault we got closed"

Currently, the district is set to host a virtual graduation for all its high schools starting June 12. While the district has said that an in-person ceremony is possible should government mandates,



Photos by Alex Dominguez

restrictions, and guidelines be lifted, nothing has been promised as of writing.

In the meantime, seniors have been exceedingly vocal about their dissatisfaction with a virtual ceremony.

"At least a drive-thru graduation or something," said Omar Bonilla, a 17-year-old senior from Norwalk High School. "Anything is better than the virtual graduation."

"I think it's really unfair. We did 13 years of school; we've always waited for this moment. Anything is better than a virtual graduation at this point, maybe a later date in-person graduation ceremony, or even a drive-thru graduation; I think that would be fine, to satisfy us."

Bonilla added that he has seen other districts hold ceremonies while following guidelines.

"Other districts, they're doing in-person ceremonies but



with social distancing, masks, gloves," said Bonilla. "We can do that. If Walmart, Costco, all those stores are able to control all the people in their store, we can do the same here. It's like what? A one-hour, two-hour ceremony? Three hours? It's not going to be a huge deal."

Teen holding Instagram concert for healthcare workers

CERRITOS - In an effort to make a difference in the lives of healthcare and essential workers during the current pandemic, a local teen will hold the second of two online concerts this Saturday via Instagram.

Cerritos resident Alexis Shafira, 15, has been singing for around half of her young life. At the age of 7, Shafira learned that she had a blood disorder. Instead of giving in to her fear, she decided to give back with her voice.

"I started doing live performances in the hospitals," said Shafira.

Now, at the time of world-wide need, she has turned her attention to those on the frontline in the fight against coronavirus.

"I've been putting on concerts for essential workers

and healthcare workers, and those heroes out there putting their lives on the line," said Shafira. "This is something special I can do for them. I believe if you can make a person feel happy, just do it."

Her current endeavor is a partnership with Lilyan Paris Designs; in addition to the concert, six-layer specially designed facial masks will also be donated to those in need.

Her first concert was held on May 23, with another scheduled at the end of this week.



The concert can be viewed on Instagram Live at @alexisshafira

Cerritos College hosting virtual commencement ceremony

NORWALK - Cerritos College will host a virtual commencement ceremony for its graduating Class of 2020.

The asynchronous event will begin on June 23 and can be viewed online any time through June 30.

The college will present associate degrees and skills certificates to 5,300 students who completed their course of study during the 2019-2020 academic year. This represents a six percent increase in the number of graduates compared to the 2019 graduating class

which represents an increase of 120 percent in graduates since 2015.

Students will transition to some of the nation's top colleges and universities, including UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, California State Universities Northridge, Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Fullerton, among others.

"Although public health concerns restrict us from holding an in-person 2020 commencement ceremony, we will not lose the opportunity to celebrate our students'

accomplishments and hard work toward finishing their educational goals, whether they have earned a degree, earned a certificate, or are transferring to a four-year college," said Dr. Jose Fierro, president/superintendent.

"This year, we are proud to host a memorable virtual event for the Class of 2020 and their families to celebrate this significant milestone."

For more details, visit www.cerritos.edu/commencement.

THE PET SPOT

JUNE IS ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH

What Should I Consider Before Getting a Cat?

Establish Your Family's Roles - Did your kids beg for a cat and promise to do all the cleaning? While you should take this with a grain of salt, there's something for everyone in your family to do when it comes to pitching in. Just make sure that all family members have a clear understanding of their roles in the care-taking.

Plan for Costs - You're going to want to plan ahead and budget for all the care your cat will need, including visiting the veterinarian, buying supplies and paying for lodging while you travel. To get a sense of the financial resources you'll need, consult your veterinarian or local shelter.

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Your Lifestyle and Environment - Did you know the reason many cats are relinquished to shelters is their owner's living scenario? Whether it's roommates, moving, landlords or just not having enough space, factors related to your living space may make having a cat more difficult than you originally thought. Make sure that you have the permission of everyone in your living space before bringing a cat into your home. If it's not the right time for you, don't worry - there will be plenty of cats looking for homes when you do become ready.

Which Cat is Right for You? - A lot of people looking to adopt want to get the same type of cat they had when they were kids, without realizing that personality may be more important than breed or coloring. Some cats need more social time and attention, and some might be perfect for you if you have a busy lifestyle.

Where to Find Your New Cat - There are a number of sources you can look to when trying to find your new cat. Breeders and local shelters are just two of the many places where you can go to find the cat for you. We hope this helps you decide whether cat ownership is right for you.

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- Top 10% for GI Medical Treatment (2014-2019)
- Top 5% Patient Safety Excellence (2014-18)

- Healthgrades



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Always look for the third option

By Jackie Gingrich Cushman

“Stay shut or open up” is the current political argument. In its most simplistic form, it’s painted as a choice between saving lives (stay shut) or helping the economy (open up). As with many supposedly two-choice options, it’s both false and ill-framed. Just remember: When people give you two choices — it’s often a sign that they have not thought deeply enough about the problem and potential solutions — there are often many potential solutions.

Yes, we can focus on both saving lives and restarting the economy.

In early February, just as COVID-19 was being tracked as moving out of China and into other countries, I traveled to Korea. I had debated whether I should cancel my trip. It seemed to be a simple two-choice decision — go; no go. Instead, I chose a third option. I decided to travel with an N-95 mask and a container full of Lysol wipes. I wiped down the interior of the plane where I was sitting, wore my mask while in the airport and wiped all the surfaces in the hotel room. This was go — while taking precautions to mitigate risk.

While not everyone wore a mask while I was in Korea, most did. When I walked into a hotel for lunch, a computer scanned my body temperature, and it was double-checked by a masked attendant using a thermometer on my wrist.

I shook hands — but rarely. I washed my hands often and used hand sanitizer before eating. I skipped the shared breadbasket for reasons other than lightening up on carbohydrates.

The freedom to pursue happiness

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

The governors of all 50 states, and the mayors of many large cities, have assumed unto themselves the powers to restrict private personal choices and lawful public behavior in an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19.

They have done so not by enforcing previously existing legislation but by crafting their own executive orders, styling those orders as if they were laws, using state and local police to enforce those so-called laws and — presumably when life returns to normal and the courts reopen — prosecuting the alleged offenders in court.

It is hard to believe that any judge in America would permit a criminal trial of any person for violating a standard of behavior that has not been enacted into law by a legislature. We know this because under our system of representative government, separated powers and guaranteed liberties, only the legislative branch can craft laws and assign punishments for noncompliance. This is Constitutional Law 101. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch has written that the executive branch cannot enforce a law that it has written. If it does, we will have approached tyranny.

Have we approached tyranny already?

During the past eight weeks, governors and mayors have closed most businesses, public venues and houses of worship, prohibited public assembly and restricted travel — all of which they have unilaterally decreed to be nonessential.

In his terrifying novel “1984” — which posits a future of total control of all persons by the government and total control of the government by one political party — George Orwell argued that he who controls the meaning of words controls the laws as well.

That Orwellian truism has been manifested like never before here in America, where executive branch officeholders have used state and local police to restrain people from engaging in private and public behavior which they concede was lawful two months ago because today it is not deemed “essential.”

Frankly, I am surprised at the ferocity of police enforcement and

I made it home more knowledgeable about Korea and with new friends, much richer from the experience.

A few days later, my husband and our two children were holed up in various parts of our home, learning and working through technology. The shutdown had begun.

Decades from now, when the data can be analyzed with more detachment and less emotion, I believe that we will regard our reaction to COVID-19 as ill-informed and, well, reactionary, rather than thoughtful and useful. We decided there were two options. In our current political environment, one that is fueled by emotion, rage and judgment, a gut reaction, rather than thoughtful response, might be what we deserve.

This week, Avik Roy published an article in Forbes titled “43% of COVID-19 Deaths Are in Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Facilities Housing 0.6% Of U.S.” Roy was referencing a study he completed with Gregg Girvan for the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity. It’s rare to find a title that is informative and cuts cleanly to the takeaway of the author’s work. While we have heard that older people are more susceptible than others to COVID-19, we now know that age is not the only risk factor: Those who live in nursing homes and assisted living facilities (2.1 million Americans) die in greater percentages than those who live elsewhere, including those of the same age.

Yes, they may have been more fragile and in worse health to begin with, but they also shared space and staff with others. As we move forward, we should use this data to inform ourselves on how

the lameness of police compliance. The police have taken the same oaths to uphold the same Bill of Rights — it’s not the Bill of Safety; it’s the Bill of Rights — as have all other officeholders. The police also know that it is unlawful for them to obey an unlawful order, particularly when they use force.

The lockdown orders are all unlawful because none of them — none — has been enacted by a legislature, and all of them — all — interfere with fundamental liberties, each of which is guaranteed — guaranteed — by the Constitution.

Please don’t misunderstand me. I recognize the scientific value of personal efforts to control contagion. But under the Constitution, these social-distancing, wear-your-mask, shut-your-business, stay-at-home edicts constitute mere recommendations that should induce rational voluntary compliance, because the government in America is without lawful power to compel compliance.

The governors complain about resistance. They need to know that Americans will resist efforts to interfere in behavior that remains as moral, natural, lawful and constitutional as it was 60 days ago.

Last week, President Donald Trump, sounding fed up with gubernatorial lockdown orders, declared that religious worship is essential — meaning, in his opinion, all houses of worship should be opened — and he offered that he was prepared to “override” any governors who disagreed with him.

When he realized that he lacked any authority to override even unlawful gubernatorial decrees, he dispatched the Department of Justice to begin filing challenges to governors in federal courts and to argue that constitutional freedoms are being impaired by the states.

I applaud this, but it is too little, too late. Where was the DOJ when Catholic priests were threatened with arrest for saying Mass or distributing palms and when Jewish rabbis were put in COVID-19-infested jails for holding funerals? At all these religious events, folks freely chose to exercise their freedom to worship; and to take their chances.

These DOJ interventions provoked the question: Who should

to better screen visitors, workers and patients in these settings. We also now know that the shutdown has had many unintended negative consequences on health — missed health checkups, anxiety, weight gain, etc.

We know that the coronavirus is highly contagious. So, too, are optimism, courage and action. We should be optimistic about the future. Americans have historically been inventive, creative and persistent. We often fail — but we always get back up and try again. Let’s encourage one another to try to find another way if the first is not working, rather than yell at those who have failed. We should encourage ingenuity and action. We should be courageous and speak our mind — but more importantly, to listen to others without attacking them. Listening does not mean you agree with them, just that you respect them and understand they have a right to their opinion. This should be true especially if you believe they may be wrong. They have as much right to be wrong as any other American.

As for action, we definitely need to take action, but we need to base that action on what we have learned. Yes, we should venture out into the world while taking precautions, mitigating risk. It’s not a one-size-fits-all process — and we can’t all stay home forever. There is always a third, fourth or fifth option. We just have to figure them out.

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decide what goods, services or venues are essential — the states or the federal government? The question is Orwellian, as the answer is: neither of them. The government in America — state or federal — has no power and no right to determine what goods, services and venues are essential.

Those determinations have been for individuals to make since 1776, and those individual choices have been constitutionally protected from the feds since the Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791 and from the states since the 14th Amendment was ratified in 1868.

What is essential to the laborer or student or housewife may not be essential to the former Goldman Sachs partner who was elected governor of New Jersey, and who decreed last week, “It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State... to cooperate fully” with his orders, or essential to the ideologue who is mayor of the Big Apple and who, for all his professed liberality, threatened to close permanently — permanently — businesses and houses of worship that flaunt his guidelines.

A duty is undertaken voluntarily or by nature, not by executive command, Governor Murphy. And the government cannot take property away from its owners except for a legitimate public use and only for just compensation, Mayor de Blasio.

Governors and mayors can make all the dictatorial pronouncements and threats that they wish. But they cannot use public assets to enforce them. And when they seek to use force, those from whom they seek it should decline the offer.

In America, we decide for ourselves what produces happiness. We have never delegated to the government — ever — the power to make personal choices for us.

And some of us are willing to take chances and even do “nonessential” things. The essence of the freedoms for which we have fought since 1776 is the liberty to be ourselves.

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Have you considered a Libertarian?

By John Stossel

We have a choice!

Next presidential election, we don’t have to decide between two big-spending candidates, neither of whom has expressed much interest in limited government.

Now, we have a third serious choice. This week, Dr. Jo Jorgensen, a psychology lecturer at Clemson University, won the Libertarian Party’s presidential nomination.

OK, I won’t delude myself — a libertarian is unlikely to become president. But Jorgensen’s platform is a refreshing change.

She correctly points out that government “is too big, too bossy, too nosy, and way too intrusive.”

Of course, many candidates say that when running for office.

President Donald Trump said it, but once he was elected, he increased spending by half a trillion dollars, created a new military branch designed to protect U.S. interests in space, imposed tariffs and demanded more funds for “infrastructure” and “building a giant wall.”

Joe Biden wants to spend \$532 billion more, increasing spending on things like education, climate and health care.

By contrast, Jorgensen says government should do less and spend less.

She’s right. The founders’ insistence on limited government is what made America prosperous.

Jorgensen noticed how our big and cumbersome government slowed our response to the coronavirus.

“We had about 60 American companies making testing kits and the FDA only approved two,” she said in the final Libertarian Party debate. “What the president should have done was use the Emergency Powers Act and say, ‘FDA, you only have to prove safety, not efficacy. Get these kits out there.’”

If some tests don’t work, the free market will weed that out, says Jorgensen. “If you are a large drug company, you don’t want to put out a

drug or testing kit that doesn’t work — you’ll go bankrupt.”

Trump supported the latest multitrillion-dollar stimulus bill, saying, it “will deliver urgently needed relief to our nation’s families and workers.” Biden called for another stimulus — “a hell of a lot bigger.”

Jorgensen wouldn’t sign either bill. “Let the people keep their money,” she says. “Let them decide who should stay in business and who shouldn’t.”

She points out that government is not as good as individuals at deciding where money should go. “Government money usually goes to their friends and special interests and lobbyists.”

America’s most popular government program is probably Social Security. Created to help the minority of Americans who lived past age 65 at that time, it’s now an unsustainable handout to most older people. Social Security is going broke because people my age just keep living longer. Sorry. We won’t volunteer to die.

Jorgensen would save social security by offering everyone “an immediate opt-out,” something like the Cato Institute’s 6.2% solution, which would let individuals invest 6.2% of their payroll tax into a private retirement account.

While phasing the program out, she says seniors would be paid back what they’ve put in. “Sell those government assets, mineral rights,

water rights, buildings downtown,” she says. “Give that money to seniors.”

Finally, Jorgensen would end “these needless wars that caused the injuries or deaths of hundreds of thousands of American soldiers... and the waste of trillions of tax dollars.” She’d “make America one giant Switzerland, armed and neutral... no American military personnel stationed in foreign countries. No foreign aid. No loan guarantees.”

This is not pacifism, she says, “I am proposing an American military force ready and able to defend the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and all U.S. territories against foreign attackers.”

But like most libertarians, she doesn’t want America involved in foreign wars.

As the Libertarian Party’s presidential candidate, Dr. Jorgensen will be on the ballot in most states. Voters will have a real choice this November.

Libertarian ideas are very different from those held by today’s Democrats and Republicans. Instead of lusting for more money and power, her party proposes a government that keeps the peace and, mostly, leaves people alone.

Sounds good to me.

The War of the Masks

By R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

I see a war has broken out even as we talk of opening up our states’ economies. Perhaps I am overly sensitive, but I get the feeling there is serious disagreement between those who insist on covering their bodies to prevent the spread of the Wuhan virus and those who are taking their chances. The chance-takers wear no masks, no shields, no gloves and absolutely never don one of those all-covering, full-body protective outfits that leave one looking like an astronaut in the Bulgarian space program. The full coverage crowd I call the prophylactic wearers. The noncoverage crowd I call ... Well, I call them the noncoverage crowd.

Now, in this battle over what protective attire is to be worn in public, I intend to remain absolutely neutral. So far, as I have been able to ascertain, no one, neither among the prophylactic wearers nor among the noncoverage crowd, has taken me seriously on the one constructive recommendation that I have made during this crisis. I suggested early on, when Dr. Anthony Fauci and the pulchritudinous Dr. Deborah Birx were earnestly urging us to wash our hands after every possible exposure to the virus, we go all the way. I suggested that we wash our hands and our feet. Possibly even blow your nose. Thus far, I have heard nothing, not even from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, not even from the Dial soap manufacturers. Nada from the handkerchief manufacturers.

Thus, I am staying out of the to-cover or not-to-cover controversy. In fact, I am staying home. I have undertaken a book assignment, and I am perhaps the only person who has not been in the least discommoded by the public health authorities of late, with the possible exception of the president’s former lawyer Michael Cohen and his former campaign manager Paul Manafort. Both men have been released from prison because of the crisis and are finishing their sentences in the comfort of their own homes. I hope they at least will wash their hands and feet. What else do they have to do?

Yet friends tell me it is getting pretty acrimonious out there in the grocery stores and the pharmacies, where both sides in the protective attire battles are purchasing supplies. A lady told me the other day that she could not tell which side was more warlike. Both sides yelled at her when she stepped into the wrong lane.

water rights, buildings downtown,” she says. “Give that money to seniors.”

Finally, Jorgensen would end “these needless wars that caused the injuries or deaths of hundreds of thousands of American soldiers... and the waste of trillions of tax dollars.” She’d “make America one giant Switzerland, armed and neutral... no American military personnel stationed in foreign countries. No foreign aid. No loan guarantees.”

This is not pacifism, she says, “I am proposing an American military force ready and able to defend the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and all U.S. territories against foreign attackers.”

But like most libertarians, she doesn’t want America involved in foreign wars.

As the Libertarian Party’s presidential candidate, Dr. Jorgensen will be on the ballot in most states. Voters will have a real choice this November.

Libertarian ideas are very different from those held by today’s Democrats and Republicans. Instead of lusting for more money and power, her party proposes a government that keeps the peace and, mostly, leaves people alone.

Sounds good to me.

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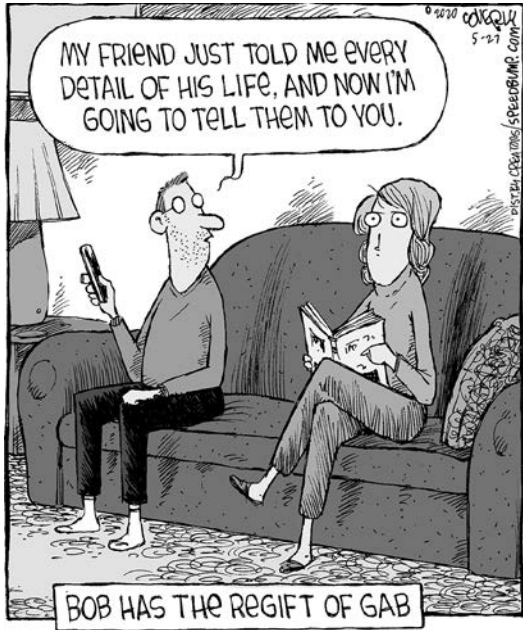
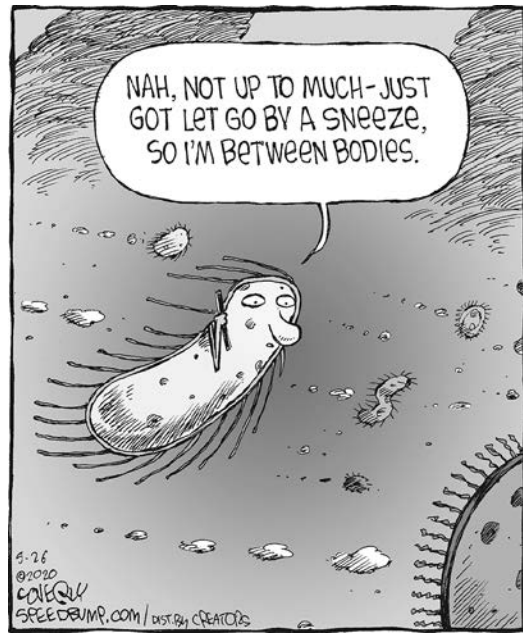
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LEGALS

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DELINQUENT REFUSE COLLECTION

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
Place: Via Videoconference, City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
Description: The Property Maintenance and Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board (BOARD) of the City of Norwalk will conduct a public hearing to receive and consider the Director of Finance's report on the delinquent refuse collection costs, copies of which are on file in the City Clerk's Office. At the time of the hearing, the BOARD shall hear all objections or protests of property owners liable to be assessed for the delinquent fees, and may make revisions to the report and recommendations to the City Council with regard to disposition of the delinquent fees. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Norwalk will conduct a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, to consider the recommendations of the BOARD. Upon confirmation by the City Council, delinquent refuse fees will constitute a lien on the property unless paid by July 31, 2020. After that date, the unpaid liens will be delivered to the County Auditor to be collected at the time and in the manner of other taxes on the property. **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 BOARD and City Council meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-35-20, which does allow for commissioners and/or staff to videoconference. As a precaution to protect both staff, our constituents, and commissioners, public access to the meeting in person is not allowed due to the Governor's Executive Orders. You may watch the meeting from home on Charter Channel 3, Verizon Fios Channel 32, or livestream through the City's website.

Additionally, as BOARD and City Council meetings are now closed to the public, if you wish to make a comment on the matter (during the meeting), you may provide input either by phone or electronically through the following procedures: 1) By emailing your comment to ggarcia@norwalkca.gov; please limit your comments to three (3) minutes maximum, which is the same time allotted at meetings, emails will be read during the meeting; or 2) By dialing into the GoToMeeting at 1-872-240-3412, Access Code 864-361-373, to speak on the matter; or 3) In writing that must be received prior to the meeting. **More Information:** Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed to Gaby Garcia, Management Analyst, at (562) 929-5964 or by email to ggarcia@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 Office 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 participation in the meeting or service.

Dated this 29th day of May 2020.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk

The Norwalk Patriot
5/29/20

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR AMI METER SYSTEM INSTALLATION – PHASE 2 PROJECT NO. 7438

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk, California ("City") invites sealed Bids for the Project. The City will receive such Bids at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Room 10, California 90650 up to **11:00 a.m. on June 17, 2020**, at which time they will be publicly

opened and read aloud.

SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of Work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the City Engineer.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting <https://www.norwalk.org/businesses/rfp-posts-list>. Potential Bidders may also obtain the Contract Documents for the Project at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Room No. 12, California 90650 for a non-refundable fee of \$24.50 per set, or \$34.50 per set if mailed. The City must receive payment before the Contract Documents will be provided. For questions regarding this project, contact the Engineering Division at (562) 929-5723.

REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)].

PREVAILING WAGES. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the Project is a "public work." The selected Bidder (Contractor) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are on file with the Director of Public Works, and are available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

BONDS. Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check or Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the City and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. Personal or company checks are not acceptable. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the City Attorney. Failure to enter into the Contract with the City, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, shall subject the Bid security to forfeiture to the extent provided by law.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class A or Class C-34 Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the successful Bidder must possess such a license at the time of Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

RETENTION SUBSTITUTION. Five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, and at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a State or federally chartered bank as escrow agent, which shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Project, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor. Alternatively, the Contractor may request that the City make payments of earned retentions directly to an escrow agent at the Contractor's expense. No such substitutions shall be accepted until all related documents are approved by the City Attorney.

BIDDING PROCESS. The City reserves the right to reject any Bid or all Bids, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid or in the bidding, as deemed to be in its best interest.

BY ORDER OF THE NORWALK CITY COUNCIL of the City of Norwalk, California this 19th day of May 2020.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Norwalk

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CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ADJUSTMENT OF FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
Place: Via Videoconference, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of Resolution No. 20-43, which would establish and/or adjust citywide fees and service charges, including, but not limited to, development fees such as applications for zone changes, conditional use permits and variances, park use fees, recreation class fees, regulatory business permits, pet license fees, utilities department fees, and facility rentals and other similar fees and charges. A copy of a Comprehensive User Fee Study showing the cost to the City to provide the services or process the permits for which the fees are imposed and prepared for the City by an independent firm is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

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 Orders N-25-20 and N-35-20, which does allow for City Council and/or staff to videoconference. As a precaution to protect both staff, our constituents, and commissioners, public access to the meeting in person is not allowed due to the Governor's Executive Orders. 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 the matter (during the meeting), you may provide input either by phone or electronically through the following procedures: 1) By emailing publiccomments@norwalkca.gov. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes maximum, which is the same time allotted at meetings; emails will be read during the meeting; or 2) By dialing into the GoToMeeting at +1 (872) 240-3212, Access Code 155-352-978, to speak on the matter. If you challenge the proposed matter, 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 Jana Stuard, Finance Director at (562) 929-5748, jstuard@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 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 participation in the meeting or service.

Dated this 29th day of May 2020.

Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk

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5/29/20, 6/5/20

CITY OF NORWALK PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 992 PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN NO. 1978

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Time: 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
Place: Videoconference, City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Description: For the Planning Commission to consider a request to extend entitlements for Conditional Use Permit No. 992 and Precise Development Plan No. 1978 to construct an approximately 3,675 square foot car wash in conjunction with an existing Costco warehouse and gasoline station, located at the northeast corner of Hoxie Avenue and Imperial Highway in the General Commercial (C-3) Zone, 12500 Hoxie Avenue.

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 consists of in-fill development projects on sites no more than 5-acres substantially surrounded by urban areas. A Notice of Categorical Exemption (Class 32) was filed on April 26, 2017, during the project's original request.

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 Planning Commission meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, which does allow for Planning Commission and/or staff to videoconference. As a precaution to protect both staff, our constituents, and commissioners, public access to the meeting in person is not 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 Planning Commission 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, no later than 6 p.m. on the day of the meeting through the following procedures: 1) By emailing planning@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 three (3) minutes maximum, which is the same time allotted at meetings, emails will be read during the meeting; or 2) By dialing into the GoToMeeting at 1-872-240-3412, Access Code 467-786-773, to speak on an item or under Oral Communications. 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 Stacey A. Morales, Assistant Planner at (562) 929-5375 or smorales@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 Community Development Department at (562) 929-5744. 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 participation in the meeting or service.

Dated this 29th day of May 2020.

John P. Ramirez, AICP
Director of Community Development

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5/29/20

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00029

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GENE ARYIN GUZMAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) GENE ARYIN GUZMAN or Proposed name (1) GENE ARYIN ARROYAS THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. **NOTICE OF HEARING Date: MARCH 25, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312** The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 90650. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, The Norwalk Patriot JANUARY 24, 2020 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per GENE ARYIN GUZMAN 205 LEUCADIA RD LA HABRA HEIGHTS, CA 90631 714-397-3651

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 19-3462 Loan No.: *****6680 APN: 8082-014-042 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/31/2006, 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of 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 below. 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 and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustee: UWM B. UMOREN A SINGLE MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES Recorded 9/12/2006 as Instrument No. 06-2022874 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 6/12/2020 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$175,638.07 Street Address or other designation of real property: 15619 SEAFORTH AVENUE NORWALK CALIFORNIA 90650 A.P.N.: 8082-014-042 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, 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 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 the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, 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 (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 20-00065. 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 on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT if the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Further, if the foreclosure sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be limited only to a return of the deposit paid and shall have no further recourse or remedy against the Mortgagee, Mortgagee, or Trustee herein. If you have previously been discharged in bankruptcy, you may have been release of personal liability for this loan in which case this notice is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are notified that a negative credit reporting may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligation. For Trustee's Sale dates, bid and postponement information, please call (916) 939-0772 or visit www.nationwideposting.com. For any other inquiries, including litigation or bankruptcy matters, please call or fax to (877) 770-2132. Date: 5/15/2020 Real Property Trustee, Inc. Mike Kemel, Trustee Sale Officer Real Property Trustee, Inc. 9107 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 450 Beverly Hills, CA 90210 NPP0370269 To: NORWALK PATRIOT 05/22/2020, 05/29/2020, 06/05/2020

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CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING STREET VACATION NO. 88 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 182 ZONE CHANGE NO. 361 SIGN USE PERMIT NO. 315 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Time: 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
Place: Via Teleconference, City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Description: For the Planning Commission to make recommendations on the following applications filed by Evergreen Media, LLC. ("Applicant"): a request to allow the construction of an off-premise, digital billboard sign on a City owned property. The location of the proposed development is a portion of Firestone Boulevard (previously used as street right-of-way), located south of Firestone Boulevard, south of Rosecrans Avenue, as described in detail in the attached exhibit ("project site"). The project site does not have zoning nor General Plan Land Use designations. The request includes the following:

1. Vacate a portion of former Firestone Boulevard right-of-way for other City purposes;
2. Designate the project site as General Commercial in the City's General Plan;
3. Designate the project site as General Commercial (C-3) zone on the City's Zoning Map;
4. Allow the construction of an 80-foot tall, off-premise digital billboard sign containing two (2) screens; and
5. Approve a development agreement between the City and the Applicant to establish an easement and allow the construction for the billboard on a City owned property.

Final action regarding this project will be taken by the City Council at a subsequent public hearing.

Environmental Review Information: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposed project. Final action regarding the Negative Declaration will be taken by the City Council. The Negative Declaration was circulated beginning on October 25, 2019 and ending on November 14, 2019.

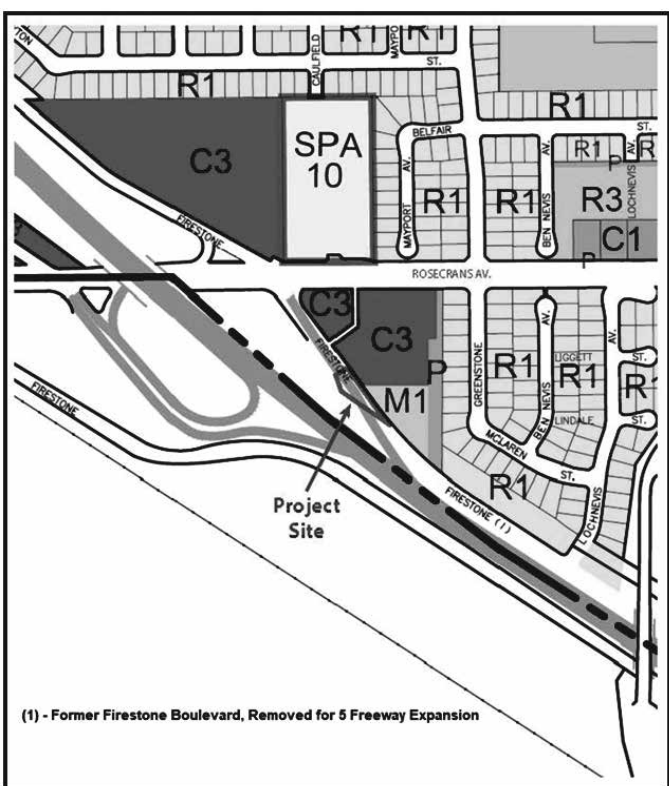
Public Comment: Interested persons may review the agenda report for the above-described project at the City's webpage at: <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/meeting-agendas-393>. Until further notice, the Planning Commission meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, which does allow for Planning Commission and/or staff to teleconference. As a precaution to protect both staff, our constituents, and commissioners, 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 Planning Commission 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 planning@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 three (3) minutes maximum, which is the same time allotted at meetings, emails will be read during the meeting; or 2) By dialing into the GoToMeeting at 1-872-240-3412, Access Code 467-786-773, to speak on an item or under Oral Communications. 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 Beth Chow, Senior Planner, at (562) 929-5953 or bchow@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 Community Development Department at (562) 929-5744. 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 participation in the meeting or service.
Dated this 22nd day of May 2020.

John P. Ramirez, AICP
Director of Community Development

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



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Swordsmen prepare for 2020 season with home workouts

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Defensive coordinator Virgil has been with Zepeda for 15 years.

"Our relationship is special and he is like my big brother," Virgil said. "I met coach when I was 22 and a graduate assistant at East L. A. College.

"He just kind of took me under his wing."

Vigil has been with Zepeda during the turn-around in the last seven years from a 1-9 team in 2013 to last year's team.

"The biggest thing was that the players decided that they were not going to lose. The coaches decided they were not going to lose. Our work ethic has always been the same and the biggest tradition at St. Paul is winning."

Vigil and offensive coordinator Danny Hernandez have been holding zoom meetings for the players.

"The most important thing was just making sure we don't change the ordinary," Vigil said. "The beauty of this thing (pandemic) is we have the opportunity to reach the guy that played baseball or ran track. Those are the things that are the brighter part of it now, since we can now reach them better."

Recently, a few of the players worked out at the home of St. Paul supporters, Jim and Sue Willson - social distancing of course was followed. The Willson's son, Chris, was a St. Paul graduate, who played quarterback for the Swordsmen. He went on to play baseball at Wake Forest and football at USC. His sister, Liz, is a graduate of South Hills and the University of Kansas.

Chris Willson was on varsity in the 2007-'09 seasons and was quarterback in 2009 under the guidance of Ancich.

Chris Willson, who remembers Marion Miller, one of the four athletes that worked out at his parents house, as a 6th grader.

"He was an absolute beast and he has great speed. He is poised to have a great year," said Willson by phone from South Dakota.

Willson started the Community Outreach Program, a fundamentals foundation and donated helmets to the teams. He was head coach of the So Cal Trojans (6-12 year old levels) in 2017 in the Snoop Dogg League. "That's when I learned my work ethics. There was a lot of pride there."

The Willson's have the perfect setup in a spacious backyard and the players took advantage with some work on the ropes, sledge hammer, giant tire, weights and jump rope.

Incoming seniors, Isaiah Castillo, Daniel Pallan, Brandon Cortez and Miller all worked up quite a sweat before sitting down for an interview.

All three seniors were named to the All Del Rey League first team last season.

Marion Miller, Jr., Offensive line - Miller, a 6-5, 345 pound guard this past season, who lives in Los Angeles, has quick reactions and can jump rope with the best of them. Miller is the oldest of three boys and started playing football at eight and is an avid San Francisco 49er fan. He was elated when his cousin, Richard Sherman, signed with the bay area team. He has two uncles, Terry Adolph, Jr. and Mose Adolph, who were

drafted by the NBA's Portland Trailblazers and Golden State Warriors, respectively.

A highlight for Miller was meeting Rams Hall of Fame member, Jackie Slater, at his camp at Azusa Pacific University last summer.

"Jackie was watching me the whole time," said Miller, who didn't know who Slater was at the time until he googled his name. "It was an honor to meet him and work with him."

Miller was elated to finally see some of his teammates.

"It was great seeing the guys again, building up our leadership and brotherhood. We haven't seen each other since March."

Miller had a memory from last season which is still fresh on his mind. "During our championship game practice during the week, we were all lacking on our P's and Q's and coach pulled us aside, after he made us run, and he said 'you may not get another shot at this and take every moment like it's your last'. That stuck with me ever since."

Daniel Pallan, Cornerback/linebacker/safety - Pallan, who lives in La Puente, also runs track in the 100, 200 and 400 and the long jump. Pallan was seen by the current St. Paul freshman coach when he was playing for the youth team, West Covina Bruins. A big moment early in the life of Pallan came at the age of six. He was misdiagnosed with Cancer with a tumor in his leg. He has fully recovered.

"This is a great chance to push each other and get better," said Pallan, of the brief workout. "Just practicing with my brothers makes me go harder."

"We're just trying to finish off of last season. Losing that

was tough. I'll be ecstatic if we could get started back to practice."

Isaiah Castillo, Defensive end - Castillo also played baseball as a freshman and a sophomore at catcher. He didn't play this past season so he could concentrate more on football.

Castillo is from a St. Paul family, as his uncles went there and also his brother, David, who was an outside linebacker.

"We just have to work hard this year and come out strong," Castillo said. "We've been going on zoom and working out. It's different. Looking at each other, it's crazy."

"As a senior, it's the best year of your life. On Friday's, it's everyone's big day and you're glowing that day. St. Paul Friday is not like any other school's Friday."

Brandon Cortez, Safety - In 2019, Brandon played his first season on varsity. He has Type 1 Diabetes and has to constantly check to see if his blood pressure is too high or too low. He is a scholar athlete in honor classes with a 4.5 GPA.

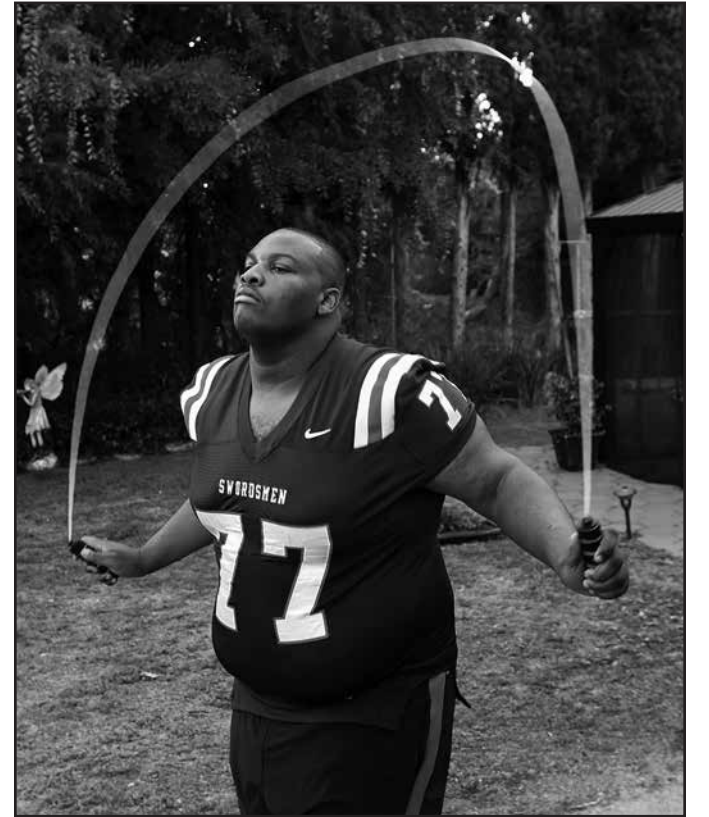
He played baseball as a junior and plays middle infield.

"It's so important for everyone to be a team right now and get on each other to keep working," Cortez said. "We all want to be on a certain path right now and don't want anyone to fall behind."

"It's great to be here working out," Cortez said. "I've got a Smith machine at home and have been working out."

"There is a lot of tradition here and I'm looking forward to it in my senior year."

Cortez has a brother that is



(Photo by Keith Durlinger)

two years older than him and played defensive end and also threw the shot put on the track team.

"This (Coronavirus) is something we've never really experienced at all, but we all have to get through it."

"It's a big family and it's amazing here at St. Paul and looking forward to it. Friday Night Lites is the best day of the week here at St. Paul."

And finally, Friday and Saturday is an interesting online contest that has been capturing the attention of schools up and down the state.

The California Coaches Association has been holding an online contest called the

California Helmet Tourney.

Sixty four schools started the competition and it has come down to St. Paul's helmet versus a school from Northern California - Aptos. It's the Swordsmen vs. the Mariners.

Along the way, St. Paul's helmets defeated Edison, Servite, Briggs and another local football power - none other than the Bishop Amat Lancers. The Swordsmen defeated the Lancers online in the Elite Eight.

Now, if only St. Paul could get Amat to play them on the field again!

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Is it just me, or does it seem as if we are living in a terrible late night science fiction movie? Today I am writing about the importance of masks and gloves. In our everyday life!

This morning I went out on a long hike in our beautiful Santa Monica Mountains with my wife... keeping our distance, and wearing a mask. This is now allowed, but is it safe? Just how do we stay safe during a global pandemic?



Why wear a mask? Two great reasons: it benefits ourselves, and it benefits those around us. A family member, friend, or stranger may have the COVID-19 virus, display no symptoms at all, and continue to walk, shop, or work alongside us. The virus is living in their nose and mouth and can be projected into their immediate environment. And, if *you* happen to be the one who has the virus, with or without symptoms, you may be inadvertently be sharing your virus-containing droplets with others.

It is important to remember that our becoming ill requires that we receive a large enough dose of the virus. The closer we are physically to the carrier, the larger the dose. The sicker the carrier is, the greater the dose. That is why distance, in addition to wearing a mask, is critical.

We keep hearing about six feet. There's nothing magical about that distance; seven is better, and five not as good. Outdoors is safer, because the virus is diluted by a higher volume of air, and by air current. Enclosed spaces like restaurants, homes or yoga studios lead to a higher density of any virus that might be present.

Even an imperfect mask will block some or most of the virus-containing droplets. Most masks will filter out large droplets, even if they imperfectly filter smaller particles. Some masks are more effective than others. A properly fitted N95 mask, while most effective, is still in short supply even for medical personnel on the front lines. A surgical mask is loose fitting and disposable. They are not to be shared, do not act as a complete barrier, and were never intended to be used more than once.

The best choice? A mask made of high thread count cotton, with another layer of polyester, which

has a snug fit. It can be washed and reused.

Note that the virus resides in the both the nose and the mouth. A mask must cover both! How the mask is worn is critical. Gaps along the mask edge can degrade its performance by as much as 50%. While getting the virus through

the eyes is possible, it is far less likely to be the route of entry for most of us. (Health care professionals and others in the line of duty are wearing eye shields.)

What about gloves? Even though the major route of transmission appears to be through airborne droplets, the current wisdom is that this virus can live on surfaces for up to three days. We touch a lot of surfaces wherever we go - doorknobs, elevator buttons, streetlight buttons, counters, grocery packaging, toilet handles, sink handles, etc. If we touch any of these and then touch our face, it is possible to transfer any virus present to our eyes, nose or mouth. We might then touch someone or something and spread the virus even further.

What if we were wearing gloves? They become contaminated, instead of our hands. Let me restate that. Gloves are not automatically sterile. They can become contaminated, just like our hands. How many times have you seen someone wearing gloves touch their face or clothing? Those gloves are no longer clean.

A benefit of gloves is that they do remind us that we are attempting to stay sterile, and we tend to be less likely to touch our face or anything else. Gloves can be easily thrown away. If you intend to be at, perhaps, a store where virus might be living on surfaces, feel free to wear gloves - any type of rubber gloves - but be aware that they are no longer sterile the moment they touch anything.

Let's continue to do our best to NOT get infected. COVID-19 is unpredictable, and has hospitalized and killed both young and old. Testing is not reliable, and we still don't understand enough about antibodies and future immunity to count on that. For now, I urge you to use a mask, wear gloves when appropriate, avoid being with others in small spaces without good circulation, and maintain that six-foot distancing. I wish for you the very best of health.

When you're called back to work, but the kids are still home

Good news: Businesses are reopening and employees are returning to work. But with schools and daycare centers still closed, who will watch the kids?

Across the country, workers find themselves between a rock and a hard place. Do they go back to work, leaving children home unsupervised? Do they stay home, risking their jobs or their unemployment benefits? What should working parents do without childcare?

Workers who can do their jobs from home should be able to continue doing that. Merely because the office is open doesn't mean employees are required to be there.

"Legally, the employer is obligated to allow workers to continue working remotely, in the interest of public safety," says employment attorney Ronald Zambrano of West Coast Trial Lawyers in Los Angeles.

But what about jobs that can't be done from home? That's a more difficult call, Zambrano says. "If possible, the employer should try to make accommodations -- such as allowing the employee to work a later shift at a time someone is home to watch the children."

Workers who can't be accommodated should be kept on payroll, Zambrano says. "It could be considered wrongful termination to fire a worker who can't return because of childcare issues. California law says that an employer isn't allowed to terminate workers in violation of public policy, and public policy should call for the workforce to be maintained in this difficult time."

Laws enacted by Congress in response to the pandemic provide some compensation for workers without alternative childcare, says high-profile employment attorney Genie Harrison. "The

parent of a young child didn't know harm might occur if that child was left alone," she adds. "It becomes trickier if an older sibling is at home. How old must the sibling be? Is it reasonable to rely on an older child to watch a younger child?"

California law doesn't specify what age a child is considered old enough to be home alone or caring for other children. The National SAFEKIDS Campaign opposes leaving children under 12 home alone. And while a 12 year old may be mature enough to care for younger children for a few hours, requiring a pre-teen or even younger teenager to take on childcare responsibility for eight-to-10 hours a day, five days a week, is probably asking too much.

Yeretsian says accidents can happen even when parents work from home. "We know that it takes less than a minute for something bad to happen -- for a child to fall into a pool or wander off -- even when adults who should be supervising are nearby." That kind of a lapse, she says, shouldn't be grounds for

criminal charges against a parent. "It could happen to anybody, even the most protective parent," but knowingly leaving a child could subject a parent to charges of child abandonment or child endangerment.

"It's really a Catch-22," says Yeretsian. "Lawmakers need to provide protections so that parents aren't forced to make an untenable choice."

Zambrano wants legislators to fix this problem by expanding unemployment insurance as they did during the Great Recession -- when the state extended benefits for up to a year.

"This class of workers can't return to work because of circumstances beyond their control," Zambrano says. "Their failure to return isn't insubordination; it's a matter of public safety. No employer should want workers with young children home unsupervised."

Written by Terry Kaufman and distributed by Newsroom Newswire, a service of Newsroom PR.

Family Medical Leave Expansion Act protects you if you can't work or telework because you need to care for a child whose school or daycare has been closed or whose care provider is unavailable because of the virus."

Employees are entitled to 12 weeks of paid leave, the first 10 days of which may be unpaid. After that, employees on leave are entitled to at least two-thirds of their regular pay based on the number of hours they would otherwise work. After the leave ends, the employer must restore an employee to his or her prior position.

The expansion act, however, isn't available to employees who work for companies that employ more than 500 workers. For workplaces with fewer than 25 employees, an employer is not required to rehire a worker if his or her previous position no longer exists because of the pandemic, as long as the company makes reasonable efforts to restore the worker to an equivalent position.

What if a worker returns to work and leaves a child home? "California makes it a crime to willfully expose a child to the likelihood of physical harm, or to knowingly place a child in an unsafe situation," advises criminal defense attorney Lara Yeretsian.

"It would be hard to argue that

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Freeway hit-and-run leaves two dead

DOWNEY - A deadly hit-and-run crash that killed two people was caught on dashcam video on Sunday afternoon.

It happened shortly after 2:30 p.m. at the Paramount exit on the 5 Freeway in Downey.

A white Fiat appeared to clip a red sedan and sent it spiraling off the freeway and slamming into a tree.

The man and woman who were traveling in the red vehicle were killed and the Fiat took off from the scene.

The suspect was arrested after independent news photographer Hector Gerardo witnessed the crash and followed him, while calling 911.

"The red car was just on its own driving normally and the white car was going in and out of lanes," Gerardo said. "Thirty seconds later, he starts to move

over to the right and clips the red car. I yelled pretty loudly and I was like, wow I can't believe this is happening and just, I did what I had to do, either I pull over and try to help people which in my mind I knew they were beyond what I could do and so my best instinct was to go forward and follow the suspect."

Police caught up to the suspect near Florence Avenue and Studebaker Road, about three miles from the crash scene.

California Highway Patrol said the driver did not appear under the influence of drugs or alcohol, but will likely face felony hit-and-run charges.

"Unfortunately those two people who were just traveling down the freeway, their lives were taken away from them," Gerardo said.

Disney World proposes summer reopening

ORLANDO - Walt Disney World presented a plan for a phased reopening of its parks after shuttering for months during the coronavirus pandemic.

The company proposed reopening Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom Park on July 11, 2020, and reopening Epcot and Hollywood Studios on July 15, 2020, before the Orange County Economic Recovery Task Force Wednesday.

The task force approved the plans, which now need approval from Gov. Ron DeSantis.

The proposal also details how Disney plans to hold a soft opening for "select" guests as a way to test out the safety protocols prior to these mid-July dates. Once reopened, the parks would require guests to book

reservations before their arrival.

Disney World would implement a number of safety protocols, including required face coverings for guests and employees, barriers to encourage physical distancing, more frequent cleaning protocols and temperature screenings, among others.

With 77,000 workers, Disney World is central Florida's biggest employer.

"We believe our reopening plan reflects a very thoughtful, methodical and phased approach," said Jim McPhee, the senior vice president of operations at Walt Disney World.

SeaWorld also presented an opening plan and proposed June 11 as an opening date.

Disney began a phased

reopening of the Disney Springs dining and shopping district on May 20. The Orlando-area complex reopened with limited capacity, parking and operating hours, and all employees and visitors over the age of 2 are required to wear face coverings.

Earlier this month, Shanghai Disneyland became the first of Disney's theme park resorts to reopen, with severe limits on the number of visitors allowed in, mandatory masks and temperature checks.

The company has not announced a proposal to reopen Disneyland in California.

Greek Theatre cancels 2020 season

The storied Greek Theatre is canceling its 2020 season for the first time in 90 years because of restrictions on gatherings during the coronavirus pandemic, the facility announced Tuesday.

The Greek's summer calendar listed performances by acts such as Gladys Knight, AWOLNATION, the Gipsy Kings and Smokey Robinson.

All have been now canceled or rescheduled. An update on which events have been postponed, canceled or rescheduled is available here.

The 5,900 seat outdoor venue in Griffith Park is owned by the city of Los Angeles and managed by SMG.

"Although we had hoped to celebrate our 90th Anniversary Season of providing live entertainment for the citizens of Los Angeles we feel it is the right, responsible and safe thing for fans, artists, staff and our Griffith Park community to put a pause on live, large crowd events until 2021," said AP Diaz, executive officer of the city's Recreation and Parks department.

Other venues in Los Angeles have also made widespread cancellations as the county's coronavirus restrictions continue to ban large gatherings such as concerts and sporting events, with no definitive date when they might be allowed again.

The Hollywood Bowl has already announced the cancellation of its 2020 season, as has the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association.

Citadel Outlets reopens with safety measures

COMMERCE - Citadel Outlets reopened its doors to shoppers Thursday with new physical distancing and safety measures in place.

Stores have been asked to limit the number of guests in stores, create one-way aisles, offer contactless payment methods, and implement frequent cleaning routines. In addition, 18 stores currently offer curbside pickup.

The shopping center has also implemented additional safety measures including more frequent sanitizing efforts in common areas and all high-touch areas such as food court tables, door handles, and bathrooms.

Plexiglass shields at Customer Service centers, contactless bathroom amenities,

and hand sanitizer stations have also been placed throughout the center.

All seating has been rearranged six-feet apart and distancing reminder decals are placed at areas and stores that may have lines. All center employees are also required to wear face coverings, test their temperatures daily, and follow hygienic practices.

Stores have been asked to follow recommended measures such as limiting the number of guests in stores, creating one-way aisles, offering contactless payment methods and implementing frequent cleaning routines.

The center will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Las Vegas hotels will start reopening next week

LAS VEGAS - MGM Resorts will reopen Bellagio, New York-New York, and its other hotels in Las Vegas next week.

The company - which also owns MGM Grand and The Signature - said Wednesday the hotels will offer limited amenities upon reopening, but "as demand for the destination builds, additional venues within these resorts will open and other MGM Resorts properties on The Strip will reopen."

Pools and fitness centers are among the facilities scheduled to be opened, the company said.

As part of MGM Resorts' safety plan, employees will undergo screening, temperature checks and COVID-19 training

and will be required to wear masks.

Guests at MGM Resorts properties will be "strongly encouraged" to wear masks, but in settings where physical distancing is not feasible, guests will be required to do so, the company said.

Standalone hand-washing stations will be located on casino floors and guests will be able to access "contactless" check-in services via the MGM Resorts app.

If a guest tests positive for COVID-19 after visiting MGM Resorts, the company is asking to be notified via a special email address.

"Our hearts go out to everyone in the communities where we operate, and around the world, who has been personally impacted during this time of crisis," said Bill Hornbuckle, MGM Resorts' Acting CEO and President. "As we plan for these openings, the health and safety of our guests and employees is at the forefront of all we do. Getting many of our employees back to work and welcoming guests through our doors once again will allow us to do what we do best - entertain. The team is ready and we can't wait."

In addition to MGM Resorts' properties, several other Vegas hotels and casinos are hoping to reopen by late June.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Metro Notice of Availability (NOA) of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) **Caltrans**

I-105 ExpressLanes Project Area
 California Department of Transportation
 District 7, Los Angeles

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED? The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) are evaluating alternatives to convert the existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to dynamically-priced, high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes, also called ExpressLanes, in the eastbound and westbound directions of Interstate 105 (I-105) in Los Angeles County from the terminus of the existing HOV lanes west of Interstate 405 (I-405) in the City of Los Angeles to Studebaker Road in the City of Norwalk. The I-105 ExpressLanes Project (Project) limits include installation of a new overhead tolling system and signage. Caltrans, as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration, is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

WHY THIS NOTICE? Caltrans has studied the effects that the proposed Project may have on the environment and community. The results of these studies are summarized in an environmental document known as a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA). The supporting Draft EIR/EA and Project Report technical studies, as well as printed copies of the aforementioned reports, are available upon request. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of these draft documents to any interested individuals, to provide the public an opportunity to comment, and to notify the public of an online presentation and Q&A (details below). *Note: questions submitted for the Q&A will not be part of the official comment record. Please submit your comments in writing no later than Monday, July 6, 2020 to:*

Ronald Kosinski, Deputy District Director
 Caltrans District 7
 Division of Environmental Planning
 100 S Main St, MS-16A, Los Angeles, CA 90012

WHERE AND WHEN? Based on Governor Newsom's executive order, as well as recommendations from the California Department of Public Health to stay at home, except as needed, in-person public hearings will not be held to maintain social distancing requirements. However, you can join a live presentation with Q&A via the web or phone on **Thursday, June 11, 2020, 6pm**. For more details on the live presentation, visit the project website (metro.net/105ExpressLanes) or virtual open house tool (105virtualforum.com). You may also listen live in English by dialing the following number: **213-458-5634, Pin: 433-164-484#**. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact the Project Team at 213-922-6565 at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled presentation date.

For more information, please contact us at 213-922-6565 or 105ExpressLanes@metro.net. Thank you for your interest in this project!