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New program allows outdoor dining for Norwalk restaurants

Norwalk's new program is intended to help restaurants operate even as strict coronovirus protocols are still in place.

By Alex Dominguez **Staff Writer**

NORWALK - Restaurants feeling the strain of strict reopening protocols post-COVID-19 will be able to relieve some of the stress, thanks to a new outdoor dining program approved by City Council on Tuesday.

Even as the economy attempts to reopen itself after a months-long coronavirus stall, restaurants have still not been given full clearance to operate at normal capacity.

Instead, Los Angeles County is still limiting dining establishments to decreased occupancy (60%) and limited party size, with social distancing measures still in effect.

However, Norwalk's new Temporary Outdoor Dining program will allow some outdoor dining options for sit-down establishments.

With the new program, a maximum of 40% of the existing on-site parking spaces required to serve the restaurant may be converted to outdoor dining

Restaurants will still need to obtain a permit from the city in order to participate, and follow a set list of guidelines, including:



The Temporary Outdoor Dining program allows restaurants to potentially expand service into the parking lot with certain conditions applied. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

All indoor and outdoor accessible by the general public, seating must be spaced at least six feet apart,

outdoor dining area must be made safe for dining by using signage and barriers, and, if necessary, temporarily modifying the traffic flow on the property,

A significant physical (such as concrete barrier planters, etc.) to separate and secure the outdoor dining area from parking areas, walkways,

A maintained accessible path of travel for any areas within All areas utilized for the outdoor dining area that are accessible to patrons at all times,

> Maintain ADA accessibility into and around all dining areas, and

Fire and emergency exits must always remain accessible and free from obstruction.

Access to and from public rights-of-way can also not be other outdoor spaces blocked or modified unless

approved by the City though issuance of an encroachment

Restaurants wishing to serve alcohol in their outdoor area must first obtain a California Department of Alcohol and Control Beverage COVID-19 Temporary Catering Authorization License from the

The program will expire December 31 of this year, unless extended or terminated early.

Norwalk wrestler's career Norwalk passes FY culminates at State



Nathan Ramos represented Norwalk High School Wrestling at the State level. (Photo by Keith Durflinger)

Although he didn't come away with a title, Nathan Ramos walked away from State competition satisfied in his career.

By John Sherrard Contributor

NORWALK - Norwalk High School wrestler Nathan Ramos may not have won a state title in his senior year of competition, but he realized a big goal in just getting to the last tournament of the season.

"I was happy to make it to the finals in state," Ramos said. "State was a really cool experience. I really started liking the grind to keep advancing.

I knew it was the real deal. When they started getting into the semifinals, every match went down to the wire. It was quite an experience. Everyone was so good at that level."

Ramos had known in state that his years of wrestling had all paid off for that moment.

"Toward the end, I felt happy to make it to the end and all of the hard work and dedication,"

The CIF State Championships were held February 27-29 at Merchant Bank Arena in Bakersfield, which is the mecca of high school wrestling.

"Nathan is an outstanding wrestler and a very hard worker in the room," Norwalk coach Francisco Soto said. "He was a pleasant surprise. He had a lot of ups and downs in the season and when he had to wrestle his best, he wrestled his best. That's all you can ask from an athlete sometimes. That when they need to step up and perform and that they do and that's what he did and that's how he made it to the state finals."

Ramos, who also plays football at the offensive and defensive tackle position, had a big transformation heading

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2020/21 budget

By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

NORWALK - Norwalk City Council approved the city's Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget at their meeting on Tuesday, totaling over \$158 million in expenditures.

The budget is split between over \$55 million in general funds, and over \$103,725,000 in restricted funds.

The General Fund represents 35% of the city's entire spending

Major components of the FY 20/21 budget include:

- The general fund revenue estimates, currently projected to increase by \$6.5 million to a total of \$53.2 million,
- Departmental revenues, which - with the exception of those collected by Public Safety and Community Development - are expected to decrease by a total of \$723 thousand, and
- Additional available resources of \$640 thousand resulting from loan principal repayments and release of the committed fund balance.

Due to the economic impact of COVID-19, the level of provided services had to be adjusted to match available operating revenues in both current and upcoming fiscal years. As a result, FY 2020/21 proposed General Fund operating expenditures will increase only by 1%, \$350 thousand from already lowered current fiscal year levels.

In fact, the initially proposed FY 2020/21 operating and capital outlay budget of \$51.3 million was reduced by \$3.7 million (7%) from the originally anticipated pre-COVID-19 budget of \$55 million. As such, all departments - with the exception of Public Safety, which increased by \$1.3 million - will operate in FY 2020/21 with reduced operating budgets.

Further explanation of the city's upcoming budget can be found on the city's website, with the agenda from this week's meeting.

The budget was approved unanimously.

Norwalk COVID-19 statistics: 781 cases 26 deaths

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

Updated numbers as of 8 pm on Tuesday, June 16.

Norwalk <u>restaurant</u> grades

Coffee Code

13250 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 6/15/20 Grade: A

RT Kitchen Snacks and More

15714 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 6/11/20 Grade: A

KFC

12959 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 6/11/20 Grade: A

ABC Donuts 10620 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 6/11/20 Grade: A

Jamba Juice

12305 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 6/10/20 Grade: A

Subway

11782 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 6/10/20 Grade: A

Pizza Hut

12125 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 6/10/20 Grade: A

Rainbow Donuts

12307 Imperial Hwy. Date Inspected: 6/10/20 Grade: A

In n Out

14330 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 6/9/20 Grade: A

Subway

13019 Rosecrans Date Inspected: 6/9/20 Grade: A

Candlelight Bakery

10965 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 6/9/20 Grade: A

Taco Bell

13410 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 6/9/20 Grade: A

Starbucks 13001 Rosecrans Ave.

Date Inspected: 6/9/20 Grade: A

Randy's Donuts

10989 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 6/9/20

Grade: A

Spoon Me Latin Delights 14431 Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 6/9/20 Grade: A

Little Caesars

13019 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 6/9/20

Grade: A

Donut King

12000 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 6/9/20 Grade: A

Las Aguilas Bakery 12834 1/2 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 6/9/20 Grade: A

Subway 10995 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 6/9/20

Grade: A Jack in the Box

11353 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 6/8/20 Grade: A

Subway

11005 Firestone Blvd. Date Inspected: 6/8/20 Grade: A

Chuck E Cheeses 10949 Firestone Blvd.

Date Inspected: 6/8/20 Grade: A

Zury's Raspados 11405 Firestone Blvd. Inspected: 6/8/20 Grade: A

Weekend at a Glance

Friday

Saturday **76**

Sunday



ON THIS DAY

JUNE 19

1862:

Congress nullified the Supreme Court decision Dredd Scot v. Sandford, prohibiting slavery in U.S. territories.

1865:

Two years after the passage of the Emancipation Proclamation, slaves in Galvenston, Texas, are finally informed of their freedom. This anniversary is celebrated in Texas and 41 other states as Juneteenth.

1910:

The first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Washington.

1943:

season due to player shortages caused by World War II.

The NFL's Philadelphia Eagles and

Pittsburgh Steelers merged for one

1949:

1961:

The first NASCAR race was held at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Kuwait declared independence from

the United Kingdom.

1964: The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed following an 83-day filibuster in the U.S.

1978:

"Garfield," holder of the Guinness World Record for the world's most widely syndicated comic strip, made its debut.



Notable Birthdays

Actress Phylicia Rashad turns 72. Actress Kathleen Turner turns 66. Pop singer Paula Abdul turns 58. UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson turns 56. Retired basketball player Dirk Nowitzki turns 42. Actress Zoe Saldana turns 42. Rapper Macklemore turns 37. YouTube star KSI turns 27.

Notable Deaths

James Gandolfini, known for playing a tough guy crime boss on "The Sopranos" died on this day in 2013 of a heart attack. He was 51.

on this day in 1986, two days after being drafted by the Boston Celtics. He was 22. His death was caused by a drug **Antonio Aguilar**, an iconic Mexican

College basketball star Len Bias died

singer with 25 million records sold, died of pneumonia on this day in 2007 at

Manute Bol, a 7 ft. 7 inch basketball player and humanitarian, died on this day in 2010 of acute kidney failure. He

College student Otto Warmbier died on this day in 2017, six days after his release from a North Korea prison where he had spent 17 months for attempting to steal a propaganda poster from his hotel. He was 22.

Holidays

Today is Take Back the Lunch Break Day, created in 2018 in response to a growing trend by workers to work through their lunch breaks.

Also celebrated today: World

Sauntering Day (slow down and enjoy life, instead of rushing through it), National Dry Martini Day (a celebration of its class and mystique), Wear Blue Day (meant to raise awareness of human trafficking), Garfield the Cat Day (honoring the ginger feline), and World Sickle Cell Day. 02 Friday, June 19, 2020 The Norwalk Patriot

Obituaries

Bobby Lewis, singer behind 'Tossin' and Turnin'

Bobby Lewis, singer of 1961 smash hit single "Tossin' and Turnin'," died at the age of 95 on Apr. 28, it was confirmed on June 13.

Billboard reports that Lewis suffered pneumonia before his passing and is survived by three children, 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The musician was born in 1925, grew up in an orphanage and ran away from his Detroit foster home at age 12. He suffered poor eyesight throughout his life and said he was "virtually blind" in 2011.

Lewis started playing piano when he was six and launched his singing career at 14. After an early period of performing at carnivals, he sang with an orchestra before securing a recording contract in the early '50s. Around 1960 he moved to New York City around and recorded "Tossin' and Turnin'," which spent seven weeks atop Billboard's Hot 100 chart the following year and sold over three million copies. The song later featured in the soundtracks to '70s film comedies American Graffiti and Animal House.

Lewis scored a second top 10 — and final chart entry — in 1961 with "One Track Mind." He continued his performing career into his 80s.

"I can't see anything," he told NJ.com in 2011. "I'm virtually blind. But I'm coping. After 60-odd years in the business, singing rock 'n' roll and singing the blues, I have a good idea of how the stage runs. Everywhere I work, I check out the stage first — the front, the back and the sides. I have good friends who halp me on and off the



stage. I usually have a circle I can manoeuvre in as I'm givin' out the

In the same article, veteran DJ Big Joe Henry said Lewis' first single had been a definitive song in the history of rock 'n' roll despite being overshadowed by Chubby Checker's later single "The Twist." "Bobby's 'Tossin' and Turnin' was one of the classic rock 'n' roll hits because it literally started the birth of the novelty dance craze," Henry argued.

Vicki Wood, pioneering NASCAR driver

Vicki Wood, a NASCAR driver who broke gender barriers in the sport during the 1950s and 1960s, died June 6 at age 101.

In 1960 she set a speed record of 150.375 mph on a one-way drive down the sand at Daytona Beach. She also set speed records for women at the Daytona International Speedway and Atlanta International Speedway.

During her career she claimed to have collected 48 racing trophies. She competed with male drivers until 1963 when some men made it clear they would rather strike than face teasing when they lost to a woman.

She retired rather than return to racing exclusively against other women drivers.

Wood's racing career began in 1953. Cars had been a family interest and she had grown up tinkering with them alongside her brothers. However, she hadn't thought about competing herself until she attended a race in her hometown of Detroit with her husband when she was in her mid-30s.

could do better. Her husband called her bluff and entered her in the following week's race. She came in 9th, but won the next race, and the one after that. Soon she was dominating her female competition.

She was disappointed watching the women-only race and felt she

In 1959, Bill France, who founded NASCAR and built Daytona speedway, invited her to race at his track. When gatekeepers attempted to bar her entry to the pits he angrily responded, "Vicki Wood is not a woman. She's a driver, and she's allowed in the pits."

Pat Brymer, 'Caddyshack' puppeteer

Puppeteer Pat Brymer, who manipulated the hell-raising gopher that drives Bill Murray to the brink of insanity in the beloved comedy "Caddyshack," has died at the age of 70.

BrymerdiedApril12fromcardiomyopathy in Burbank, family friend Stephen Dolainski confirmed to The Hollywood Reporter.

After college, Brymer worked for "The Banana Splits" and "H.R. Pufnstuf" creators Sid and Marty Krofft. He later collaborated with legendary ventriloquist Shari Lewis for

with legendary ventriloquist Shari Lewis for an updated version of her famous puppet Lamb Chop in the 1990s.

He also served as principal puppeteer for the 2004 Matt Stone-Trey Parker cult classic "Team America: World Police," providing the physical movement of three different characters, according to Hollywood Reporter.

Other films he worked on included "Short Circuit," My Stepmother is an Alien," "So I Married an Axe Murderer" and "Extreme Movie," according to IMDb.

But it was his work on "Caddyshack" that Brymer will most likely be remembered for.

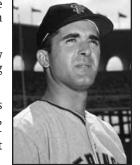
The crude gopher, manipulated by Brymer, continually sends Murray's character Carl Spackler into fits of rage as he tries to destroy it

Mike McCormick, Cy Young award winner

Longtime Giants pitcher Mike McCormick, who won the Cy Young Award in 1967, has died. He was 81.

The Giants say McCormick died Saturday at his home in North Carolina after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

McCormick played 16 years in the majors from 1956 to '71 with the Giants, Orioles, Senators, Yankees and Royals. He had a 134-128 record with a 3.73 ERA and his greatest accomplishments came with the Giants.



"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Mike McCormick, a true gentleman and forever Giant," Giants president and CEO Larry Baer said. "Like many Giants fans, I have many fond childhood memories of watching Mike pitch at Candlestick Park and then was blessed to call him my friend these past 30 years. As a member of the inaugural San Francisco Giants team in 1958, Mike helped establish baseball on the West Coast and then went on to play a major role in the legendary Giants teams of the 1960s, becoming San Francisco's first pitcher to win a Cy Young Award."

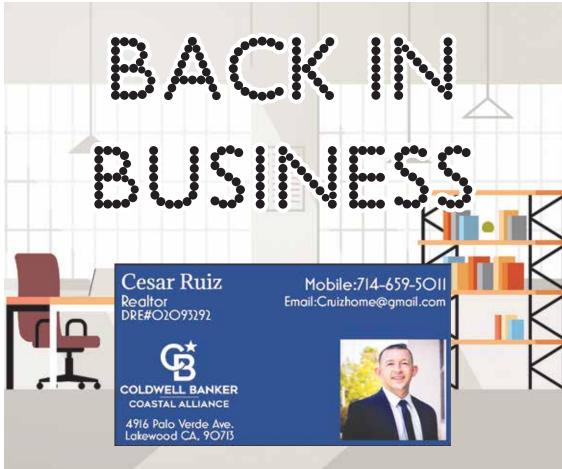
McCormick signed with the Giants as a 17-year-old "bonus baby" in 1956 for \$50,000, requiring him to forego the minors at the start of his career. He recorded 50 wins before turning 23 and was the youngest player to reach that milestone until Dwight Gooden broke that record in 1986.

He made his biggest impact on the franchise after the move from New York to San Francisco in 1958. He recorded at least 10 wins each year from 1958 to '61 and led the National League with a 2.70 ERA in 1960 when he was named an All-Star for the first of two times in his career.

McCormick was traded to Baltimore following the 1962 season and struggled for four seasons in the American League with the Orioles and Washington.

He was traded by the Senators back to the Giants following the 1966 season and had a remarkable bounce-back campaign. He went 22-10, leading the league in wins, and posted a 2.85 ERA. He completed 14 games and five shutouts and was the first San Francisco pitcher to win the Cy Young Award.

He won 23 games combined the next two seasons before getting traded to the Yankees during the 1970 season. He then spent his final season with the Royals.









Sara Rojas New River Elementary School, Mrs. Acosta's class



Chastelyn Salazar New River Elementary School, Mrs. Murray's class



Isabella Leon Glazier Elementary School, Mrs. Rodriguez's class

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Keep government out of our churches

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

Here is a pop quiz on the Constitution. What is the first freedom protected by the Bill of Rights? If you guessed speech or press, then you are close. The first protected freedom is religion. The two religion clauses in the First Amendment keep the government out of our pockets for religious purposes and out of our churches for all purposes. That was, at least, the intent of the framers.

The tyrannical behavior of many state governors, who have issued executive orders purporting to regulate private behavior on private property — even religious behavior in houses of worship — and in the process have enforced these orders as if they were laws, has ignored this. In America, governors do not write laws; only legislatures do. There are no pandemic or public health or emergency exceptions in

Here in New Jersey, Catholics were permitted — permitted — to attend public Masses last Sunday for the first time in 88 days.

This has deeply troubled many of the faithful, and many nonadherents, who understand the concepts that only legislatures write laws and that no legislature can write a law telling a religious institution when and how to permit worship.

So, who closed all the houses of worship? Why did Catholic bishops dispense with a nearly 1,600-year-old rule — which survived all sorts of wars and pestilence — requiring attendance at Sunday Mass? What became of the wall of separation?

Here is the backstory.

When first-year law students are asked the meaning of the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause in the First Amendment, they often argue that these clauses mandate a wall of separation between church and state. Some students even offer to find the "wall of separation" language in the Constitution. They are

While it is accurate to use the wall of separation phrase, it is nowhere in the Constitution or in any federal statute. It was first

had written to Jefferson complaining that Connecticut was taxing all has been unleashed may go. One thing and one thing alone seems landowners to pay for the state-supported Congregationalist Church.

They told him that the state regarded their religious freedom as a privilege to be doled out, rather than as an inalienable right as the congregation believed it to be and as he had characterized it and other rights in the Declaration of Independence.

Jefferson understood the values underlying the religion clauses the First Amendment to mean that while only Congress was prohibited from establishing a church or interfering with worship, the states should not do so either. In his famous letter, he opined that the First Amendment erected "a wall of separation between church and state." To Jefferson, the word "state" in that context meant all governments.

Though the imposition of state taxes to support churches ended during the 19th century, it wasn't until 1947 that the Supreme Court ruled with clarity that the First Amendment — the language in which only restrains Congress — applies to the states as well

We know that it does because the 14th Amendment prohibits all states from abridging the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States. The phrase "privileges or immunities" connotes attributes of national citizenship — first among which are a prohibition on government establishing a religion or interfering with its free exercise.

Stated differently, the right to worship or not, and the right not to be charged for someone else's worship, are personal human rights as Jefferson called them, inalienable rights.

Now, back to the governors and the bishops.

The governors permitted crowds at Walmart and arrested folks for attending funerals. They permitted thousands of demonstrators in public streets and arrested not one of them for marching without masks or not socially distancing.

My friend Professor John Rao of St. John's University wrote: "Our publicly used in an 1802 letter from President Thomas Jefferson to a troubled world continues along its current revolutionary path with

congregation of Baptists in Danbury, Connecticut. The congregation oclear idea as of yet just how far the diabolical disorientation that definite to me in the midst of the general uncertainty. With a few very notable exceptions, the leadership of our beloved Church, legitimate though that leadership is, has proven itself to be utterly subservient"

> It was not the governors who shut the churches; it was — with some courageous exceptions — the gutless American Catholic bishops who did so. Never before in the history of America has the Church become an arm of the state. The governors told the bishops to close their churches, and they complied. Their predecessors were martyrs. They are cowards.

> That is not rendering to Caesar what is Caesar's. That is rendering to Caesar what is God's.

> Faithful Catholics believe that we consume the Bread of Life at Mass. The bishops have no more moral right to deny us that salvific sacrament than do the governors. Faithful Catholics also believe that Holy Mother Church is the route to eternal salvation and the Bread of Life is the food for that route. What mother would deny her children food? One in the hands of state-subservient bishops.

> When the Supreme Court explained the two religion clauses, it ruled that they prohibit both conspicuous governmental aid to religion and all government interference with it, and all excessive entanglement between church and state.

> In another time and place, how different this might have been. One hundred years ago, the Church was outlawed in Mexico and militias hunted down priests. Saying a public Mass then was the functional equivalent of a capital offense. Yet, there were more Masses celebrated for the faithful per day in Mexico in those years than in America in the last 88 days.

> The wall of separation insulates our religious beliefs and practices from governmental tyranny. But without episcopal fidelity and courage, the wall crumbles.

Judge Andrew Napolitano is the chief judicial analyst for Fox News.

Protestors want a diverse police department but will that matter?

By Larry Elder

Democratic mayors, with a few exceptions, run America's biggest cities. These mayors have long promised to deliver police forces that look like the community they police. Some have succeeded. But in the wake of widespread protests over the death of George Floyd while in police custody, one must ask whether officers' racial and ethnic "diversity" truly makes a difference in public perception of the

Diversity didn't make much difference in Baltimore in 2015 when it saw protests and riots after the death of black suspect Freddie Gray. At the time of Gray's death, the mayor was black, as were the top two officials running the police department. The Maryland state attorney, who filed charges against the six officer defendants, was black. Of the six officers charged, three were black, as was the judge before whom two of the officers tried their cases. The majority in Baltimore's City Council was black, as was the United States attorney general and, of course, the president of the United States. This didn't stop accusations of police misconduct. It didn't stop rioting.

Or take Los Angeles, where some protesters, allegedly angry over the death of George Floyd, looted stores and torched police cars. The city of Los Angeles has almost 4 million residents. The racial demographics, according to 2019 Census Bureau estimates, are as

48.6% Hispanic

28.5% white 8.9% black

11.6% Asian

0.2% Pacific Islander

0.7% Native American

As of April 12, the LAPD had 10,013 sworn officers, with a racial and ethnic breakdown as follows:

49.3% or 4,941 Hispanic

30.1% or 3,012 white

9.6% or 962 black 7.8% or 783 Asian

2.5% or 247 Filipino American

0.3% or 33 Native American

0.3% or 35 other

From 1992 to 2002, the Los Angeles Police Department had backto-back black police chiefs, the first one appointed by the city's first black mayor. That's right, during the O.J. Simpson case, the LAPD was led by Willie Williams, its first black chief. Because of the allegations of police misconduct made during the Simpson trial, Williams did a departmentwide review to determine the validity of the allegations. His report found no evidence whatsoever of police misconduct. But for those who insisted that Simpson was an innocent man framed by e racist LAPD, neither Williams nor his report made any difference

In New York City, rioters looted stores in Manhattan and the other boroughs. How diverse and representative is the approximately 36,000-member New York City Police Department compared with the demographics of the city?

New York City 2019 Census Bureau estimates: 29.1% Hispanic

32.1% white

24.3% black

13.9% Asian

0.1% Pacific Islander

0.4% Native American

29% or 10,526 Hispanic

47% or 17,192 white

15% or 5,515 black

9% or 3,120 Asian 0.08% or 27 Native American

As to the narrative that blacks hate and fear the police, polls say otherwise. As to whether they are "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied" with local police, a Monmouth University poll found that both blacks (21% very; 51% somewhat) and whites (45% very; 27% somewhat) gave responses that totaled 72%. This does not exactly add to a plea to "defund the police." As rapper Tupac Shakur said in a 1994 interview, blacks living in the ghetto fear and oppose the same criminal "villain" element that police fear and oppose.

The racial "diversity" achieved by city police departments, as in New York City and Los Angeles, has not and will not stop charges of "institutional racism" as long as many of the "reformers" true intent is for black criminals to go unpunished.

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Reconsidering the meaning of 'big government'

By Jim Hightower

Laissez-faire ideologue Ronald Reagan used to delight in mocking the very idea that government should provide health protection, food aid, income support or other public assistance to people in need. The Gipper derided "big government" as both a hopeless bungler and an insatiable beast that devours individual freedom, quipping that, "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the Government, and I'm here to help." The line was a sure-fire crowd pleaser, winning applause and guffaws from those who bought into his demagogic warnings about "creeping socialism."

However, then came COVID-19, and those guffawing at stale

jokes about big, bad government have suddenly been drowned out by anxious and angry cries bursting out of practically every ZIP code in our land: "Where the hell is our government?!" It turns out that the right-wing's socialist boogeyman is far less terrifying, even to rightwingers, than the absence of actual socialism when you need it.

An unexpected and profound impact of today's horrific coronavirus crisis is that it is quietly prompting a societywide recalibration of the rocky road our nation's power elites have put us on. Here we are — a fantastically rich, ostensibly democratic country filled with masses of smart, creative people who, together, have unlimited potential. Yet, our leaders are so small-minded, incompetent, out of touch and uncaring that they were wholly unprepared for and discombobulated by an inert infectious agent that scientists had specifically warned months ago could spawn a disastrous pandemic.

Mass death and wholesale economic collapse have a way of focusing public attention, not only prompting anger but also leading people to rethink assumptions and start questioning the morality and efficacy of the system itself. Those in charge cannot simply gloss over the societal breakdown they're presiding over, engaging in political blame shifting and butt-covering tweets. Nor can the obvious failure of today's plutocratic policies (social, economic and political) be covered up by ideological assurances that the old freemarket magic will soon restore normalcy. Indeed, it's the flagrant ineptitude and inequality of business-as-usual "normal" that people

For about a decade now, America's zeitgeist has steadily been shifting away from resigned acceptance of the anti-democratic corporate order, and now comes the abject failure of that system to cope with (and, initially, even address) the deadly pandemic. The aloof arrogance of the system's profiteers has jolted open the minds of a huge swath of the general public to the reality that "We don't matter." Need respirators? Compete against each other to pay the highest market price. That's how America works, says the present president of the United States. But the times, they are a-changing.

Start with public perception of the social safety net, which has long been belittled by anti-government ideologues as an extravagant giveaway of tax-funded benefits to undeserving layabouts. But now, people who never before needed food stamps, Medicaid, unemployment checks, etc., are finding themselves in need and in line, personally experiencing the "extravagance" of the system and learning that these programs are an essential investment in the common good.

The concept of dependency has also been liberated from the



President Ronald Reagan

right-wing canard that diabolical government programs victimize participants, hooking them on "free things" and stealing their selfreliance and moral strength. Instead, the contagion has revealed that we're a species of completely interdependent beings — all of us dependent on a collectivist ethos that at the very least (1) strives to keep everyone whom each of us might encounter disease-free and (2) recognizes that, on any given day, the most valuable people in society are not haughty CEOs or billionaire Wall Street financiers but low-paid grocery clerks, EMS responders, food bank staffers, home health aides, delivery workers, immigrant laborers and others on society's front lines. When you can't breathe or you run out of food for your family, you don't call your broker.

And consider the meaning of big, as in "big government." Practically overnight, it has been elevated from the contemptuous corporate connotation of an oozing bureaucratic blob to a meritorious adjective signifying "big enough to do the job at hand." Yes, governments at all levels frequently do grow too big, too intrusive and abusive. This spring, though, we found out what too small looks like. Constant cutbacks in public resources; the rigid, small-minded mentality; and the corporate establishment's determination to keep the status quo have needlessly boxed us into this full-blown coronavirus catastrophe. Those same forces of policy meekness are already pulling back on Washington's inadequate initial steps to stem the people's economic and health crises — even though the clear and present need is to think bigger, be bolder and do more.

Jim Hightower is a radio host and syndicated columnist.



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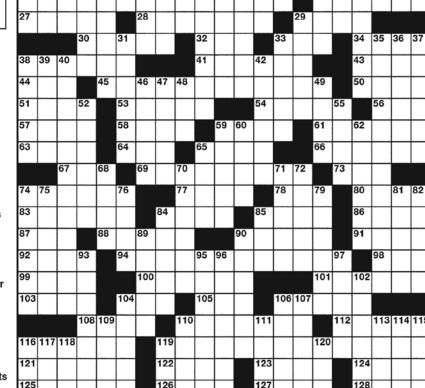
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020082760

FILE NUMBER 2U2U082760
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SUPERIOR
HANDFORGE, 9910 JORDAN CIRCLE,
SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA
COUNTY, PO BO 12738, NEWPORT
BEACH CA 92658
Articles of Incorporation or Organization

BEACH CA 92658

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: C2244073

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALBERT INDUSTRIES LTD., 16160 SCIENTIFIC WAY, IRVINE CA 92618

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above: 05/2015
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/ ALBERT INDUSTRIES LTD., CFO, TRACY MULLER
This statement was filed with the County.

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Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 15, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by

the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR **EMERGENCY GENERATOR** FOR WELL 10 AT 12309 SPROUL STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 CITY PROJECT NO. 7448

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk, California ("City") invites sealed Bids for the Project. City Hall is currently experiencing reduced hours and special conditions for public access due to COVID-19. Therefore, all bids submitted must be mailed or delivered to the Information Center, Attention: City Clerk, at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650, prior to 11:00 AM on July 22, 2020 – no bids will be accepted via email. If delivering, bidders must call the Engineering Division at (562) 929-5723 to make an appointment. Bid openings will be by videoconference with access numbers provided in an addendum to planholders.

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 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 Bid Documents for the Project at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Room No. 12, Norwalk, California 90650 for a non-refundable fee of \$44.50 per set, or \$54.50 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.

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 NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 Date: Time:

6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard Via Videoconference, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the following application filed by Evergreen Media, LLC; 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 ight-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:

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

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 ificant 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 abovedescribed project at the City's webpage at: https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/meetingagendas-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 item (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 (646) 749-3122, Access Code: 665-809-165, to speak on the proposed project. If you challenge the proposed project, you may be limited to only those ssues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the public hearing

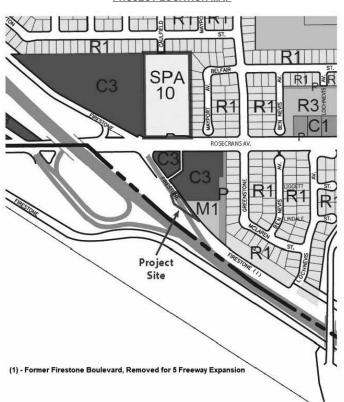
More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Beth Chow, Senior Planner, at (562) 929-5953; bchow@norwalkca.gov.

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 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 19th day of June 2020.

Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



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MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE VISIT. A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit will be held on June 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at 12309 Sproul Street, Norwalk, CA 90650. Every Bidder is

required to attend the pre-bid meeting and Project site visit. Failure of a Bidder to attend will render that Bidder's Bid non-responsive. No allowances for cost adjustments will be made if a Bidder fails to adequately examine the Project site before submitting a Bid.

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

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 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

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

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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

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 16th day of June 2020.

Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk Of The City Of Norwalk

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOHNNY YEON CHUNG AKA **JOHNNY CHUNG CASE NO. 20STPB03249**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOHNNY YEON CHUNG AKA

JOHNNY CHUNG.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PAUL YUN HUNG CHUNG in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PAUL YUN HUNG CHUNG 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 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 in this court as follows: 09/15/20 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 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

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court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
ERNEST J. KIM, ESQ. SBN 181280 CATHERINE KIM, ESQ. SBN 243811 LAW OFFICES OF ERNEST J. KIM 17541 17TH ST., STE 100 TUSTIN CA 92780

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

ANNA CATHERINA HORAN AKA ANNA C. HORAN CASE NO. 20STPB04410 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ANNA CATHERINA HORAN AKA

ANNA C. HORAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed

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grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/29/20 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 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

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court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner PAUL JAY FUKUSHIMA - SBN 065868, LAW OFFICES OF PAUL JAY FUKUSHIMA 12749 NORWALK BLVD., SUITE 111 NORWALK CA 90650 6/19, 6/26, 7/3/20 CNS-3372227#

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No.: 19-22311 A.P.N.: 8022-025-020 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST
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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 national 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 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. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: RICARDO ALFREDO HENRIQUEZ, A SINGLE MAN AND MARISOL HENRIQUEZ, A SINGLE WOMAN, ALL AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure WOMAN, ALL AS JOINT TENANTS DUIY Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 10/28/2005 as Instrument No. 05-2604654 in book, page Loan Modification recorded on 7/25/2007 as Instrument No. 20071758770 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Appeles County, California, Described as Angeles County, California, Described as follows: As more fully described in the Deed of Trust Date of Sale: 6/30/2020 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$333,719.61 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property 12035 GRIDLEY ROAD NORWALK, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 8022-025-020 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address 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. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 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 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 the property. 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 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 (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site www. STOXPOSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 19-22311. Information about postponements that are very short in 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. 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What is Juneteenth?

By Henry Louis Gates Jr.

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere." —General Orders, Number 3; Headquarters District of Texas, Galveston, June 19, 1865

When Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger issued the above order, he had no idea that, in establishing the Union Army's authority over the people of Texas, he was also establishing the basis for a holiday, "Juneteenth" ("June" plus "nineteenth"), today the most popular annual celebration of emancipation from slavery in the United States. After all, by the time Granger assumed command of the Department of Texas, the Confederate capital in Richmond had fallen; the "Executive" to whom he referred, President Lincoln, was dead; and the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery was well on its way to ratification.

But Granger wasn't just a few months late. The Emancipation Proclamation itself, ending slavery in the Confederacy (at least on paper), had taken effect two-and-a-half years before, and in the interim, close to 200,000 black men had enlisted in the fight. So, formalities aside, wasn't it all over, literally, but the shouting?

It would be easy to think so in our world of immediate communication, but as Granger and the 1,800 bluecoats under him soon found out, news traveled slowly in Texas. Whatever Gen. Robert E. Lee had surrendered in Virginia, the Army of the Trans-Mississippi had held out until late May, and even with its formal surrender on June 2, a number of ex-rebels in the region took to bushwhacking and plunder.

That's not all that plagued the extreme western edge of the former Confederate states. Since the capture of New Orleans in 1862, slave owners in Mississippi, Louisiana and other points east had been migrating to Texas to escape the Union Army's reach. In a hurried re-enactment of the original Middle Passage, more than 150,000 slaves had made the trek west, according to historian Leon Litwack in his book Been in the Storm So Long: The Aftermath of Slavery. As one former slave he quotes recalled, "'It looked like everybody in the world was going to Texas.'"

When Texas fell and Granger dispatched his now famous order No. 3, it wasn't exactly instant magic for most of the Lone Star State's 250,000 slaves. On plantations, masters had to decide when and how to announce the news — or wait for a government agent to arrive — and it was not uncommon for them to delay until after the harvest. Even in Galveston city, the ex-Confederate mayor flouted the Army by forcing the freed people back to work, as historian Elizabeth Hayes Turner details in her comprehensive essay, "Juneteenth: Emancipation and Memory," in Lone Star Pasts: Memory and History in Texas.

Those who acted on the news did so at their peril. As quoted in Litwack's book, former slave Susan Merritt recalled, "'You could see lots of n---- hangin' to trees in Sabine bottom right after freedom, 'cause they cotch 'em swimmin' 'cross Sabine River and shoot 'em.'" In one extreme case, according to Hayes Turner, a former slave named Katie Darling continued working for her mistress another six years (She" 'whip me after the war jist like she did 'fore,'" Darling said).

Hardly the recipe for a celebration — which is what makes the story of Juneteenth all the more remarkable. Defying confusion and delay, terror and violence, the newly "freed" black men and women of Texas, with the aid of the Freedmen's Bureau (itself delayed from arriving until September 1865), now had a date to rally around. In one of the most inspiring grassroots efforts of the post-Civil War period, they transformed June 19 from a day of unheeded military orders into their own annual rite, "Juneteenth," beginning one year later in 1866.

"'The way it was explained to me,' " one heir to the tradition is quoted in Hayes Turner's essay," 'the 19th of June wasn't the exact day the Negro was freed. But that's the day they told them that they was free ... And my daddy told me that they whooped and hollered and bored holes in trees with augers and stopped it up with [gun] powder and light and that would be their blast for the celebration.'"

Other Contenders

There were other available anniversaries for celebrating emancipation, to be sure, including the following:

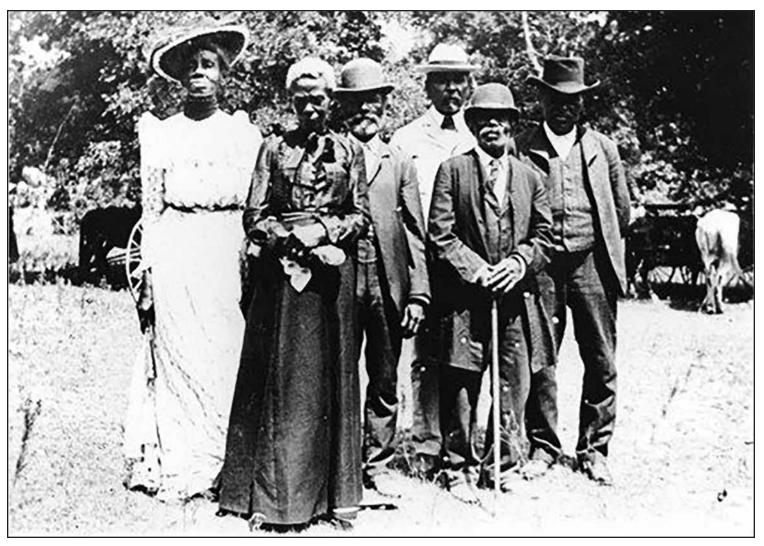
- * Sept. 22: the day Lincoln issued his preliminary Emancipation Proclamation Order in 1862
 - * Jan. 1: the day it took effect in 1863
- * Jan. 31: the date the 13th Amendment passed Congress in 1865, officially abolishing the institution of slavery
 - * Dec. 6: the day the 13th Amendment was ratified that year
 - * April 3: the day Richmond, Va., fell
- * April 9: the day Lee surrendered to Ulysses Grant at Appomattox,
- * April 16: the day slavery was abolished in the nation's capital in 1862
- * May 1: Decoration Day, which, as David Blight movingly recounts in Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory, the former slaves of Charleston, S.C., founded by giving the Union war dead a proper burial at the site of the fallen planter elite's Race Course
- * July 4: America's first Independence Day, some "four score and seven years" before President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation

Each of these anniversaries has its celebrants today. Each has also had its share of conflicts and confusion. July 4 is compelling, of course, but it was also problematic for many African Americans, since the country's founders had given in on slavery and their descendants had expanded it through a series of failed "compromises," at the nadir of which Frederick Douglass had made his own famous declaration to the people of Rochester, N.Y., on July 5, 1852: "What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer; a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity."

The most logical candidate for commemoration of the slave's freedom was Jan. 1. In fact, the minute Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation had taken effect at the midpoint of the war, Northern black leaders like Douglass led massive celebrations in midnight jubilees; and on its 20th anniversary in 1883, they gathered again in Washington, D.C., to honor Douglass for all that he and his compatriots had achieved.

Yet even the original Emancipation Day had its drawbacks — not only because it coincided with New Year's Day and the initiation dates of numerous other laws, but also because the underlying proclamation, while of enormous symbolic significance, didn't free all the slaves, only those in the Confederate states in areas liberated by Union troops, and not those in the border states in which slavery remained legal until the ratification of the 13th Amendment. (Historians estimate that about 500,000 slaves — out of a total of 3.9 million — liberated themselves by escaping to Union lines between 1863 and the end of the war; the rest remained in slavery.)

Because of its partial effects, some scholars argue that perhaps the most significant aspect of the Emancipation Proclamation was the authorization of black men to fight in the war, both because their service proved to be crucial to the North's war effort, and because it would be cited as irrefutable proof of the right of blacks to citizenship (which would be granted by the 14th Amendment).



Texas Juneteenth celebration in 1900. (Photo courtesy Austin Public Library)

No one in the post-Civil War generation could deny that something fundamental had changed as a result of Lincoln's war measure, but dwelling on it was a separate matter, David Blight explains. Among those in the 'It's time to move on' camp were Episcopal priest and scholar Alexander Crummell, who, in a May 1885 address to the graduates of Storer College, said, "What I would fain have you guard against is not the memory of slavery, but the constant recollection of it, as the commanding thought of a new people." On the other side was Douglass, who insisted on lighting a perpetual flame to "the causes, the incidents, and the results of the late rebellion." After all, he liked to say, the legacy of black people in America could "be traced like that of a wounded man through a crowd by the blood."

Hard as Douglass tried to make emancipation matter every day, Jan. 1 continued to be exalted — and increasingly weighed down by the betrayal of Reconstruction. (As detailed in Plessy v. Ferguson: Who Was Plessy?, the Supreme Court's gift to the 20th anniversary of emancipation was striking down the Civil Rights Act of 1875.) W.E.B. Du Bois used this to biting effect in his Swiftian short story, "A Mild Suggestion" (1912), in which he had his black main character provide a final solution to Jim Crow America's obsession with racial purity: On the next Jan. 1 ("for historical reasons" it would "probably be best," he explained), all blacks should either be invited to dine with whites and poisoned or gathered in large assemblies to be stabbed and shot. "The next morning there would be ten million funerals," Du Bois' protagonist predicted, "and therefore no Negro problem."

Juneteenth Endures

While national black leaders continued to debate the importance of remembering other milestone anniversaries, the freed people of Texas went about the business of celebrating their local version of Emancipation Day. For them, Juneteenth was, from its earliest incarnations, as Hayes Turner and others have recorded, a past that was "usable" as an occasion for gathering lost family members, measuring progress against freedom and inculcating rising generations with the values of self-improvement and racial uplift. This was accomplished through readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, religious sermons and spirituals, the preservation of slave food delicacies (always at the center: the almighty barbecue pit), as well as the incorporation of new games and traditions, from baseball to rodeos and, later, stock car races and overhead flights.

Like a boxer sparring with his rival, year after year Juneteenth was strengthened by the contest its committee members had to wage against the Jim Crow faithful of Texas, who, in the years following Reconstruction, rallied around their version of history in an effort to glorify (and whitewash) past cruelties and defeats. When whites forbade blacks from using their public spaces, black people gathered near rivers and lakes and eventually raised enough money to buy their own celebration sites, among them Emancipation Park in Houston and Booker T. Washington Park in Mexia.

When white leaders like Judge Lewis Fisher of Galveston likened the black freedman ("Rastus," he called him) to "a prairie colt turned into a feed horse [to eat] ignorantly of everything," Juneteenth celebrants dressed in their finest clothes, however poor, trumpeting the universal concerns of citizenship and liberty, with hero-speakers from the Reconstruction era and symbols like the Goddess of Liberty on floats and in living tableaux. And when Houston refused to close its banks on Memorial Day in 1919 (only to do so four days later on Jefferson Davis Day, honoring the former Confederate president), Juneteenth celebrants still did their own remembering, in Hayes Turner's words, to project "identification with American ideals" in "a potent life-giving event ... a joyful retort to messages of overt racism ... a public counter-demonstration to displays of Confederate glorification and a counter-memory to the valorization of the Lost Cause."

Strengthening the holiday's chances at survival was its move across state lines — one person, one family, one carload or train ticket at a time. As Isabel Wilkerson writes in her brilliant book, The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration, "The people from Texas took Juneteenth Day to Los Angeles, Oakland, Seattle, and other places they went." As it spread, the observance was also changing. This was especially true in the 1920s, Turner explains, with the Consumer Age infiltrating black society with advertisements for fancier Juneteenth getups and more elaborate displays of pomp and circumstance.

This did not mean that Juneteenth's advances remained unbroken, however. Despite local committees' best efforts, with each new slight, with each new segregation law, with each new textbook whitewashing and brutal lynching in the South, African Americans felt increasingly disconnected from their history, so that by the time World War II shook the nation, they could no longer faithfully celebrate freedom in a land that still rendered them second-class citizens worthy of dying for their country but not worthy of being honored or treated equally for it. Hence, the wartime Double V campaign.

It is possible that Juneteenth would have vanished from the calendar (at least outside of Texas) had it not been for another remarkable turn of events during the same civil rights movement that had exposed many of the country's shortcomings about race relations. Actually, it occurred at the tail end of the movement, two months after its most prominent leader had been shot down.

As is well-known, Martin Luther King Jr. had been planning a return to the site of his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, this time to lead a Poor People's March emphasizing nagging class inequalities. Following his assassination, it was left to others to carry out the plan, among them his best friend, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, and his widow, Coretta Scott King. When it became clear that the Poor People's March was falling short of its goals, the organizers decided to cut it short on June 19, 1968, well aware that it was now just over a century since the first Juneteenth celebration in Texas.

As William H. Wiggins Jr., a scholar of black folklore and cultural traditions, explained in a 2009 interview with Smithsonian magazine: "[T]hese delegates for the summer took that idea of the [Juneteenth] celebration back to their respective communities. [F]or example, there was one in Milwaukee." Another in Minnesota. It was, in effect, another great black migration. Since then, Wiggins added, Juneteenth "has taken on a life of its own."

Juneteenth Today

Responding to this new energy, in 1979 Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday. (Ironically, the bill was passed on June 7, the anniversary of Homer Plessy's arrest on the East Louisiana line, as covered in Plessy v Ferguson: Who Was Plessy.) Leading the charge was Rep. Al Edwards of Houston, often referred to as "the father of the Juneteenth holiday," who framed it as a "source of strength" for young people, according to Hayes Turner. (As a concession to Lost Cause devotees, Texas reaffirmed its commitment to observing Jan. 19 as Confederate Heroes Day.)

Since then, 41 other states and the District of Columbia have recognized Juneteenth as a state holiday or holiday observance, including Rhode Island earlier this year. "This is similar to what God instructed Joshua to do as he led the Israelites into the Promised Land," Al Edwards told Yahoo in 2007. "A national celebration of Juneteenth, state by state, serves a similar purpose for us. Every year we must remind successive generations that this event triggered a series of events that one by one defines the challenges and responsibilities of successive generations. That's why we need this holiday."

You can follow Edwards' efforts and others' worldwide at juneteenth.com, founded in 1997 by Clifford Robinson of New Orleans. Another organization, the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, founded and chaired by the Rev. Ronald Meyers, is committed to making Juneteenth a federal holiday on a par with Flag and Patriot days. (Note: They are not calling for Juneteenth to be a paid government holiday, like Columbus Day.) "We may have gotten there in different ways and at different times," Meyers told Time magazine in 2008, "but you can't really celebrate freedom in America by just going with the Fourth of July." You can follow his organization's activities at nationaljuneteenth.com.

These days, Juneteenth is an opportunity not only to celebrate but also to speak out. Last year, for example, The Root reported that the U.S. Department of State leveraged the holiday for releasing its 2012 Trafficking in Persons Report, with then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton noting, "Today we are celebrating what's called 'Juneteenth' ... But the end of legal slavery in the United States, and in other countries around the world, has not, unfortunately, meant the end of slavery. Today it is estimated as many as 27 million people around the world are victims of modern slavery."

As further proof that Juneteenth is back on the rise, this Wednesday, June 19, Washington, D.C., will be abuzz during the unveiling of a Frederick Douglass statue in the famed U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, thanks to the work of D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton. (Douglass will join three other African Americans in the hall: Rosa Parks, Sojourner Truth and Martin Luther King Jr.) No doubt Douglass would be surprised to learn that such an honor had not been scheduled for Jan. 1 (the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation), but glad nevertheless that the country is still finding ways to remember "the causes, the incidents, and the results of the late rebellion."

Postscript

I grew up in West Virginia, many miles from the site of the first Juneteenth, and I never heard of the holiday until I went off to college. But I have come to see the beauty in its unexpected past and persistence. Besides, June 19 is generally a more comfortable day for outdoor family fun — for fine jazz music and barbecue — than Jan. 1, a day short on sunlight. In my article "Should Blacks Collect Racist Memorabilia?" I quoted W.E.B. Du Bois' summation of Black Reconstruction: "The slave went free; stood a brief moment in the sun; then moved back again toward slavery." At the time I failed to appreciate just how apt a description it was.

Of all Emancipation Day observances, Juneteenth falls closest to the summer solstice (this Friday, June 21), the longest day of the year, when the sun, at its zenith, defies the darkness in every state, including those once shadowed by slavery. By choosing to celebrate the last place in the South that freedom touched — reflecting the mystical glow of history and lore, memory and myth, as Ralph Ellison evoked in his posthumous novel, Juneteenth — we remember the shining promise of emancipation, along with the bloody path America took by delaying it and deferring fulfillment of those simple, unanticipating words in Gen. Granger's original order No. 3: that "This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves."

My hope this Juneteenth is that we never forget it. $% \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) ^{2}$

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Ramos finishes 30-7 in wrestling

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into his junior year in 2018. A transformation so big, it began his road to the state finals less than two years later.

He came into the wrestling season weighing 315 pounds. He came out of his junior year weighing between 250 to 260

Ramos actually had to miss the first couple of weeks of wrestling practice to get down to the maximum high school weight of 285 pounds.

"I had to slim down big time and really just focused,' said Ramos, who is a threevear varsity wrestler. "Once I got down to that weight class, I was able to maintain my weight management."

Soto, who was in his second stint as coach had high praise for his senior.

"Character-wise, he often showed up to practice with a smile and was willing to help his wrestling partners grow in the sport. He was always trying to coach up his fellow heavyweights. He looked after his partners and was committed to helping the wrestling program grow.

In fact, Ramos even did some recruiting.

Soto added: "He recruited Cerritos and hopes to get to the several football players to the wrestling room.

that makes you feel good. He wasn't very vocal and he led by example.'

And he led by example in a big way this past year.

He finished with an amazing 30-7 record, which included a 5th in the CIF Coastal Division and 7th at the CIF Southern Section Masters

Ramos finished second to Mayfairs' Malachi Lyles, who eventually won the CIF title and finished third in state.

During the season, Ramos was the tournament champion at the 32-team Costa Mesa Invitational, first at The Jaguar Duals (12 teams) and third at the Juan Enriquez Memorial. He also placed 7th in CIF as a junior.

Soto reflected on Ramos' final tournament of his high school

"He was one of only 48 kids in the state," Soto said. "It's an honor beyond belief. In that 19,000-seat arena, it's the highlight of any wrestlers career to get to that point.

"This is the one time of the year that you look forward to going to Bakersfield."

In his first match at state, Ramos lost in a close, 3-0 decision. His opponent, Travone Houston of Hanford, scored an early 2-point takedown and Ramos could never get that tying score in the match.

"It was really intense and went down to the wire," said Ramos, who was also an All Suburban League football player. "Only the real gifted athletes made it look easy - it was something. He was freakishly strong.'

Lynwood students discuss racial injustice, healing at forum

Soto also commented on how close the match was.

"He was in it the whole time and couldn't overcome his opponent," Soto said. "I think that he was very happy on how his season ended.'

On his shortened senior year, Ramos said - "You know, it was quite unfortunate," he said. "It gave me more time to reflect on a lot of things, especially on my

"It happens.....we just have to keep a positive outlook.'

Nathan, who was very lucky to have as an assistant coach, his brother Josh Ramos, who started coaching Nathan in his junior

corner, literally."

Josh Ramos was a top wrestler at Norwalk as he placed 5th in CIF.

"Josh was very technical and I owe a lot to him." Looking back on his years

at Norwalk, Nathan Ramos said,".....when I placed 7th at CIF, my goal then was to get to state and I was very proud. It was crazy the support I got.

lunch (over the school speaker) wishing me luck was cool. Nathan Ramos will attend

And to hear my name called at

"If given the opportunity to He has an infectious smile wrestle, I'd take it in a heartbeat,"

heartfelt responses to the recent events of injustice poured out of Lynwood Unified students during a student forum on June 1.

'It hurts me to see that police are using their badges for power against black people and not being charged when they abuse and hurt unarmed people." -Jahir Hardiman-Moore, Lynwood Middle School eighth-grader.

"I feel scared; how are we supposed to put our trust in those who were meant to protect and serve their community, yet willingly shoot peaceful protesters." - Claudia Parra, Lynwood High School junior.

"I'm tired. I'm tired of being "I was glad to have him in my angry and outraged about things that we want so badly to change. I'm tired of hearing about a new incident of another person losing their life for nothing. That could be me, my brother, my dad." Kyra Obaid, Firebaugh High School senior.

> The District organized the virtual forum to give students the opportunity to discuss their feelings and suggest a plan of action for combatting racial injustice. The group of nearly 70 participants included the board president, superintendent, principals, and members of the District's Equity, Access, and Instructional Services.

> "It was important to let our students know that they have a voice and a support system these challenging times," LUSD Superintendent Gudiel R.

grief and trauma felt by them and people all around the country regarding the killing of unarmed African Americans. Our District stands united against racism and oppression."

The student group was a mix of Young Black Achievers Student Union members, as well as ASB and other leaders. After the group shared their thoughts, many pledged their support to one another and offered ideas for change and unity including writing letters to local government, creating mobile murals, and lawn signs.

"We have to advocate for change by encouraging our youth to educate themselves and to speak up," Lynwood High School senior Andrea Alvarez said. "I believe it's important to learn to be an ally to our black community members and for them to know that we stand with them."

The District is working to use recent events as learning experiences and additions to curriculum while championing productive action such as voting, completing the census, and peaceful protests. School sites across the District will also engage in open discussions on racial justice. In addition, students and community members have access to a student support hotline that provides social and emotional support.

Equity, Access, Instructional Services Department also introduced a

LYNWOOD - Emotional and Crosthwaite. "We share in the SAFETY acronym for constructive ways students can let their voices

and out of dangerous protest

A- Allow expressions of feelings to be shared.

F- Follow positive leads (parents, teachers, admin).

E- Encourage positive student interactions with fellow students.

T- Tell your truth to community leaders through constructive means - letter writing, artistic expression, and other creative means.

Y- Your community needs vour leadership.

"I'm proud of our students S- Safety first - remain safe and community members for standing united against the injustices of African Americans and people of color and leading the conversation," Board President Gary Hardie Jr. said. "Now, more than ever, we must come together in the face of inequity and let our voices unite in opposition."



Students win Distinguished Young Women of Cerritos-Artesia scholarships

CERRITOS - High school Cerritos High School student than 770,000 young women with In the Del Rio League finals, students from local schools Kristen Rivera, who won a college scholarships. (DYW) of Cerritos-Artesia virtual

> Ashley Gong from Whitney High School was chosen as the Distinguished Young Woman of Cerritos-Artesia and awarded a \$1,700 scholarship. She also won \$800 in the Interview category.

were recently awarded \$6,500 \$600 scholarship in the Fitness in scholarships at the 2020 category; Whitney High School Distinguished Young Women student Anastacia Son, who received \$600 for Self Expression; Whitney High School student Lalita Sabat, who was awarded \$700 for Talent; and Whitney High School student Shravani Khisti, who was recognized with an \$800 Scholastic scholarship.

Founded in 1958 in Mobile, Fellow Whitney High School Alabama, DYW is the largest student Laura Gholmieh was and oldest national scholarship program for high school girls. The program has provided life-

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Lower jail population will be the new normal, county leaders say

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously supported a proposal Tuesday to maintain a lower jail population after the COVID-19 crisis is over.

The LA County jail system has been overcrowded for decades. While the system has capacity for 12,404 people, on any given day the seven facilities have a population of 17,000 people on average, officials said.

"Jail overcrowding creates terrible conditions for everyone," said Supervisor Janice Hahn, who authored the motion with Mark Ridley-Thomas. "Not only does overcrowding make it nearly impossible to control disease outbreaks, it creates terrible conditions for our inmates and deputies alike."

Since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, L.A. County's jail population has been reduced by 5,000 people. On June 2, the total jail population was 12,026, and was as low as 11,765 on May 1, marking the first time in decades that the LA County jail system's population was lower than the capacity assigned by the Board of State and Community

months have proven that many people have said for a long time addressing racial inequity. there are thousands of people in our jails who do not need to be there."

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion designed to retain this lower jail population long after the COVID-19 crisis is

"The County must build on this unprecedented progress in keeping the population down in our jails - down from 17,000 to 12,000 individuals in less than two months – by rethinking how to safely serve thousands of individuals in a more costeffective, rehabilitative and humane manner," said Ridley-

"It took a pandemic to alleviate overcrowding and get us into compliance with the state's requirements, which is a powerful statement about

devastating but it has also resistance to change. Yet, we revealed that many of the bold remain undeterred. This is the ideas that so many people said right moment for the County to were impossible were actually renew its commitment to ending very possible," said Hahn. "Our over-incarceration, expanding jails have been overcrowded alternatives to incarceration, for decades but the last two scaling the work of the Office of Diversion and Reentry, and

> "In response to the COVID pandemic, a group of justice partners came together and worked hard to reduce the population in the county jail by more than 30%," said Judge Peter Espinoza, Director of the Office of Diversion and Reentry. "These decisions were made in a collaborative fashion with the intent of removing those most vulnerable to the virus while taking into account community safety. It's time for those same partners to come together and have a frank discussion about what we learned in that process and what actions we can take going forward, and what systems of care we can build, to keep the jail population down.'

With the motion passed Tuesday, the Board Supervisors has requested that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the Office of Diversion and Reentry, and other stakeholders provide a report to the Board of Supervisors in

"This pandemic has been the criminal justice system's 60 days on their plan post-COVID19 to maintain a reduced jail population beneath the Board of State and Community Corrections rated capacity while continuing to protect public safety and ensuring appropriate for individuals services released early or diverted from incarceration. This report back will include:

> A protocol for warm handoffs to post-release placements

Additions and expansions needed to the County's system of care that can provide alternative placements to incarceration community-based whenever possible including for individuals experiencing homelessness, individuals with serious mental illness, and individuals suffering from substance abuse

Legislative changes that the County could pursue and advocate for to help maintain a reduced jail population

Plans to reduce the number of inmates admitted on a daily basis

The Board also directed the County's CEO, in consultation with the Sheriff and Auditor Controller, to report back in 60 days with an analysis of any cost savings that have or will be generated in the future through a reduced jail population.

Rio Hondo College voices support for Black Lives Matter

College's Board of Trustees on as strength for a renewed June 10 adopted a resolution commitment against hate, affirming its "passionate support" for Black Lives Matter, racial quality, social justice and equity for all and "vigorously states. opposing" racism, white racism has infected our sociosupremacy and colonialism.

Theresolutionacknowledges that the College's student body is nearly 90 percent students of color who look to the Board of Trustees to "stand and kneel in solidarity with all whose lives are affected by the effects of racism."

The action was adopted unanimously, including by newly named student trustee Marcela Rodas.

"This is not a moment - this is a movement," Rodas said.

The trustees said the resolution stems from their role as public servants whose employees represent myriad ethnic backgrounds life experiences as well as a community rich in diversity.

In addition to the death of George Floyd while in the custody of Minneapolis police providing dynamic educational officers - the latest in a series of deaths of African Americans involving police action the resolution also lists the and white supremacy - all separation and detention of migrant families at the U.S.-Mexico border, the mass shooting in El Paso that targeted Latinos and xenophobic attacks on the Asian/Pacific Islander community.

"We are saddened by the murder of George Floyd and

WHITTIER - Río Hondo we intentionally use this grief "passionate white supremacy, and fear that distort a vision of common humanity," the resolution states. "The deep-seated political structures, poisoned our discourse and has a longlasting, far-reaching impact on the inequalities that persist today, some of which are visible at Río Hondo.'

> $The \, resolution \, states \, that \, the$ trustees were compelled to act because of their commitment to "transformative education as an equalizer."

> Río Hondo College, for example, provides a host of student services designed to ensure equitable delivery of education options to underrepresented minorities, veterans, people impacted by the justice system, foster youth, single parents and others facing significant barriers to academic and career success.

> "Our mission is to realize the success of our diverse students and communities by opportunities and resources, which includes a responsibility to oppose racism, colonialism, insidious forces that exclude, exploit, and harm diverse students and communities,' the resolution states.

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Contract awarded for CCPA fire alarm system

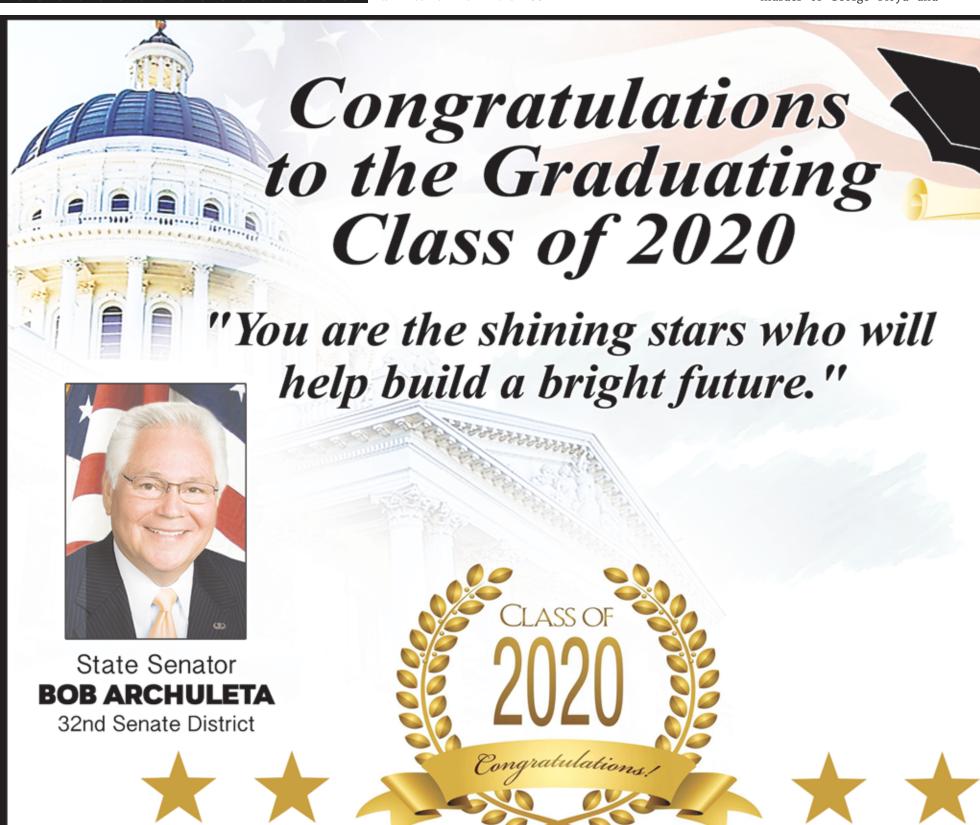
CERRITOS - The Cerritos Endowment Fund. City Council recently awarded a \$1.08 million contract to JAM Corporation for the replacement of a fire alarm system at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA).

The money for this project will come from the CCPA

The project consists of removing the old fire alarm and installing a new system pursuant the specifications and approved plans. The theater's existing fire alarm was installed

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