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Cc: Ernest Salomon; Missy Zeitsoff; Patricia Owens; Patricia Owens
Subject: Essential Workers & Customers Wearing Bandanas and Neck Gaiters



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Public Health & Elected Officials,

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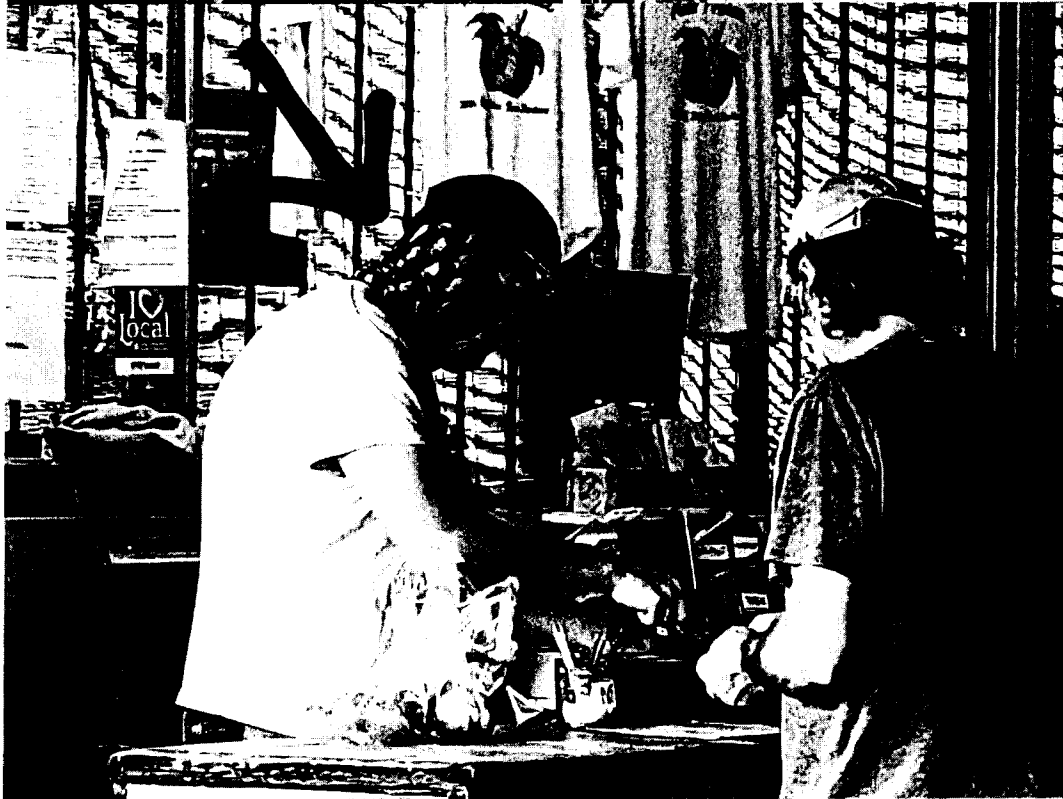
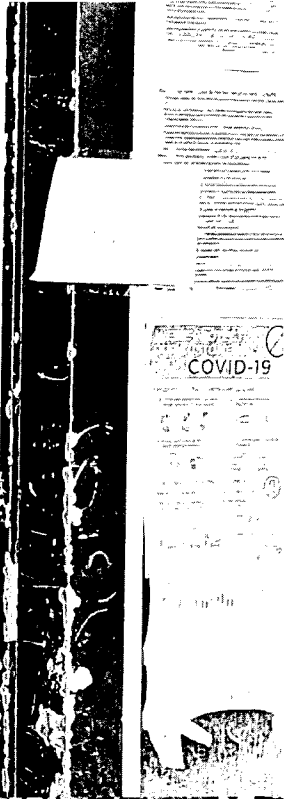
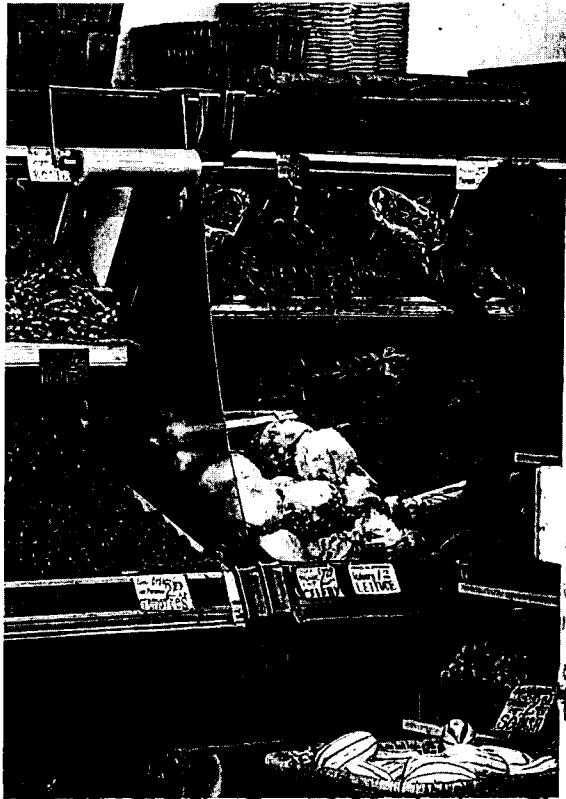
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We already know that essential workers are catching the disease at a higher rate and may be in customer-facing positions. My one question to you is when is the Public Health Official going to make it clear that bandannas and gaiters cannot be worn and how are you going to get this message out to businesses and residents? - This message can't be issued once but again and again and there must be public notices not just about this, but on valved masks which people are still wearing.

Best,
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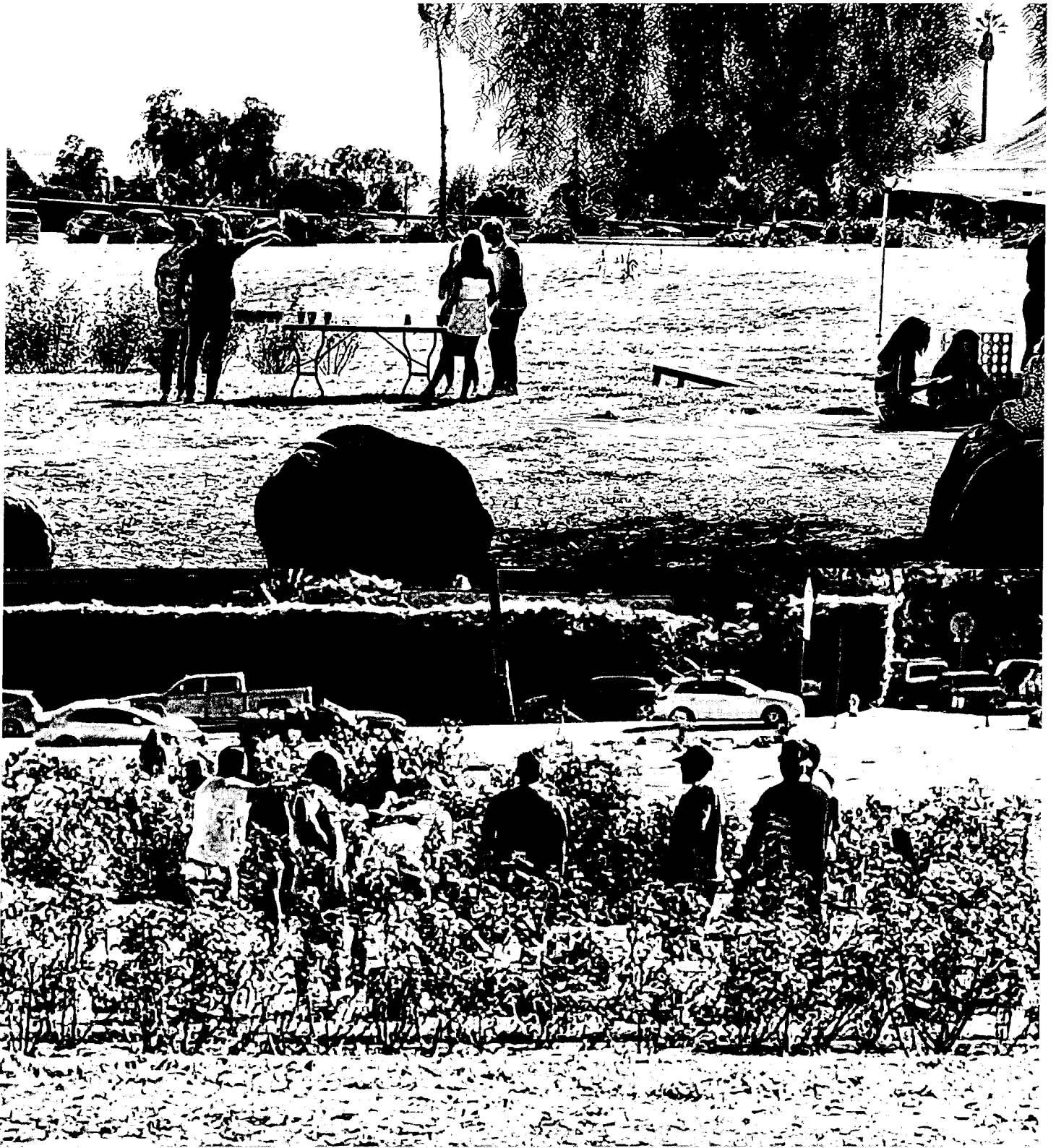
The answer would: **An all you can drink Beer Pong Birthday Party buffet!**

Alcohol helps to spread COVID-19 and this park is a natural draw for everyone in town to plan an outdoor gathering with alcohol. Why? The city permits alcohol consumption at the Rose Garden even during a pandemic. It's a brilliant way to help spread the disease. - It was also a brilliant idea to expand the drinking hours on State St until 12:30am. That's when you'll find the most sloppy drunks falling down on the sidewalks and fighting. Don't believe me? Just wander done there and check it out or ask for the calls for service for the police.

As for that big Birthday Party at the Rose Garden, there were a lot of Fiesta themed potlucks and 2 other large groups of young adults playing "*drinking games*" last weekend - in addition to the shared food and lack of socially distanced and masks.

What's going to happen this weekend? And will anyone even be there to stop the "*gathering*" that the new public health order spells out? My guess is that the brutal answer to that question is a firm "Hell No."

Happy Friday,
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Coincidentally I had to have my oil changed today. A customer was wearing a net gaiter. When I told him about the study he said he wouldn't wear anything else and that he had to wear it for work.

Do you think attitudes like this and a lack of enforcement will continue to spread the virus? I do. So, what if anything will you do about it?

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