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Construction Continues in Beverly Hills Amidst COVID-19

BY LAURA COLEMAN

While vehicular traffic may have dramatically diminished since L.A. County began observing the Governor's Safer at Home directive on March 19 to curb the spread of COVID-19, construction projects throughout Beverly Hills continue mostly unabated.

In fact, according to City Building Official Raj Patel, the City is actually experiencing a steady flow of new permits. In March Patel said the City issued approximately 400 building permits, which represented a slight decrease from February. However, he noted

that it was too early to tell if it's reflective of future construction activity or is due to the mid-month transition from the permit center at City Hall to a virtual platform.

"To be honest we really haven't seen a slowdown in terms of construction," he told the Courier. "For us inspection is going on as usual with the exception of the means and methods."

Deemed essential by Gov. Gavin Newsom and County officials, in addition to such trades as plumbing and electrical, building

construction continues to forge ahead amidst the global pandemic, with some proprietors even taking advantage of the forced shutdown of non-essential businesses to make property renovations.

"It's a pretty savvy group of businesses in Beverly Hills," Patel opined. "A lot of businesses are using it as an opportunity to do renovations."

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Residential construction continues in the City. Photo by Lisa Bloch

Beverly Hills City Government Adapts to COVID-19

BY LAURA COLEMAN

While the ability to conduct business as usual evaporated across the world in tandem with the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Beverly Hills continues to operate to the best of its capacity, albeit in a very modified way. Worldwide, 1.6 million people have contracted the virus, including 460,000 in the United States. Locally, as of April 9, there were 7,995 confirmed cases in L.A. County, including 71 in Beverly Hills and 98 in West Hollywood.

"I'm very proud of the level of service we continue to provide to Beverly Hills," Mayor Lester Friedman told the Courier. "In the midst of a public health crisis, City employees from across all departments remain committed to the critical functions our community depends on."

Indeed, the City Council has held multiple virtual meetings via Zoom since the Countywide "Safer at Home" mandate, even

its annual mayoral installation ceremony last week.

Following a 2006 directive by the Federal Government that cities write a pandemic plan, Director of Emergency Management, Resilience & Recovery Pamela Mottice-Muller said the City not only authored its own, but also performed practice exercises over the years. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City continues to update its business plan to stay ever-responsive, in addition to also planning how to respond in case another disaster hits. She underscored the importance of maintaining the City's capacity to provide critical and essential services while also keeping the government running, no matter what Beverly Hills may encounter.

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How to Donate Now

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

In this uncertain time when resources are scarce and funds needed, it can sometimes feel daunting to find ways to give back to our community. Businesses and residents are mobilizing to support schools, elderly communities, those who are sick, hospitals, and the brave healthcare professionals who are working on the front lines every single day. Of course, the best thing everyone can do is to stay home, stay healthy and wash their hands. But, for those looking to do more, there are many ways to make a difference. Cedars-Sinai

Cedars-Sinai has a variety of funding opportunities to benefit patients and staff who are impacted by COVID-19. Donors can choose to fund areas of greatest need, helping provide critical services in underserved communities.



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The fund to support employees and caregivers provides aid to Cedars-Sinai staff who are facing financial hardship as a result of this pandemic. The fund to support nurses provides the resources to train additional nursing staff. The fund to support operations is dedicated to sustaining the essential areas of the hospital. And the fund to support research and epidemiology is used to speed daring concepts developed in labs to the clinic, where they are translated into innovative, life-saving treatments. <https://support.cedars-sinai.edu/give/277062/#!/donation/checkout>.

Additionally, Cedars-Sinai provides guidance to those looking to donate a gift-in-kind such as gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, gowns, shoe covers, goggles, face shields in new condition. <https://www.cedars-sinai.org/giving.html>.

UCLA Health

The Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center has created two COVID-19 funds. Gifts made to the Patient Care and Healthcare Provider Protection Fund will help provide personal protective equipment (PPE) and enable immediate response to specific needs resulting from COVID-19. Donations also support procuring more ventilators, which is their highest priority. UCLA has 200 ventilators with an additional 25 on the way. The hospital is still in need of approximately \$800,000 to help mitigate the costs.

The Research and Education fund supports research to combat emerging infectious diseases, infectious disease education for health care providers and the public, exploration of the pathogenesis and transmission of the coronavirus family and the development and scaling up of novel diagnostic tests and therapeutics. <https://www.uclahealth.org/giving/covid-19-philanthropic-support>.

Additionally, UCLA is seeking in-kind donations of PPE products to protect health care workers on the front lines and patients. For hours, locations, safety requirements, and directions for drop-off, visit <https://www.uclahealth.org/Giving/workfiles/covid-19/UCLA-Health-PPE-Information-and-Drop-Off-Instructions.pdf>.

Children's Health Fund

The Children's Health Fund is a non-profit organization that provides health care to children and families on mobile medical clinics throughout the United States. The organization partners with clinics, schools, and homeless shelters in more than 21 communities across the country. Donations will support increased access to coronavirus screening and testing, as well as provide support to children and families who are facing tremendous economic challenges and lost learning, as well as school administrators struggling to keep learning going. <https://donate.childrenshealthfund.org/give/277403/#!/donation/checkout>.

American Red Cross

Since all blood drives have been canceled, The American Red Cross and hospitals around the country are facing a severe blood shortage, and healthy individuals are urged by the CDC to donate. Find a location and make an appointment online. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

UCLA Medical Center is also facing a critical blood shortage. To give blood, make an appointment online at <https://www.uclahealth.org/gotblood/make-an-appointment>.

CDC is supporting blood centers by providing recommendations that will keep donors and staff safe. <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s0319-cdc-encourages-donating-blood.html>

Feed the Frontline LA

Feed the Frontline LA was launched by Crateful, a high-end catering company turned gourmet food delivery service in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Crateful as well as other local businesses are providing meals for doctors, nurses and medical staff who are sacrificing everything to serve the community. "Our program is preparing healthy and tasty meals. We are using premium products and cooking with turmeric, ginger, everything good for the immune system right now. We are serving food such as chicken, salmon, vegetables, mixed grains, and high-quality pasta to give them good carbohydrates that aren't as heavy as the regular pasta," Crateful Co-Founder Emanuele Ponzio told the Courier. <https://www.feedthefrontline.la/>.

Beverly Hills Frontline Meals Program

This grassroots effort to feed local first responders while giving money back to local participating restaurants has raised close to \$15,000 since launching April 3. On April 8th, Porta Via provided lunch for 130 police, fire and public works personnel, dinner for 50 police and fire departments' night shift, and lunch for 40 City workers. Residents can make \$25 monetary donations through Venmo or by calling directly to participating restaurants:

Via Alloro - Venmo @Giacomino-Drago-1 until April 15th or call Cynthia at 310-209-8441

Xi'an - Venmo @Vicky-Mense until April 22nd or call Vicky at 310-275-3345

The Belvedere - Venmo @PBH-TLAbhart until April 24th or call Rebecca at 310-975-2767.

Meal to Heal Beverly Hills

Buy a meal to help feed Cedars-Sinai workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis. At the same time, donations will help local businesses stay open. Meal to Heal has partnered with Lazy Daisy 424-284-3387, The Palm Restaurant 310-550-8811, Beverly Hills Market and Deli 310-274-2229, Crème de la Crepe 310-406-4275, Porta Via 310-274-6524 Ext.1, Urth Caffe 310-205-9311, and Gourmando 424-777-0481. Call to purchase a \$15 "Meal to Heal." <https://www.mealtohealbeverlyhills.com/>

L.A. Animal Services

L.A. Animal Services (LAAS) operates six animal shelters in the City of Los Angeles, serving approximately 60,000 animals annually and responding to 20,000 emergency calls involving animals or people in danger. The LAAS shelters are closed to the public due to COVID-19, but officers are still bringing lost, injured, orphaned and abandoned animals to the shelters. LAAS animal shelters are at capacity and are asking the community to lend a helping hand by fostering and/or adopting a pet. <https://www.laanimalservices.com/la-animal-services-how-you-can-help-foster-adopt-donate/>.

Additionally, if you would like to donate an animal bed to your local shelter, the link below provides instructions. https://shelterbeds.org/index.php?route=events/events_view&event_id=392478&akey=392478

Beverly Hills COVID-19 Kindness Task Force

Monetary donations aren't the only way to make a contribution during this time. The Beverly Hills COVID-19 Kindness Task Force is comprised of community members helping seniors and the most vulnerable during this time of crisis. Volunteers provide tech support, emotional support, pet care, and deliver food and medicine. Sign up at the link below or by emailing volunteers@beverlyhills.org. <http://www.beverlyhills.org/citymanager/newsroom/covid19kindnesstaskforce/> ●

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From Chanel pulling permits to renovate its Rodeo Drive Boutique to the City Council's decision to temporarily close portions of Wilshire Blvd and Beverly Blvd to expedite construction on the Metro Purple Line Extension, Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer Todd Johnson underscored how important it is to support endeavors that bring life and vibrancy to the City.

"Hats off to the City for saying, 'Let's try to get as much done as we can during this downtime,'" Johnson told the Courier. "I think we've all come to grips there's a good chance we're going to be like this until at least June. I think we'll be lucky to see businesses open in June."

Patel estimated there were over 1,000 active building permits for projects at various stages now underway around Beverly Hills. While some projects await only a final inspection certification and others have just filed the initial permit with the City, residents throughout Beverly Hills can easily witness ongoing construction.

While the majority of construction is for single family properties, large-scale construction likewise continues. Patel estimated there were roughly 60 workers alone involved at the mixed-use condominium project at 9200 Wilshire.

To help educate property owners and contractors, Patel said the City emailed over 3,000 individuals and companies "COVID-19 Construction Safety Guidelines," which are based on recommendations put forth

by the Los Angeles County Department of Health on what is currently known about the virus. Available on the City's website, Beverly Hills building inspectors are also handing out the guidelines upon arriving at all job site inspections.

The City is also now requiring contractors to follow a list of supplemental construction safety guidelines recently issued by the County of Los Angeles, many of which were previously detailed in the County's guidelines for all essential businesses. Businesses are tasked with taking a multiplicity of precautions, which include social distancing at least six feet and providing access to hand washing facilities with soap and water or hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. In addition, businesses are encouraged to adopt risk mitigation strategies such as educating workers to effectively maintain social distancing; identifying and monitoring high risk closed-in areas to ensure social distancing is maintained; staggering workers to reduce density; providing personal protective equipment (PPE) as appropriate; cleaning and disinfecting equipment before and after use; requiring anyone on the project to stay home if they are ill; and having employees inform their supervisor if they live with anyone that has COVID-19.

"As inspectors navigate the City, they visually spot check ongoing construction sites to monitor compliance and share best practices for safety as recommended by health professionals. City inspectors also follow up on COVID-19 concerns related to

construction sites received from residents and the general public," Patel said. "Our building inspectors are also advised to use the latest best practices while making field inspections, including the use of face coverings, gloves/hand sanitizer, and safe distancing."

He said that the City receives multiple calls each day from residents voicing concerns about various construction projects, which the City responds to by dispatching an inspector to follow up on the matter. In addition, Patel said that Beverly Hills Ambassadors, Code Enforcement officials and Police Officers further act as the City's "eyes and ears" in helping to monitor that work is done according to the proscribed standards.

"I think all of us are doing our best

to make sure that all of us are educating people," he said. "If we notice something on the site that's questionable, we'll let the superintendent know that this is a concern that they need to take care of."

As construction projects move ahead, Patel emphasized how the City has adapted to allow for digital plan review.

"One thing that's amazing is that we've gone from a walk-in permit center to a 100 percent virtual center," he said, noting that email traffic has doubled or tripled since the "Safer at Home" mandate. "I want people to realize that we are open and we're busy. We're here to help everybody. If people have concerns, we will address them. We'll do everything we can to make the quality of life for residents as good as possible." ●



Wilshire Boulevard and Beverly Drive. Photo by Lisa Bloch

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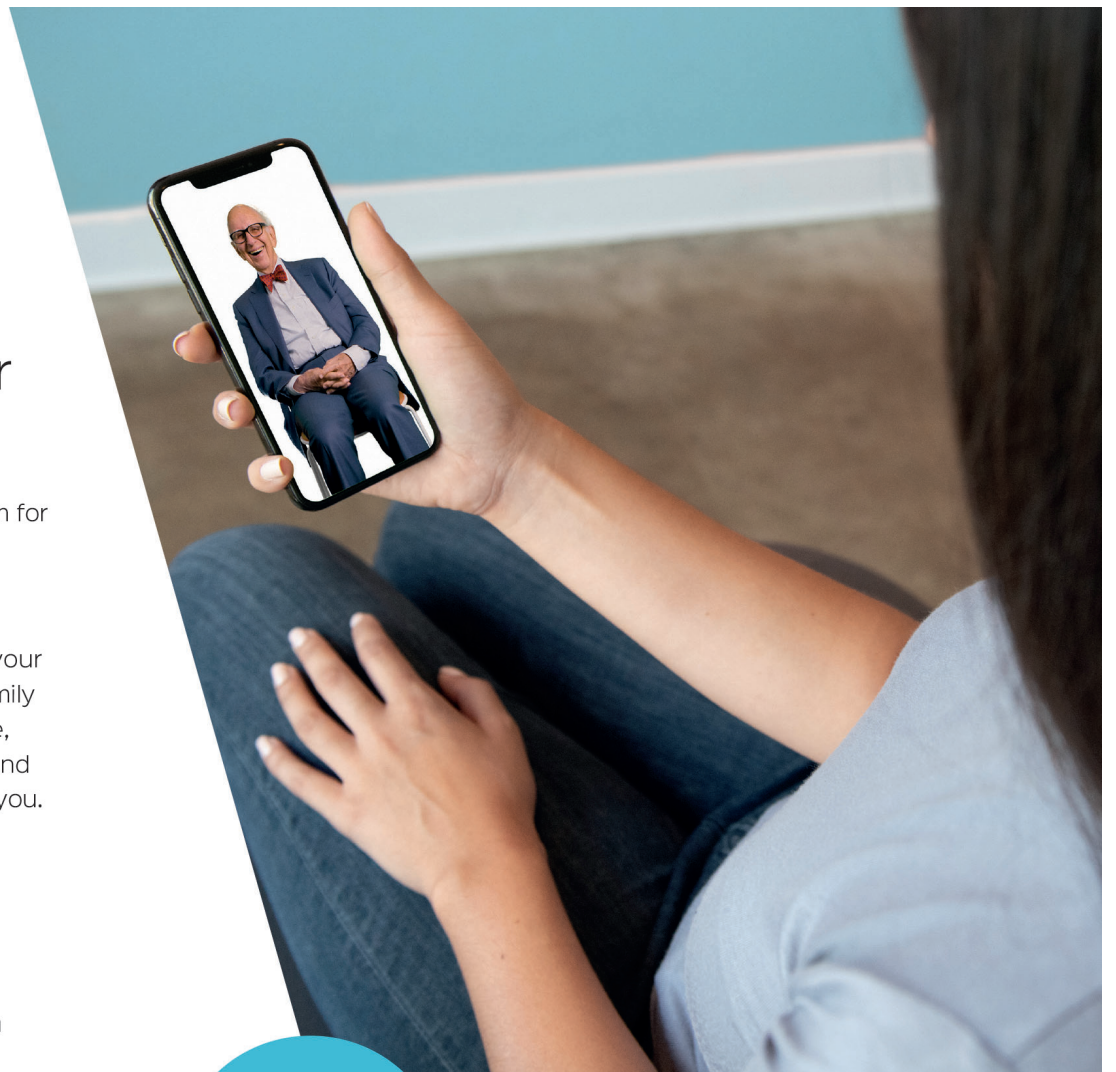
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New Standardized Testing Rules in Store for BHHS Students

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

For the first time in 61 years, applicants to the University of California system will not have to submit standardized test scores that have previously been pillars of the college application process. As stay-at-home orders persist around the state due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UC schools announced that they are temporarily suspending SAT/ACT testing requirements. The class of 2021 will not be obligated to sit for the nearly four-hour test in a highly monitored, designated testing room.

“We want to help alleviate the tremendous disruption and anxiety that is already overwhelming prospective students due to COVID-19,” said John A. Pérez, chair of the Board of Regents, the governing board for UC. “By removing artificial barriers and decreasing stressors – including suspending the use of the SAT – for this unprecedented moment in time, we hope there will be less worry for our future students.”

Since the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) announced a shutdown March 24, the classroom moved from school to home, prompting a shift in policy and procedure for all standardized tests. The challenges in maintaining the integrity of standardized tests taken at home are many.

The College Board is therefore offering a new at-home testing option for AP exams in order to give students the opportunity to earn college credit. The online tests will be open book, and can be taken on a computer, tablet or smartphone using a secure testing window provided by the College Board. Students have the option to either type and upload their responses or write responses by hand and submit a photo via their smartphone.

In the COVID-19 teaching and learning environment, Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) college counselors have pivoted, holding virtual meetings and offering webinars.

BHHS college counselor Casey Rowley will be holding a live Zoom info session every Friday at 12:15 p.m., during which juniors and seniors can participate in a Q&A. In a blog post published on April 1, Rowley encouraged students to control what they can. “Enjoy time with family, continue to do well in your classes and complete assignments and think of an activity you can do at home or virtually that still creatively showcases your strengths,” Rowley wrote. “And remember, context is key, you cannot be faulted for what is not available to you.”

In addition, BHUSD college counselors are available throughout the week to do one on one sessions with students and their families.

Of course, not having direct access all the time to teachers and counselors adds a level of anxiety for students that wasn't previously there. With that in mind, colleges and universities are sensitive to the fact that students taking an AP test this spring will be tested differently than in previous years.

BHUSD Assistant Superintendent of

Education Services, Dustin Seemann, told the Courier, “our teachers teach to a scope and sequence that aligns with the AP test in the College Board guidelines. Most of our students have pretty much already learned the bulk of the curriculum face-to-face, prior to our school closures.” Historically, Seemann said, “85 percent of our students are scoring fours or fives, so a lot of our kids get college credit through our advanced placement program.” BHHS offers 19 AP classes, and is hoping to add one more in the fall. ●

Beverly Hills Signs Lease with WeHo for Log Cabin

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The City of Beverly Hills and the City of West Hollywood have reached an agreement regarding the property located at 621 N. Robertson Boulevard. Known as the “Log Cabin,” the property is located within the city limits of West Hollywood. However, it is owned by the City of Beverly Hills.

The agreement signed this week provides that West Hollywood will lease the site from Beverly Hills for the period of one year. West Hollywood plans to sublease the property to the West Hollywood Recovery Center, for continued operation of addiction recovery services.

The Log Cabin has served as a long-time beacon of recovery for those from every walk of life struggling with addiction. The Lions Club of West Hollywood formerly leased the site, but that agreement has expired. Earlier this year, the City of Beverly Hills provided notice to the Lions Club to vacate the premises by March 31. The news that recovery services would be disrupted was met with outcries from the sober community. Some well-known celebrities even announced a willingness to purchase the property.

“We are thrilled to be able to secure this space to safeguard vital recovery services. Tens

of thousands of people have been helped by the 12-Step meetings offered at the ‘Log Cabin’ and with the addition of the West Hollywood Recovery Center as the lead nonprofit we can count on another four decades of meetings and community recovery,” said West Hollywood Mayor John D’Amico. “These meetings will remain a vital resource for the West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and greater Los Angeles sober community. The City of West Hollywood has been committed to preserving access to services at this addiction recovery space and this lease agreement with our neighbors in the City of Beverly Hills is a testament to working together to address community needs.”

Beverly Hills Mayor Lester Friedman noted, “We are pleased to have reached an agreement with our neighbors in West Hollywood to allow the crucial services at the Log Cabin to continue. We sincerely appreciate the work of the Lions Club over many years to support community organizations and provide valuable meeting space.”

At the present time, all meetings have been temporarily suspended at the site due to the COVID-19 health emergency and Los Angeles County Safer at Home Orders. Updates will be posted on <http://thewhrc.org>. ●



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City of Beverly Hills and Chief Spagnoli Named in New LawsUIT

BY ANA FIGUEROA

A new lawsuit was filed in the Los Angeles Superior Court on March 30 against the City of Beverly Hills and Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli. Plaintiff Scott Dibble, a sergeant with the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD), alleges causes of action for harassment, discrimination, failure to accommodate and retaliation. The complaint alleges the following:

In 2018, Dibble suffered injuries in a motorcycle accident while on duty. Later, he returned to work, and eventually was promoted to sergeant (He had sued the City for delayed promotion and received a settlement in a prior civil case.) Dibble has fully performed all work-related duties since then. However, a Qualified Medical Exam (QME) in late 2019 questioned his ability to lift more than 25 pounds on a repetitive basis.

Dibble claims his duties do not require him to lift 25 pounds on a repetitive basis (i.e., more than two hours in a day). Therefore, the restriction in the QME was not a legitimate basis to prevent him from working. “Nevertheless, defendant refused to allow Dibble to return to work.” That refusal, the complaint alleges, is based on improper, discriminatory motives. Those motives include Dibble’s failure to accede to “unwelcome sexual advances or conduct or comments by Spagnoli.”

Dibble’s attorney Bradley C. Gage has represented other plaintiffs in litigation against the City and Spagnoli. Some have resulted in seven-figure recoveries. Gage told the Courier:

“She [Spagnoli] has created a lot of problems and has failed to appreciate what is required from a leader under modern rules against discrimination, harassment and retaliation. I think that is crystal clear from all the testimony, the rulings of people

who investigated it, juries’ decisions, several judges opinions when the City tried to throw the cases out on summary judgment, that there is wrongdoing in the City of Beverly Hills that has been allowed to continue and will cost taxpayers probably millions more for however long the chief remains.”

He added, “Any reasonable employer in the private sector would have taken measures to change the situation years ago. But, the City of Beverly Hills which has unlimited funds, lots of insurance and just doesn’t seem to care about its employees or appreciate the long-term consequences about what happens in the police department has just turned a blind eye.”

Beverly Hills City Attorney Laurence S. Wiener believes Dibble’s case is entirely misguided. He told the Courier that Dibble has, in fact, been offered his job back.

“This situation is all of Sgt. Dibble’s making, but not uncommon in the worker’s compensation context. He was working without restrictions after his 2018 motorcycle accident and was even promoted to sergeant during that time. Then he requested an opinion from a Qualified Medical Examiner in order to obtain a partial permanent disability award. The Qualified Medical Examiner issued an opinion that he could not lift more than 25 pounds on a ‘repetitive basis.’ A police officer’s gun belt normally weighs approximately 20-30 pounds. Sgt. Dibble was then put on leave, with pay, while we sorted out what the doctor meant by ‘repetitive basis.’ I understand that we have now offered to return Sgt. Dibble to work,” said Wiener.

Moreover, added Wiener, Dibble’s situation was handled entirely by the Risk Management Division. “Chief Spagnoli has not been involved in this process,” he said. ●

UCLA Study Seeks to Enhance Understanding of COVID-19

BY LAURA COLEMAN

An interdisciplinary team at the University of California, Los Angeles, led by the Department of Computational Medicine, is asking people to participate in an online study to help understand how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected local communities.

“As the COVID-19 continues to spread around the world, many people are feeling anxious and isolated. One of the most pressing challenges is the lack of information. But even in these uncertain times, there is an opportunity for us to join forces to stop COVID-19 together,” states the website <https://stopcov-id19together.org>.

Part of #TeamLA, the project, which includes a survey created by UCLA Health, aims to collect information that will increase understanding of the pandemic in an effort to stop it.

The website provides a variety of tools, including the “Coronavirus Risk Assessment.” The self-check tool prompts respondents to answer several yes/no questions about their symptoms, age and other factors. Based on the responses, the tool then recommends next steps.

“Every individual can and should

contribute, and by doing so will be joining our team effort to collect necessary data to stop the pandemic,” the website states.

Beverly Hills residents should be further advised that starting April 10, all persons must wear face coverings in public. The recent City mandate mirrors that issued by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti who ordered all residents to wear face coverings when visiting essential businesses starting April 10. The World Health Organization can help you do this safely by visiting <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/when-and-how-to-use-masks>. The Surgeon General has also posted a helpful video on how to create masks at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YLXehSjVsw>.

Pregnant women and those who are breastfeeding can find answers to many questions at <https://connect.uclahealth.org/2020/03/05/what-pregnant-women-should-know-about-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>. Parents with questions on how COVID-19 impacts kids can get more information by visiting <https://connect.uclahealth.org/2020/03/19/covid-19-how-the-virus-affects-children-and-those-around-them/>. ●

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The Hospitality Scene

Local Heroes

BY CAROLE DIXON

While restaurants and hotels across the City are all suffering due to COVID-19 closures and limited services, this is not stopping some local organizations and small businesses from giving back to the community and, in some cases, their employees, during this crisis.

The Dorchester Hotels, which includes the Hotel Bel-Air and Beverly Hills Hotel, have been providing meals to local hospitals and homeless veterans in VA facilities. “We have pledged to take care of all of our team members across Dorchester Collection, and we also are committed to supporting the community with hundreds of care packages each week going to local hospitals, first responders and those in need,” Edward Mady, Regional Director of West Coast USA and General Manager told the Courier.

Moët Hennessy USA, the U.S. entity of the LVMH Wines & Spirits division, has made financial donations to the U.S. Bartender’s Guild and the National Restaurant Association Education Fund (NRAEF), which aids workers who have lost their jobs in the sector. The brand is also making thousands of liters of alcohol for health care uses and hand sanitizer through its Woodinville Whiskey distillery in Washington state.

The Peninsula Beverly Hills is giving back through donations and meals provided to local firefighters, police officers, and hospital workers. Next week, almost 400 hourly employees at the hotel, will receive a “family dinner” for four created by Chef Codney. The hotel is also providing a bag of groceries to each employee.

Maude owner and Australian-born chef Curtis Stone has transitioned both his Beverly Hills and Hollywood restaurants to marketplaces. He is devoting the resources for philanthropy to his #Commit2One partnership, which has benefited the National Young Farmers Coalition, Chrysalis, Adopt Together, Share Our Strength and most recently, Drought Angels, which helps Australian farmers in need. <https://www.mauderestaurant.com>

Popular Pizzana cafe with locations on Robertson Boulevard and San Vicente Boulevard in Brentwood, is providing free gourmet pizzas to frontline medical staff including doctors and nurses. Visit their GoFundMe page to make a donation at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-support-our-emergency-medical-workers>.

Wally’s Wine and Spirits on Canon Drive is

still keeping a steady retail pace with take-out and delivery even if the typically buzzing restaurant and store are now both empty. They are also giving back to the community during this time. According to Wally’s president and principal owner Christian Navarro, “We are sending food every week to Cedars-Sinai ICU, St John’s ICU and the Beverly Hills Fire and Police departments.”

The fast-casual Fatburger chain has hit the road with a food truck that will be providing 10,000 free meals for healthcare heroes on the frontlines this April. The truck made one of its first stops at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and continues to stop at regional hospitals, serving up to 500 meals at a time.

Andy Wiederhorn, CEO, FAT Brands said, “Los Angeles is a city of dreamers. Right now, our healthcare workers are fighting on our front lines to protect our city. We’re humbled to help them in a small way as they fight to keep that dream alive for all of us.”

Innovative Dining Group has set up an IDG Relief Fund to help support their employees who are currently out of work. The company is donating 50 percent of every gift card purchased directly to their employees. Customers can purchase at shop.innovativedining.com

or for pickup daily from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at their local restaurants such as Sushi Roku, BOA Steakhouse and Katana all on Sunset Boulevard.

Suzanne Goin is partnering on a new initiative with Dine11.org to help feed healthcare workers with delicious market-driven food from her restaurants, a.o.c., Tavern and Lucques. Goin will be including produce from local farmers as well as breads and cookies. The Larder Baking Co (also owned by Goin) and Dine11.org are also partnering to feed frontline healthcare workers with a buy-give one promotion with Tock. <https://www.exploretock.com/thelarderbakingco>.

The Sushi Nozawa Group, which owns Sugarfish in Beverly Hills, intends to keep 100 percent of the over 600 people – both salaried and hourly – at all of their restaurants (this includes Nozawa Bar, KazuNori and sister restaurants HiHo Cheeseburger and Uovo). They have reopened the phones to take orders for pickup and delivery, and whenever possible, have their staff do the delivery. <https://sugarfishsushi.com/locations/la-bh/>.

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WE CREATE COMMUNITY

(COVID-19 continued from page 1)

"We've always planned for this. The structure and everything we have in place, we have planned for and practiced for," Mottice-Muller told the Courier. "It is amazing how quickly the City mobilizes. There is really a commitment from the City and the Council and staff to support this community. And I think that's the key. It's more than the Police Department and the Fire Department. It's everybody, and all the departments are working hard to make sure that we can respond."

In addition to Beverly Hills Police and Fire, employees operating in the real world include those in Public Works, the Office of Emergency Management, IT, Code Enforcement, Rangers and Ambassadors, among others. The City also provides frequent updates to the community via a comprehensive webpage dedicated to COVID-19 (beverlyhills.org/coronavirus) as well as through various social media channels, public signage and direct mail, while the Human Services Division continues to reach out directly to the City's seniors and most vulnerable. City Spokesperson Keith Sterling, who told the Courier that "in an event like this, we cannot communicate enough," said that trash continues to be picked up regularly with its service provider getting to alleys at least once a week and spot checking all alleys frequently given that people are doing a lot of "cleaning out" right now.

Twice daily roughly 45 to 55 people participate on virtual briefings via the City's Emergency Operations Center, which allows representatives from all City departments to come together to respond to various developments and constantly evolve planned responses.

Mottice-Muller estimated that between 250 to 300 City employees come to work each day to provide the essential services to keep the City up and running, further supported by hundreds of employees working remotely. Sterling told the Courier that Beverly Hills is committed to paying all of its roughly 1,000 employees through April 24, after which time that might change. To date, no employees had been furloughed or put on reduced pay with the exception of the City's "on-call" employees that didn't have a regular number of hours they worked. The City Council will be meeting on April 21 and is expected to discuss the fiscal outlook moving forward.

On April 5, City staff were informed that they needed to adhere to a bevy of directives in order to maintain a safe and healthy workplace for employees and the community. In addition to self-monitoring and tracking themselves for symptoms of COVID-19, the common cold and Influenza, City employees are asked to take their temperature before and after work and if an employee has a fever 100°F or higher, cough, trouble breathing or other symptoms of the common cold or Influenza, they are being told to not report to work, in addition to contacting their supervisor.

While the City cannot disclose personal health information, Sterling told the Courier that he was aware of one City employee who had tested positive for COVID-19. "The City notified those who may have been in close contact with the employee and has taken all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure the continued safety of all employees," he

said.

On April 3, roughly a week before the City mandated that all persons, including essential workers, must wear protective face coverings in public starting April 10 when they leave their homes, even to take a walk, City employees received an email that recommended they wear their own face coverings "out of an abundance of caution." Staff was told they could wear solid colored bandanas, neck gaiters, homemade face coverings, and scarves.

"Because of new scientific information that raises concern for possible transmission of COVID-19 while people are asymptomatic, it seems advisable at this time to wear cloth face coverings while in public to protect others," stated the email from Director of Human Resources Shelley Ovrom. "We are expecting official guidance from the CDC as they review and consider the evidence, so our recommendations are subject to change. Wearing a face covering can reduce the release of infectious particles into the air when you speak, cough, or sneeze, and protects the people near you."

While no one knows definitively when the number of COVID-19 cases will peak locally, Mottice-Muller emphasized that it was critical that for the next two weeks people stay home as much as possible, particularly given the disease's long incubation period where those who are infected are often asymptomatic. Beginning April 11 at 6 p.m. through April 13 at 6 a.m., all City parks, fields, sports courts and other recreational facilities will be closed, with the exception of public restrooms which will remain open during normal hours.

"The biggest thing is you've got to stay home," she said, "and wear these face coverings and do not touch your mouth, your nose, your face."

The City's Fire Department personnel remains on the front lines in responding to patients experiencing symptoms of the virus.

Beverly Hills Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli told the Courier that a decrease in the City's overall crime in the wake of the pandemic "has been really helpful" as far as freeing up officers to spend time patrolling the City. In addition, she said that the incoming 911 calls were "significantly" down to generally 80 to 100 calls a day now, with a marked diminishment in Priority 1 calls. For example, on April 7 she said there were zero Priority 1 calls.

"We want to make sure we have the visibility our community expects. We want to have a visible presence in the community so that people know they are safe," Spagnoli told the Courier. "We continue to make sure that we're responding in less than three minutes to Priority 1 calls."

While Beverly Hills Police officers continue making traffic stops and arrests, she said they were being proactive in their approach to safety by taking appropriate precautions, including using gloves, a mask and glasses. However, they often find themselves giving people warnings to practice social distancing, an edict that is too often not adhered to in the local parks, she said.

"We're seeing a lot of violations in the parks," Spagnoli said, noting that the department continues to educate people against violating the rules of social distancing as opposed to ticketing them. "People should not be getting together in large groups." ●



John Gregory Gordon

1945 - 2020

John Gregory Gordon, 74, of Old Lyme, CT, formerly of Madison, CT and Pleasantville, NY, died peacefully at home just as he would have wanted it with his two devoted children, Shannon and Shane by his side on March 26th after a brave battle with cancer.

Born in NYC on October 27, 1945 to John Edward Gordon and Joan Attridge Gordon, Greg was 'Big' brother to Jane Gordon of Chester, CT; Christopher Gordon of Florida; Jonathan Gordon of Essex CT; and pre-deceased by Richard J. Gordon. Greg was also pre-deceased by the Love-of-his-life Sherry Kay Standridge Gordon in 2003. He leaves behind his daughter, Shannon Lynn Gordon (Beverly Hills, CA), and his son Shane Gregory Gordon (Mar Vista, CA) and three beautiful grandchildren, Kaitlyn Slover (Brian), Marley Gordon, and Dylan Gordon, as well as 12 loving nieces and nephews. He leaves behind his 2nd wife, Kathleen Gordon.

Greg attended Archbishop Stepinac High School and Manhattan College where he excelled in sports, especially track and pole vaulting.

After college Greg enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Captain J. Gregory Gordon was an Instructor and Aircraft Commander leading multi-aircraft formations during combat over Vietnam from 1969 to 1973.

After his military service, Greg followed in his father's footsteps. He became a Special Agent for the FBI. Greg was undercover and flew air surveillance throughout his distinguished career.

Gregory served 27 years as a Special Agent with the FBI. After working organized crime in Philadelphia as a criminal investigator, Greg was asked to start up the FBI's Aviation Unit. He is widely recognized as one of the 'founding fathers' of the FBI's surveillance flight program. In 1983 he transferred to the New Haven, CT Bureau. Greg worked many major criminal investigation cases during his career. He was in the air over Waco, Texas. He had the unusual task of being assigned as an Undercover Agent for most of his career and was part of a national group of Agents that produced key evidence against Drug Cartels, Organized Crime figures, Spies and Terrorists.

On 9/11, Greg, along with his partner Special Agent Ted Teahan, was tasked with taking surveillance photographs in NYC over 'ground zero'. They flew to Washington, D.C. to deliver the photos to the FBI Headquarters. Greg recalled that the strangest and eerie memory he had as a pilot that day was that the sky was devoid of all aircraft. As they approached the Washington, D.C. airport, he radioed ahead for clearance to land and was given immediate authorization. He told us throughout all his years flying, that that had never happened before, or since.

Greg's flying partner, Ted, describes the aftermath of our nation's tragedy this way: Our most solemn flight was about a week after the towers went down. The only flights allowed in the whole country were law enforcement. Even fewer flights were allowed in the vicinity of the downed towers. We were tasked to take photos so our Evidence Response Team could figure out what they were going to need before they were assigned down there. We were on station for about 15 minutes. It was the quietest flight we ever had together or for that matter in my entire career. A few days later, we were asked to fly evidence from Connecticut to Washington, D.C. Again, no one but law enforcement was allowed in the sky. We were cleared direct from our home base to D.C. Virtually unheard of. When we landed at Reagan National it was like a scene out of the movies. No one, but no one, was there. There were quite literally tumbleweeds on the tarmac as we taxied.

Besides taking-to-the-sky, Greg enjoyed a round of golf, hiking, riding motor cycles, playing his guitar and filling his house with music and writing poetry. He enjoyed the shoreline beaches in NY and CT and could quite easily be classified as a beach-bum!

Greg's favorite companions were his 'other' children: sheep dog Abby, and golden retrievers Cassidy, Jasper, and Bella. They loved Greg as much as he loved them.

Greg will be remembered and honored with a Celebration of Life gathering at a date to be announced.

Some get wings in heaven; Greg took his wings with him.

Behind the Mask with Clothing Designer Franne Golde

BY CAROLE DIXON

With California Department of Public Health officials strongly advising local residents not to leave home without donning a mask, many companies have decided to pivot and start producing potential life-saving cloth versions.

While some of us have been trying to craft makeshift masks at home with bandanas and scarves, celebrity fashion brands are also stepping up, including Christian Siriano from “Project Runway” and H&M, to downtown L.A. apron manufacturer Hedley & Bennet, who make the chic chef aprons worn in all the best restaurants around town.

Beverly Hills resident and local clothing designer Franne Golde has collaborated with everyone from the Commodores to Randi Travis and Jody Watley as an award-winning songwriter. As the founder of her eponymous clothing line, Golde makes the perfect black pants dubbed “magic” by Oprah’s creative director and style guru Adam Glassman and has now started working with the organization Behind the Mask.

Right before the COVID-19 lockdown began, Golde said she “got a feeling that people were going to need masks.”

So, she ordered 50 masks for her clothing site from a local manufacturer and they sold out on her website in one day. “I wanted one

personally, I thought they were really cool,” she told the Courier. Now the 100 percent sustainable cotton, pleated masks, which retail for just \$15, have been on preorder for the past few weeks. “They are in such high demand,” said Golde. “We are getting orders from as far away as Massachusetts and New Jersey. People are asking, ‘where did you get your mask?’”

Golde manufacturer Dana Weinstein created Behind the Mask to help doctors and health care workers with a GoFundMe campaign. The group of local female entrepreneurs has raised \$70,000 so far. Golde joined the fundraising team and is now donating a portion of all her sales to this cause for the month of April. Every dollar donated from Behind the Mask is going directly towards purchasing N95 medical-grade masks and gowns for hospital workers.

“We all have to contribute in any way we can,” said Golde. “I can’t give away all my profits because I need to keep my employees and my business going, but whatever I can do to help, I’m doing.”

As far as wearing masks in public after COVID-19, as other Asian countries like Japan have been doing for years, “I think that is going to become a way of life here.” she said. “I will keep them on the site until people stop

ordering.”

But Golde is not expecting orders to dry up anytime soon. “I’m planning on keeping them throughout the year [on the site]. I’m also making some for fall in different patterns,” she added.

“We’re working on a comfortable layered mask right now that is a completely sustainable fabric with a knit pocket for an optional air filter and can be used as a washable cover for medical-grade masks and also used by the public.”

Golde has also started helping women through her new Tele-wear collection for people suddenly forced to conduct all business virtually from home. “It’s important to keep a daily schedule and not just stay in

your pajamas and be depressed,” she told the Courier.

The Tele-wear offerings includes selling comfortable athleisure wear, casual basic wardrobe pieces and those famous pants for customers who are still shopping online. “It’s a simple uniform outfit which is what our whole collection is based on,” she said.


Along with daily exercise, Golde has been keeping in touch with her customers and being as transparent as possible during this trying time.

“When you look good you feel good and if we can make somebody feel good and inspire them to put a little lipstick on, then great.” <https://www.frannegolde.com/#GetBehindTheMask> ●

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PURPLE LINE EXTENSION TRANSIT PROJECT
Section 2 – Beverly Hills Update

Full Closure of Wilshire Bl
Beverly Hills City Council has approved a full closure of Wilshire Bl between Beverly Dr and Crescent Dr to help expedite station construction. The closure is anticipated to take place anywhere from one to three months. However, upon request of the City, streets may be restored to allow two lanes in each direction at any time.



TRAFFIC ALERT
Full closure of Wilshire Bl from Beverly Dr to Crescent Dr. Metro buses will be detoured. For more info, please visit metro.net/advisories.

WORK HOURS
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*Construction is dynamic and is subject to change.

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Police Blotter

After noticing that the number of reported crimes in the City appears to be decreasing in the past few weeks, the Courier reached out to the Beverly Hills Police Department for comment.

According to Chief Sandra Spagnoli, “We have seen a significant decrease in calls for service and criminal activity. Despite this, we have increased the visibility of police officers in both residential and commercial areas of the City. The stay at home orders, retail closures and increased police patrols, have contributed to this drop in activity. Right now, the community should continue to follow the Safer at Home orders and be on alert for COVID-19 scams – by email, telephone, or door to door. We encourage residents to continue to call us if they see any suspicious activity in their neighborhood – that’s what helps keeps our City so safe.”

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Birthdays



MANDY KATZ
April 10



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April 10



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April 14

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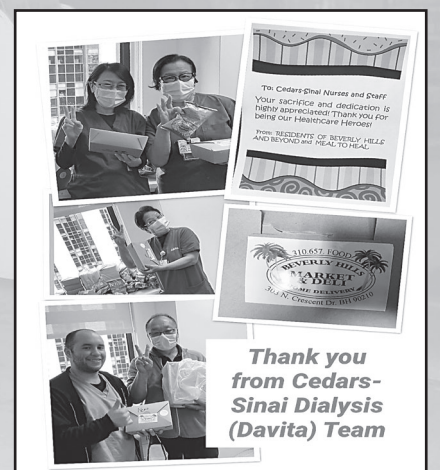
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DOUBLE TALK
BY JIM PEREDO / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jim Peredo of Lakewood, Wash., is a stay-at-home dad and former communications engineer in the Air Force. He got into crosswords by way of geocaching — posting puzzles online whose answers are geographic coordinates. (Search for “Team Peredox” for examples.) Jim counts himself as a Chamorro: Both his parents are Guamanian, although he himself has lived in Guam for only a year. This is his ninth puzzle for The Times and his second Sunday. — W.S.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Orchestra heavyweights</p> <p>6 Mushroom in ramen</p> <p>11 When tripled, a comment of annoyance</p> <p>14 “Oh, my!”</p> <p>18 It has a very big bed</p> <p>19 One of a pair of explorers on the Missouri state quarter</p> <p>20 Spring feature</p> <p>21 Golden-rule word</p> <p>22 Run-on sentence?</p> <p>25 ___-by date</p> <p>26 Common female middle name</p> <p>27 Wax theatrical</p> <p>28 Sharply dressed, shoewise?</p> <p>30 Boring events</p> <p>32 Bit of conniving</p> <p>34 Five-letter world capital that locals spell as two words</p> <p>35 Tempe neighbor</p> <p>36 Passing comment?</p> <p>38 Riding the waves</p> <p>41 Something a bib catches</p> <p>43 Busy Bee, for short</p> <p>44 Single quote?</p> <p>50 Doesn't touch</p> <p>55 Head to bed</p> <p>56 Surreal finale?</p> | <p>57 Big name in student grants</p> <p>59 Order to attack</p> <p>60 ___ Paradise, “On the Road” protagonist</p> <p>61 Weapon associated with the film quote “Here's Johnny!”</p> <p>63 Sack cloth</p> <p>65 Hats, slangily</p> <p>66 Just saying?</p> <p>72 ___ Roddenberry, first TV writer on the Hollywood Walk of Fame</p> <p>73 Ancient Greek poet sometimes called the Tenth Muse</p> <p>74 Smear</p> <p>75 Preschooler</p> <p>77 Nickname for Baseball Hall-of-Famer Ernie Banks</p> <p>79 When tripled, “etc.”</p> <p>80 Educational TV spot, for short</p> <p>83 Square dance move</p> <p>85 Fireplace item</p> <p>87 Stock phrase?</p> <p>90 Not commercial: Abbr.</p> <p>92 Briskly</p> <p>93 Bring in</p> <p>94 Self expression?</p> <p>101 Trade jabs</p> <p>104 Sports venue</p> <p>105 “Outta luck!”</p> <p>106 Magical powder</p> <p>110 Prepped for surgery</p> <p>112 Children's-song refrain</p> <p>113 Uma Thurman's role in “Pulp Fiction”</p> | <p>114 Yonder, in dialect</p> <p>115 Old saw?</p> <p>119 Anger</p> <p>120 Spew anger</p> <p>121 ___ Mitchell, creator of the Tony-winning musical “Hadestown”</p> <p>122 Handle</p> <p>123 “What are the ___?”</p> <p>124 Deli sandwich, hold the vowels</p> <p>125 Like stereotypical Seattle weather</p> <p>126 Symbol of the National Audubon Society</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Coverings on ancient Roman statuary</p> <p>2 Women's-basketball powerhouse, for short</p> <p>3 Gas-relieving brand</p> <p>4 “What a relief!”</p> <p>5 “4-Down-choo!”</p> <p>6 Poe poem about a mythical quest</p> <p>7 Scurriers near streams</p> <p>8 Minor cut, say</p> <p>9 Makeup holder</p> <p>10 Suffix with Black or brack</p> <p>11 “Can't deal with that right now!”</p> <p>12 Lacking focus</p> <p>13 Unbridled joy</p> <p>14 Composer Mahler</p> <p>15 Low tie</p> <p>16 Canonized fifth-century pope called “the Great”</p> | <p>17 “Stop right there!”</p> <p>20 Adorable one</p> <p>23 ___ Research Center</p> <p>24 Org. tracking workplace accidents</p> <p>29 English setting for a series of Impressionist paintings by Monet</p> <p>31 Neighbor of an Emirati</p> <p>32 Young weaned pig</p> <p>33 Monk's digs</p> <p>36 Word with tippy or twinkle</p> <p>37 “2001: A Space Odyssey” computer</p> <p>38 Puts on ... or things put on</p> <p>39 Ugly ones sometimes come out in December</p> <p>40 Nosh at noon, say</p> <p>42 Diamond stat</p> <p>45 Second-most-common Vietnamese surname</p> <p>46 Home of Wichita Falls</p> <p>47 Magnum ___</p> <p>48 Game-ball material</p> <p>49 The scat got her tongue, you might say</p> <p>51 Where bills pile up</p> <p>52 Lower-extremity affliction</p> <p>53 Secret target</p> <p>54 Capt.'s assistant, maybe</p> <p>58 Milk: Fr.</p> <p>62 Where the meaning of life was sold in 2000 for \$3.26</p> <p>63 Part of a job application</p> |
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ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2806

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS ADOPTING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TENANT EVICTIONS, AND OTHER MEASURES, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2805, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2," and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019," abbreviated COVID-19, ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health declared a local emergency and local public health emergency to aid the regional healthcare and governmental community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for the broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the City Manager, in his role as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency pursuant to Section 2-4-107 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to ensure the availability of mutual aid and an effective City response to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health have all issued orders including, but not limited to, social distancing, staying home if sick, canceling or postponing large group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the public health emergency and the precautions recommended by health authorities, many tenants in Beverly Hills have experienced or expect soon to experience sudden and unexpected income loss; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has stated that individuals exposed to COVID-19 may be temporarily unable to report to work due to illness caused by COVID-19 or quarantines related to COVID-19, and individuals directly affected by COVID-19 may experience loss of income, health care and medical coverage, and ability to pay for housing and basic needs, thereby placing increased demands on already strained regional and local health and safety resources, including shelters and food banks; and

WHEREAS, further economic impacts are anticipated, leaving tenants vulnerable to eviction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beverly Hills is redoubling its efforts to maintain hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and social distancing. It is absolutely critical that the City does everything possible to slow the pace of community spread and avoid unnecessary strain on our medical system. To aid in these efforts, the City Council is ordering a series of temporary restrictions be placed on certain establishments throughout the City in which large numbers of people tend to gather and remain in close proximity.

WHEREAS, during this local emer-

gency, and in the interest of protecting the public health and preventing transmission of COVID-19, it is essential to avoid unnecessary housing displacement, to protect the City's affordable housing stock, and to prevent housed individuals from falling into homelessness; and

WHEREAS, commercial tenants who operate businesses within the City may have to close their businesses in response to emergency orders, which will substantially decrease or eliminate their income, and businesses that are permitted to remain open also are likely to experience a significant loss of income while the emergency orders are in effect; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public peace, health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary for the City Council to exercise its authority to issue these regulations related to the protection of the public peace, health or safety.

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills does adopt the recitals and the following emergency regulations which shall take effect immediately:

1. A temporary moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by residential tenants substantially impacted by the COVID-19 crisis is imposed as follows:

a. During the period of local emergency declared in response to COVID-19, no landlord shall endeavor to evict a tenant in either of the following situations: (1) for nonpayment of rent if the tenant demonstrates that the tenant is unable to pay rent due to substantial financial impacts related to COVID-19, or (2) for a no-fault eviction, unless necessary for the health and safety of tenants, neighbors, or the landlord, other than based on illness of the tenant or any other occupant of the residential rental unit. A landlord who receives notice that a tenant cannot pay some or all of the rent temporarily for the reasons set forth above shall not serve a notice pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1161(2), file or prosecute an unlawful detainer action based on a 3-day pay or quit notice, or otherwise seek to evict for nonpayment of rent. A landlord receives notice of a tenant's inability to pay rent within the meaning of this Ordinance if the tenant, within seven (7) days after the date that rent is due, notifies the landlord in writing, of lost income or extraordinary expenses related to COVID-19 and inability to pay full rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, and within thirty (30) days after the date the rent is due, provides written documentation to the landlord to support the claim, using the form provided by the City. A copy of both the seven-day notice and the documentation to support the claim shall also be provided by email (or if email is not feasible by mail along with notification by telephone) to the City's Rent Stabilization office. For purposes of this Ordinance, "in writing" includes email or text communications to a landlord or the landlord's representative if that is the method of written communication that has been used previously, or correspondence by regular mail, if that is the method of written communication that has been used previously and the parties have not agreed to use email or text messaging. Any medical or financial information provided to the landlord shall be held in confidence, and shall be used only for evaluating the tenant's claim. Nothing in this Ordinance shall relieve the tenant of liability for the unpaid rent, which the landlord may seek after expiration of the local emergency, and which the tenant must pay in full within one year of the expiration of the local emergency. One year after the end of the emergency, unless if the rent is paid in full, a landlord may charge or collect a late fee for rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance; or a landlord may seek rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance through the eviction or other appropriate legal process. No fee for the late payment of rent shall be charged by a landlord during the period of the emergency or one year after the end of the emergency.

b. For purposes of this Ordinance, "financial impacts related to COVID-19" include, but are not limited to, lost household income or extraordinary expenses as a result of any of the following: (1) being sick with COVID-19, or caring for a household or family member

who is sick with COVID-19; (2) lay-off, loss of hours, or other substantial income reduction resulting from business closure or other economic or employer impacts of COVID-19 including for tenants who are salaried employees or self-employed; (3) compliance with a recommendation from a government health authority to stay home, self-quarantine, or avoid congregating with others during the state of emergency; (4) extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses related to COVID-19; or (5) child care needs arising from school closures related to COVID-19.

c. For purposes of this Ordinance, "no-fault eviction" refers to any eviction for which the notice to terminate tenancy is not based on alleged fault by the tenant, including but not limited to, eviction notices served pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 1161(1), 1161(5), or 1161b, use by landlord or relatives as specified in Beverly Hills Municipal Code Chapters 5 and 6, demolition or condominium conversion, major remodeling, and the Ellis Act, which is called withdrawal of residential rental structure from the rental market in the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.

d. During this emergency, any notice served by a landlord on a tenant under Section 4-5-513 or Section 4-6-6 L of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code is hereby tolled.

e. This Ordinance applies to non-payment eviction notices, no-fault eviction notices, and unlawful detainer actions based on such notices, served or filed on or after the date on which a local emergency was proclaimed on March 15, 2020.

f. For purposes of this Ordinance, including residential and commercial tenancies, "substantial" shall be defined as a material decrease of monthly income, the incurring of extraordinary expenses related to COVID-19, or any other circumstance which causes an unusual and significant financial impact on the tenant.

g. Because some tenants may not be aware of this Ordinance's provisions, the Deputy Director of the Rent Stabilization may extend the seven (7) day deadline for notifying the landlord for up to thirty (30) days.

2. If a landlord disagrees with the residential tenant's assertion regarding: (1) whether a substantial financial impact exists; (2) whether the substantial financial impact is related to COVID-19; or (3) the amount of rent that the tenant will pay, then the landlord shall notify the tenant of the disagreement in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of the written documentation from the tenant. The residential tenant may file a written appeal to the City, on a form provided by the City, within ten (10) days of receipt of the landlord's written determination and shall provide a copy of the appeal to the landlord. Appeals will be heard by the Standing Committee of the City Council appointed to hear disruptive tenant hearings or other Members of the City Council as designated by the Mayor, to make a final determination of the dispute, until fifteen (15) days after the Rent Stabilization Commission is appointed and sworn into office, in which case the Rent Stabilization Commission shall make a final determination of the dispute. If the Rent Stabilization Commission cannot render a decision by a majority vote, then the Standing Committee or other Members of the City Council, as designated by the Mayor, will make a final determination of the dispute. Final Decisions of the Subcommittee, Council Members designated by the Mayor, or the Rent Stabilization Commission are subject to judicial review filed pursuant to Section 1094.6 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. The hearing procedures shall be established by the City Attorney.

3. A temporary moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by commercial tenants substantially impacted by the COVID-19 crisis is imposed as follows:

a. During the period of local emergency declared in response to COVID-19, no landlord shall endeavor to evict a commercial tenant in either of the following situations: (1) for nonpayment of rent if the commercial tenant demonstrates that the commercial tenant is unable to pay rent due to substantial financial impacts related to COVID-19; or

(2) for a no-fault eviction unless necessary for the health and safety of tenants, neighbors, or the landlord, other than based on illness of the tenant, the tenant's family or any of tenant's employees. A landlord who receives notice that a commercial tenant cannot pay some or all of the rent temporarily for the reasons set forth above shall not serve a notice or otherwise seek to evict for nonpayment of rent. A landlord receives notice a commercial tenant's inability to pay rent within the meaning of this Ordinance if the commercial tenant, within seven (7) days after the date that rent is due, notifies the landlord in writing of lost income or extraordinary expenses related to COVID-19 and inability to pay full rent due to substantial financial impacts related to COVID-19, and within thirty (30) days after the date the rent is due, provides written documentation to the landlord to support the claim. For purposes of this Ordinance, "in writing" includes email or text communications to a landlord or the landlord's representative if that is the method of written communication that has been used previously, or correspondence by regular mail, if that is the method of written communication that has been used previously and the parties have not agreed to use email or text messaging. Any medical or financial information provided to the landlord shall be held in confidence, and only used for evaluating the commercial tenant's claim. Nothing in this Ordinance shall relieve the commercial tenant of liability for the unpaid rent, which the landlord may seek after expiration of the local emergency, and which the commercial tenant must pay within one year of the expiration of the local emergency. One year after the end of the emergency if the rent is unpaid, a landlord may charge or collect a late fee for rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance; or a landlord may seek rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance through the eviction or other appropriate legal process. No fee for the late payment of rent shall be charged by a landlord during the period of the emergency or after the end of the emergency.

b. For purposes of this Ordinance, "financial impacts related to COVID-19" include, but are not limited to, a tenant who lost substantial business income or has extraordinary expenses as a result of any of the following: (1) being sick with COVID-19, or caring for a household or family member who is sick with COVID-19; (2) income reduction resulting from business closure or other economic or employer impacts of COVID-19; (3) compliance with a recommendation from a government health authority to stay home, self-quarantine, or avoid congregating with others during the state of emergency; (4) extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses related to COVID-19; or (5) child care needs arising from school closures related to COVID-19. A dispute as to whether the commercial tenant has demonstrated facts sufficient to result in a temporary payment reduction or other legal remedy shall be determined according to civil law.

Section 2. In addition to the requirements of the Governor's Executive Order and the requirements of the Los Angeles County Department of Health order, the following regulations related to businesses, located in the City of Beverly Hills are adopted in order to implement recommended practices as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:

a. Business located in the City with self-service unwrapped food items such as buffets are prohibited.

b. Enforcement of City codes and regulations may be relaxed as City staff deems appropriate in connection with commercial signs and banners displayed on or adjacent to restaurants, bars or other businesses that are permitted to remain open pursuant to this Ordinance.

c. The City shall provide for additional loading zones near restaurants that are authorized to remain open in order to facilitate the pickup of food.

Section 3. During the period of local emergency declared by the City Council on March 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a temporary moratorium is hereby imposed on the annual rent increases authorized by Sections 4-5-303(c) and 4-6-3 of the

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Beverly Hills Municipal Code. Nothing in this Ordinance shall alter the date of annual rent increases in future years.

Section 4. During the period of local emergency declared by the City Council on March 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, there shall be no increase in internet access fees or reduction in service.

Section 5.

1. For those establishments offering food pickup options, and other essential businesses, proprietors are directed to establish social distancing practices for those patrons in the cue for pickup and other reasons, as well those allowed in the premises or otherwise working. Such restaurants and essential businesses shall establish health and safety measures for their employees and customers, including but not limited to appropriate gloves and masks.

2. All elective medical and surgical procedures and all elective dental procedures are prohibited. The City will defer to the medical judgment of the medical professionals to determine what are non-elective procedures.

Section 6. Hoarding. The City Council urges residents not to hoard essential goods such as hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, canned food, frozen food and other needed supplies. The City Council strongly condemns hoarding. Retail establishments located in the City shall be responsible for limiting the sales of such items, as they see fit to provide greater accessibility to a larger group of customers.

Section 7. Violations. Violations of this Ordinance shall be punishable as set forth in Section 2-4-111 and Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code. In addition, this Ordinance provides a defense to a tenant, in the event that an unlawful detainer action is commenced in violation of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Remain in Effect. This Ordinance shall remain in effect for the duration of the local emergency.

Section 9. Ordinance No. 20-O-2805 is hereby repealed and replaced by this Ordinance.

Section 10. Uncodified. This Ordinance shall not be codified.

Section 11. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be considered a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 12. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the city within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and the City Clerk's certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Section 13. Effective Date. This Ordinance is adopted as an urgency ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety within the meaning of Government Code Section 36937(b), and therefore shall be passed immediately upon its introduction and shall become effective at 12:01 a.m., April 1, 2020 upon its adoption by a minimum 4/5 vote of the City Council.

Section 14. Duration. This Ordinance shall remain in effect until it is superseded by another Ordinance adopted by the City Council.

Section 15. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance.

Adopted: March 31, 2020
Effective: April 1, 2020

LESTER J. FRIEDMAN
Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:
HUMA AHMED (SEAL)
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
GEORGE CHAVEZ
City Manager

VOTE:
AYES: Councilmembers Gold, Bosse, Mirisch,
Vice Mayor Wunderlich, and Mayor Friedman
NOES: None
CARRIED

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020045631
The following is/are doing business as: **GOODLAND HOMES ESTATES** 9454 Wilshire Blvd. #100, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; 5365 Vineyard Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93111; **Anna Nicole Dinkelacker** 5365 Vineyard Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93111; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed September 2016: **Anna Nicole Dinkelacker, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 25, 2020; Published: March 20, 27, April 03, 10, 2020 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020064976
The following is/are doing business as: **M&M PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**
121 N. Elm. Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210; **Graham S. Markley** 121 N. Elm Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210; **Edward D. Markley** 121 N. Elm Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Graham S. Markley, Partner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: March 19, 2020; Published: March 27, April 03, 10, 17, 2020 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020057771
The following is/are doing business as: **STEPHAN JONES STUDIO** 7317 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046; **Stephan Jones Interiors, LLC** 7317 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046; The business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Stephan Jones, President:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: March 09, 2020; Published: March 27, April 03, 10, 17, 2020 **LACC N/C**

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 20SMCP00106
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of: **David Joseph Pasternak**
To all interested person(s):
Petitioner: **David Joseph Pasternak**
current residence address: **9354 W. Olympic Blvd. Apt. #1/2 Beverly Hills, CA 90212**
filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Room #102 Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse,**
on **February 26, 2020**

for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: **David Joseph Pasternak**
Proposed Name: **David Joseph O'Neil**
The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
Date: **May 15, 2020**
Time: **8:30am**
Dept: **K**
Room: **A-203**

The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Room #102, Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse.**

Reason for name change:
I'm changing my last name to my Stepfather's last name.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.

Signed: **David Joseph Pasternak**
Judge of the Superior Court:

Judge Lawrence H. Cho,
Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk,
By: Jacob Bradley, Deputy Clerk
Dated: **February 26, 2020**
Published: **March 27, April 03, 10, 17, 2020**
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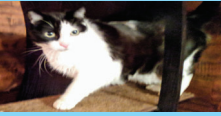
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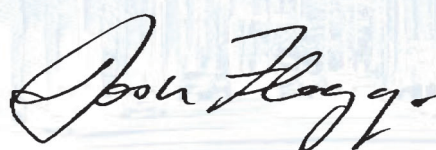
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