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## City Council to Discuss Financial Welfare of Beverly Hills on April 21

BY LAURA COLEMAN

One week after the City of Beverly Hills mandated that everyone must wear protective face coverings in public, it's impossible not to realize how much our community has changed in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The upcoming City Council meeting on April 21 is poised to confront some of the financial ramifications for Beverly Hills, given that virtually everyone in the county is confined to their residences, including roughly three-quarters of City staff.

"A report from the City's Finance Department next Tuesday will begin to

analyze the short and long-term fiscal impacts of COVID-19," City spokesperson Keith Sterling told the Courier. "With a majority of the City's retail establishments, hotels and restaurants temporarily closed, a significant impact to the City's revenues is expected."

Given the momentous societal shifts created by the pandemic, the City's projected total resources for Fiscal Year 2019/20 of just north of \$515 million, including \$220.2 million in taxes, will need to be adjusted. The anticipated \$51 million in Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) for the fiscal year

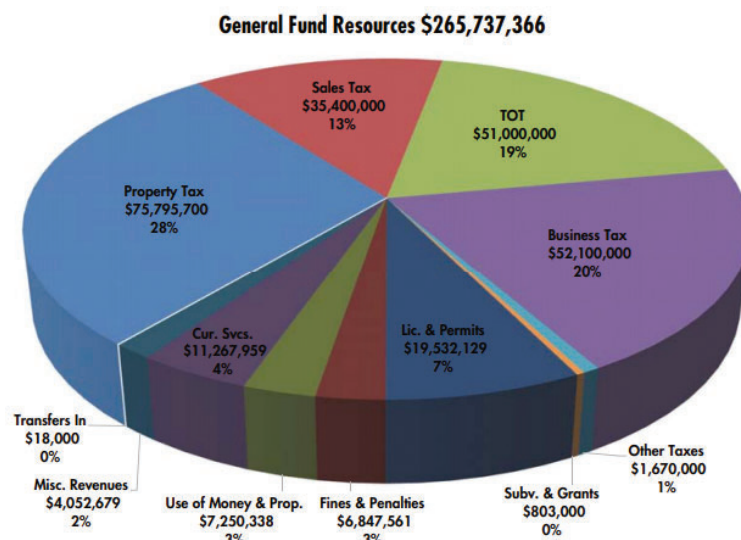
will be meaningfully impacted, given the unprecedented losses of Beverly Hills hotel guests who aren't traveling in response to COVID-19. Several hotels have temporarily closed, while those that do remain open report sub-10 percent occupancy.

At the previous City Council meeting earlier this month, the Council agreed to defer the TOT remittance due date for the months of February, March and April by four months following the month in which the tax was originally slated for collection.

The City had also anticipated \$35.4 million in sales tax revenue for the current fiscal year. But all non-essential businesses, including retail stores, are closed. Projections for next year's revenue sources will thus be heavily impacted.

Sterling told the Courier that while the City has committed to paying all of its roughly 1,000 employees through April 24, that could change following the upcoming City Council meeting.

"While we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are aware of the long-term fiscal impacts upon our businesses and residents," Mayor Lester Friedman told the Courier. "As we prepare for the future, City Council is beginning to address the anticipated financial shortfalls we will face. The Council will examine strategies to maintain the fiscal health of our City while cognizant of the service levels our community expects and deserves."



## COVID-19 and Our Community: ER Nurse Marisa Goldberg

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Marisa Goldberg

In the first of our multi-part series, the Courier is profiling healthcare professionals at the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis. Marisa Goldberg is an ER nurse at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. She has spent her career there, serving two years on the floor in a medical/surgical unit and the past seven in the ER. Goldberg spoke with the Courier about conditions under COVID-19, both professionally and personally (she is married with a toddler son); and the community spirit that is making all the difference.

**Beverly Hills Courier:** We've seen a lot of reports from nurses around the country describing the impact of the virus on their work experience. How has your daily routine been affected?

**Goldberg:** In my nine years of nursing, I've never had my temperature checked before each shift. (ER Nurse continues on page 2)

## Beverly Hills Tenants Receive Reprieve From Evictions

BY LAURA COLEMAN

Beverly Hills tenants have at least one ray of light amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, which has dramatically curtailed our ability to freely move about the City in order to curb the spread of the virus—a reprieve on evictions.

An urgency ordinance, which went into effect on April 1, placed an eviction moratorium on residential and commercial properties while the declared State of Emergency remains in place. The ordinance does not ultimately relieve tenants of their obligation to pay rent.

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**(ER Nurse continued from page 1)**

We were always careful in the ER, but now we take extra precaution when it comes to donning and doffing our protective equipment. After a 12-hour shift, my work shoes now stay in a Rubbermaid tub in my car. My scrubs come off immediately, often right into the washer. Before talking or touching my family, I get into the shower. Right now, everyone is doing the utmost to protect their patients and loved ones. I feel these are the major changes we're going through right now.

**Did you ever think you would be serving under these conditions?**

Not in my wildest dreams. It all happened so fast. But we have a great team of administrators and managers who keep us in the loop. They are doing their best to provide daily updates. It's hard because the information is evolving. We learn something one day that we have to change the next, just to keep patients safe. Nurses and the entire department are doing the best we can.

**Healthcare professionals throughout the country are suffering without enough personal protective equipment (PPE). How are things for you?**

I feel for my colleagues on the East Coast. I can't imagine how they're dealing with it. Luckily, we are not in that situation. There is no lack of PPE here. Our administrators are doing their best to secure it for us. We've had a tremendous response from the community, with donations of PPE on an almost daily basis. We have new N-95 masks for each shift. We have protective gowns and face shields. We have a new sterilization process in place in case we need to reuse anything.

But it's all according to CDC guidelines. With something as stressful as this is, knowing that we have the proper equipment makes it a little easier.

**How are you segregating patients who come to the ER with virus symptoms from those there for other reasons?**

Our doors are open to everyone. People are still having heart attacks and strokes. We do have a designated section for suspected COVID-19 patients with a lot of resources in that area to treat them. We don't know that they have the virus without a test. But we use our best judgment in taking their symptoms into account. We have a tent set up outside for patients who are less acute, and we suspect COVID-19. Others come in who need to be stabilized. Some may need intubation and transfer to another area.

**From what you are seeing in your ER, do you think we've hit peak numbers?**

Based on my shifts from last few weeks, I feel it is hard to tell. Our tally is usually around 300 patients on a day-to-day basis. But, given that people are staying home, we're seeing about 150 patients. The biggest reason we're able to care for those sick with the virus during the pandemic is that people are staying home. That's a huge factor. But our census is gradually increasing. We haven't hit the surge yet as far as COVID-19.

**Have you seen a change in the patients presenting to the ER?**

Definitely. In the beginning, we saw a lot more people coming in. We were in peak flu season and had a lot of ILI, or influenza-like illness. It was hard to differentiate between COVID-19 and the flu. Now, we see more

respiratory distress situations. Patients are advised to self-quarantine at home unless symptoms worsen. If it comes to that, they are advised to seek emergency medical care.

**What has surprised you the most about the patients you are seeing with this virus?**

In the beginning we were seeing a lot of elderly patients with comorbidities being hit the hardest. But now that's not always the case. We see healthy, younger patients with no medical history come in so sick. From my experience, every case is different. I've seen people come in with respiratory distress who go upstairs and get discharged. Others I see deteriorate quickly. We are realizing that this can happen to anyone. The surprisingly scary thing about this virus is that it is new. We don't have all the details about it.

**How has your life changed outside of the ER?**

I have a toddler son, so I do my best to make sure that he doesn't get sick. My husband is working from home now. We used to have a nanny, but we're having her stay at home. The days I work during the week, my husband is juggling conference calls and taking care of our son. I definitely listen to what the state is recommending we do. We use Instacart, DoorDash and rarely go out. If my husband goes to the grocery store, he wears a mask. He comes home and washes his hands. He has hand sanitizer with him and likes to go a little overboard on that. We don't take our son out other than to the backyard. If we walk around the neighborhood, we keep our distance from others. We do a lot of Facetime and Zoom calls to family and friends.

**Do you ever feel afraid about the risks you're taking on a daily basis?**

It's always in the back of my mind, which prepares me as I go into work. I make sure I'm extra cautious. But once I'm there, I put everything into patient care and treatment. As a nurse you take an oath. We are all fulfilling that oath to the best of our ability. If I feel a little nervous, it doesn't hit me until I am home and getting ready for bed. I don't know what I would do if I wasn't a nurse. The ER is my family. To think of them all working and fighting this battle without me would be unsettling. Every time I go in, I know that I am contributing.

**Is there anything you'd like the public to know about what it's like to confront this virus as an ER nurse?**

As a profession, ER nurses have to put up an armor, be strong. On a daily basis, we have to be capable and brave. But we are also human. The saddest thing now is to have patients who are isolated and alone, especially those who are not doing well. We do the best we can for them, but it is so challenging. We are overwhelmed by the amount of support from the community at this time. People are donating meals to us. So many local businesses are helping out. It's heartwarming to see the daily 'thank you hours' all around the country where people are clapping for healthcare providers. All around neighborhoods, people are leaving chalk artwork on the sidewalk. Every day, there are inspiring little messages, like 'Everything will be ok.' 'Keep going.' 'Smile.' All of the community support empowers and inspires us to keep going. ●

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"I would say 100 percent are saying we know that we are going to have to pay this back and we want to pay this back," Deputy Director of Rent Stabilization Helen Morales told the Courier. "It's very, very traumatic for both sides and we want to be the middle voice here."

While residential and commercial tenants welcome the reprieve, property owners are facing challenges. The ordinance recognizes that many commercial tenants who operate within the City may have to close their businesses in response to emergency orders, which will substantially decrease or eliminate their income. Moreover, the businesses that are permitted to remain open are also likely to experience a significant loss of income while the emergency orders are in effect.

"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," states the ordinance, which was initially passed on March 15 and amended on March 31.

The ordinance restricts an owner's ability to evict a tenant for non-payment of rent if the tenant can demonstrate that the failure to pay is due to financial impacts related to COVID-19. In addition, the ordinance restricts no-fault evictions unless necessary for the health and safety of tenants, neighbors or the landlord. "No-fault eviction" refers to any eviction for which the

notice to terminate tenancy is not based on alleged fault by the tenant, according to the ordinance.

"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," the ordinance states.

There are strict requirements for tenants to prove that they have experienced financial impacts related to COVID-19. Those impacts "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."

In order for tenants to avail themselves to the ordinance's protections, a landlord must receive written notice of the tenant's inability to pay full rent due to COVID-19 within seven days after the rent is due. In addition, within 30 days after the rent is due, the tenant must provide written documentation to support the claim using a form

provided by the City both to the landlord as well as to the City's Rent Stabilization office.

The ordinance further states that because some residential tenants may not be aware of this ordinance's provisions, the Deputy Director of the Rent Stabilization may extend the seven-day deadline for notifying the landlord for up to 30 days. If a landlord has any disagreement with the information provided by the tenant, the landlord has 10 days to notify the tenant of the disagreement in writing, in response to which the tenant has 10 days to file a written appeal to the City on a form provided by the City. The Rent Stabilization Commission is charged with then making a final determination of the dispute.

Nothing in the ordinance relieves the tenant of liability to repay the rent, which is required to be paid in full, less penalty fees, upon one year after the emergency ordinance is cancelled. No fee for the late payment of the rent can be charged by the landlord during the emergency or for one year after the end of the emergency. The ordinance further emphasizes that nothing in the ordinance alters the date of annual rent increases in future years.

According to Morales, 14 complaint forms have been filed with the City by residential tenants unable to pay rent due to COVID-19. She said she anticipated the number of tenants availing themselves to the ordinance's provisions to increase, noting that as of April 14 the department had received 346 emails or phone calls related to COVID-19 from residential and commercial landlords and tenants.

"The City recognizes this is a very difficult time for so many families in our community. We are working to provide timely information to those affected by the devastating impacts of COVID-19 and will continue to be a resource in the months ahead," she emphasized.

The ordinance underscores that with further anticipated economic impacts, tenants could be vulnerable to eviction without City-mandated protections. It reads, in pertinent part, "During this local emergency, 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." •

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## Face Coverings Mandatory in Beverly Hills



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## Thousands of Shelter Pets Find Homes Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic

BY LAURA COLEMAN

Now that everyone is staying inside their home to curb the spread of COVID-19, adoptable animals are receiving an outpouring of attention as never before.

Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) Public Information Director Agnes Sibal-von Debschitz told the Courier that as a result of the “amazing response” from people willing to adopt and foster shelter pets in the wake of the pandemic, the department had added staff to process the applications faster.

LAAS reported that last month over 2,232 animals made it out of county shelters, including 919 (258 cats, 20 kittens, 585 dogs, and 56 rabbits) that found new homes. Amanda Foundation President Teri Austin told the Courier that adoptions at the Beverly Hills-based rescue were up by 20 percent.

“There’s no shortage of dogs that need to be adopted,” she said. “I have to say, the dogs are loving people being at home.”

“It’s a silver lining type of thing because we have gotten so many wonderful foster offers. Many of them have actually ended up adopting their fosters so that makes it easier for us to take in other dogs” said Ellen Ballon Dante, Executive Director of Deity Animal Rescue on Doheny Drive.

Pet Rescue Pilots CEO Julian Javor underscored how extraordinary it is that a

life-threatening virus was able to catalyze people’s willingness to foster/adopt a pet during this time. Until the Safer at Home Order went into effect last month, Javor, who also chairs the Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Commission, had spent the past two-and-a-half years flying pets out of California kill shelters to the Pacific Northwest and into Canada during weekends in his Cessna 414. He has helped save 531 dogs, cats and even a goat, including two dogs he adopted, during the course of his rescue flights.

“What I think we’ve all learned here is that it is in fact pets that give us companionship,” Javor told the Courier. “It’s sad that it’s taken a virus for us to realize their value.”

In addition to helping stave off feelings of loneliness, pets offer a bevy of health benefits.

“Studies have shown that the bond between people and their pets can increase fitness, lower stress, and bring happiness to their owners,” Sibal-von Debschitz said. “Some of the health benefits of having a pet include lowering blood pressure, decreasing feelings of loneliness, increasing opportunities for exercise and outdoor activities, and increasing opportunities for socialization.”

She further underscored that at this time



Two local sisters came into the Amanda Foundation this week to adopt their new dog, Blue.

there is “no evidence” that pets become ill with COVID-19 or that they spread it to other animals or humans.

Austin said that while there appeared to potentially be cross-contamination with cats, “there hasn’t been any documented-cases of any person getting the disease from a dog or cat.” A tiger at the Bronx Zoo did test positive for COVID-19, in addition to reports of two cats in Belgian testing positive for the virus.

Austin emphasized that this is a singular time, in that owners are at home and able to take multiple walks a day with their dogs. She recommended that people keep in mind what will happen when the stay-at-home order is lifted.

“We want people to realize even if they’re going to be home 24-7 for the next two to three months, the dog’s not going to understand that they’re going to be gone from their home eight to 10 hours a day in the future,” she said. “A dog is like a small child. You can’t get them used to something and then abruptly change it.”

Austin said the fostering situation works particularly well for animals that are sick, nursing mothers, or those who are recuperating from surgery. She highlighted her newest office mate, Hamlet, a handsome well-mannered 18-year-old diabetic cat not yet ready to “shuffle off this mortal coil” who could prove a welcome companion. In addition, with kitten season on the horizon, she said that shelters would be in need of those willing to take them in. For animals with special needs, Austin said that the foster parents receive all needed medicines.

Sibal-von Debschitz said that LAAS was actively looking for people to foster or adopt

medium and larger dogs.

Given the social distancing protocols now in place, the pandemic has completely changed how people adopt and foster animals, with appointments now required, in addition to various other safety measures to keep staff and the public from getting exposed to the virus. In fact, on April 13 LAAS closed its West Valley and North Central Animal Services Centers, although its four other facilities remain open.

At the Amanda Foundation, which is also a full service hospital, after the would-be new owner has interacted with the animal in the foundation’s front yard, a staff member will then perform a virtual home safety check (as opposed to in-person) and an in-person yard check while wearing a mask and gloves. “Since we’re only doing outside the home, it’s very easy for us to practice social distancing,” Austin said.

“When everything happened with the quarantine, it really made us realize that there couldn’t be a better time,” said Danny Carney, who together with his wife Maura Sullivan adopted a Cavapoo (Poodle/Cavalier King Charles Spaniel) named Wink (for his one eye) on April 15 from the Amanda Foundation.

“To me they’re like a match-maker,” Mark Hess said in describing the Amanda Foundation, which helped pair him and his wife, Miriam, with Koda, a petite five-year-old German Shepherd. “They make sure that a dog is a good match for the family.”

Those looking to adopt or foster, can visit available animals online at:

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# The Big Business of Food Delivery

BY CAROLE DIXON

Once reserved for a cozy night in watching Netflix or a long day at the office, delivery from our favorite restaurants – along with virtual gatherings and the news – has become our critical lifeline to the outside world. While we are busy trying to get our families fed and lift our spirits with cocktail and wine deliveries, these businesses are not only trying to stay open and keep as many employees on the payroll as possible during COVID-19 restrictions.

While restaurants are facing collective losses in the billions, according to a recent survey from [TopCashback.com](https://www.topcashback.com), 35 percent of

Americans are ordering more food for take-out and delivery than they were a month ago.

“We are seeing a big increase in to-go orders, which includes our contactless pickup and delivery,” SUGARFISH Co-Founder Lele Massimini told the Courier.

While it’s tempting to stay at home and use one of the many apps available for food delivery, it’s important to know that they aren’t all created equal. Some are charging more fees to the restaurants than others (in addition to what is being charged to the customer),

(Food Delivery continues on page 12)

# City Recognizes Dispatchers During National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

BY LAURA COLEMAN



A Beverly Hills police officer and dispatcher don their face shields

Of critical importance to resolving a litany of local emergencies resides the services of those who work inside the Beverly Hills Police Department’s on-site Communications Dispatch Center. In recognition of their work, this week the Beverly Hills Police and Fire Departments, along with the community, is recognizing the Communications Dispatchers as part of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

“Our dispatchers are the critical lifeline between reported emergencies and life-saving resources. Without them, we would not receive essential information on how

to respond to calls for service,” said Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli. “They are the voice of calm, in chaos.”

Beverly Hills dispatchers field over 130,000 non-emergency calls and 38,000 9-1-1 calls each year for Police, Fire, EMS and parking-related matters. In Beverly Hills, 9-1-1 calls are routinely answered in under 15 seconds, according to the BHPD.

Spagnoli emphasized the critical role that dispatchers play in ensuring public safety and aiding police officers in maintaining a less than three-minute response time to emergency calls. ●

# House of Bijan Partners with AcuShield on Face Protectors

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Face shields for first responders

The House of Bijan is partnering with medical face-shield supplier AcuShield to produce 10,000 face protectors. The shields provide complete coverage of the sides of the face, preventing all contact with eyes, mouth and nose, offering a physical barrier from airborne pathogens, infectious airborne droplets, accidental splashes and inadvertent hand-to-face contact. They are made with 100 percent U.S. made materials by the Los Angeles-based AcuShield.

The House of Bijan is donating the face shields throughout the City of Beverly Hills as well as the City of Los Angeles to first

responders and local organizations on the frontlines.

Nicolas Pakzad Bijan, vice chairman of House of Bijan, told the Courier, “We are trying to help first responders and medical professionals in our community, and wanted to ensure the City of Beverly Hills was not only included, but a top priority. The City of Beverly Hills is a big name, but a small town. Last week, we saw the police department and paramedics helping someone in medical need on Rodeo Drive and were bravely putting themselves in jeopardy getting this person to the hospital while only wearing normal masks. They appeared to need medical equipment. We are a small town and before giving equipment to the City of Los Angeles as a whole, we wanted to ensure we are taking care of our community and own backyard.”

Bijan added that 1,500 protective face shields are going out next Monday to first responders in the City. The remainder “will be donated to the City of Los Angeles to distribute among medical staff, first responders and people in need.” ●

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# The Scene at Home

## Mastering a Few Healthy Cocktails with Superfoods

BY CAROLE DIXON

It's no secret that along with becoming gourmet chefs at home, many of us are also trying to master the perfect cocktails. With all of these newfound indulgences, spirit and wine sales are up a reported 300 percent since the COVID-19 shelter in place orders, and some of our favorite bars and restaurants are delivering specialty concoctions in large batch formats. Some of those include Employees Only in West Hollywood, BG Lounge in Beverly Hills and delivery-on-demand stores such as Saucy.

Yes, we are all trying to cope, but some of us are concerned about packing on the pounds so you might want to cut back on the calories to avoid the "Corona-15" but still placate yourself through this rocky time. The Courier has asked Matt Biancaniello for some cocktail recipes that will not make us feel guilty for indulging during this stressful time.

Biancaniello is the acclaimed bar chef and the author of "Eat your Drink," who created a legacy at the Library Bar in the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel over a decade ago where he was a founding member of the cool cocktail craze.

After being told by a fan that his weight did not match his brand, he cut back on

carbs and dairy. Biancaniello lost 30 pounds and gained more energy and stamina. He is currently focusing on the wellness concoctions that include super-foods such as mushrooms, herbs, cucumbers, stinging nettles, which are anti-inflammatory and lemons with electrolytes plus organic spirits. "People are inspired by this and they are into the drinks, but they are also good for you with vibrant, healthy ingredients," said Biancaniello.

For spring, Biancaniello shares his recipe for "Never Let Me Go," which he describes as a "very rich, juicy and citrus-forward version of a Negroni." As for the mezcal and aquavit-based "Health Kick," he adds, "I love the way the flavors of these two spirits sing so well together, and combine beautifully with the freshness savory notes of the celery juice to create a delicious, layered drink that feels like it's doing you good!" The final cocktail is more of a home-wellness project as it is a vodka infusion that needs to steep for 10 days and uses anti-inflammatory ingredients. His products are also available in bottled form delivered to your door. <http://www.matthewbiancaniello.com/bottled-cocktails/>



Never Let Me Go cocktail Photo by Mia Wasilevich

### Recipe for Never Let Me Go

makes 1

2 oz. blood orange juice

2 oz. Cynar

1/2 oz. creme de cassis

dehydrated or fresh blood orange slice

In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, shake the juice, Cynar, and crème de cassis. Strain into rocks glass filled with ice. Garnish with the blood orange slice.

### The Health Kick

1 oz Acre Espadin Mezcal

1 oz Krogstad Festlig Aquavit

3/4 oz Fresh Lime Juice

3/4 oz Agave Syrup

1 oz Fresh Celery Juice

Pinch Himalayan Sea Salt

Nasturtium blossoms and wild mustard flowers to garnish.

In a shaker filled with ice, combine the mezcal, aquavit, lime juice, agave, green juice, and salt. shake, then double strain into a Collins glass. Submerge the nasturtium flowers in the drink and garnish with the wild mustard flowers

Agave Syrup

Makes 2 Cups

In a bowl, combine 1 cup agave nectar and 1 cup water. Stir until the agave has

dissolved and the mixture is well combined. The agave syrup will keep in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 6 months.

### Recipe for Anti-inflammatory Wellness Drink

2 oz. Stinging Nettle infused Roku Gin

3/4 oz. fresh lime juice

3/4 oz. agave syrup (1:1 ratio of agave nectar to water)

1 oz. fresh blood orange or pomegranate juice

Garnish: White borage flowers

Glassware- Coup

Place everything in a shaker with ice and shake and double strain into a coup and garnish with white borage flowers on top.

### Stinging Nettle Infusion:

Place 2 pounds of Stinging nettles into a large infusion jar and cover with 6 bottles of Roku Gin and let it steep for 10 days and strain back into the bottle. Shelf life is about 6 months.

Borage flowers are a natural diuretic. Stinging nettle is a superfood and has more protein than kale and is excellent for reducing inflammation in the body.

Note: If you can't find stinging nettles, substitute with arugula or wild bay leaves. ●



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# Create a Bedroom Oasis During the COVID-19 Crisis

BY CAROLE DIXON



Gary Trudell

On average, we spend one-third of our life asleep in bed. But since the COVID-19 stay-at-home order took effect, that seems like an underestimate. A comfortable bed is a natural place to retreat after a long day of working from the kitchen table or home-schooling the kids. So now is the time to get serious about the state of your home-sleep sanctuary.

Whether you are in need of a new mattress or simply want to invest in good linens and accessories to feel like you are on a staycation in a posh hotel, here are a few ideas from luxe to affordable. While these stores are currently not open to the public, you can still purchase online and if you must wait to try the merchandise first-hand for your boudoir, visit them all when our City reopens for business.

Gary Trudell creates custom beds for a celebrity clientele and five-star hotels. He has collaborated on a line with top designer to the stars Martyn Lawrence Bullard. Trudell, who owns Custom Comfort on Beverly Boulevard, shared his tips with the Courier on how to look for the perfect mattress even during a quarantined pandemic.

“There may not be a more important time in our lives to get a good and healthy night's sleep,” said Trudell. “Sleep strengthens our immune system which may, in turn, decrease the chance of getting sick.”

Here is Trudell's advice for buying a mattress, which also applies for online ordering.

First, be sure the mattress is made with a lot of natural cotton, as cotton is breathable, healthier, and more durable than synthetics. Over 95 percent of the mattresses being sold in the United States are made with petrochemical polyurethane foam that emit off-gases, which cause allergy issues and tend to [make the buyer] sleep hot.

Second, there is no “one size fits all,” and each mattress should be fitted to your predominant sleeping position. Support is the ability of the mattress to equalize pressure and distribute your body weight all the way across the mattress.

Third, make sure your mattress is double-sided and hand tufted. Natural materials are the comfort layers and the coils are your support, which controls the firmness or softness of your mattress. Hand-tufting on the top and bottom pre-compresses the coil and natural materials together, which allows the coil to provide proper support. Having a double-sided mattress is healthier, more supportive, and longer lasting.



Custom Comfort mattresses

Once you find the perfect mattress, it's time to begin layering. Scandia Home on Beverly Drive is known for its European-style heirloom bedding and fine goose down-filled products. Best sellers include the all-down featherbed, which sits atop the mattress. “It's like sleeping on a cloud,” said longtime store manager Kim Gregory. It's important to invest in a good mattress pad to protect your investment and the new ThermaBalance Tencel has been a hot seller. “So many of my clients sleep hot so to have a mattress pad that is moisture-wicking and cooling is why they are loving it,” said Gregory.

The company also sells down-alternatives in every price range. Other best-selling items include the top-of-the-line St. Petersburg collection crafted from the finest Siberian down and covered in German silk Damask, and the new bed linens from Adriana Percale and Courtrai Linen handwoven in Italy.

Hästens has made its reputation with all-natural beds that include exotic materials such as horse-tail hair, that range in price from the tens of thousands of dollars up to the six-figure mark. The Swedish manufacturer, dating back to 1852, has an outpost on Beverly Drive. It carries a



NEST available at Geary's Beverly Hills



Scandia Home Collection

range of lifestyle accessories that won't put a dent in the pocketbook. The brand has recently redesigned its PJs, famous robes and down boots as part of a “Quarantine Package” that also includes a sleep mask and lavender bag. Prices range from \$10 to \$480. For those who still want to splurge, the company is launching a new bed soon with celebrity designer Ferris Rafauli called the “Grand Vividus.”

A dream-team collaboration between top fashion brand Madewell and Parachute bedding has resulted in a line so stylish it might even work for a Zoom meeting. The range includes stitched duvet covers for less than a few hundred dollars to striped pajama shirts, shorts, and even a denim doggie bed.

If you happen to be in the process of decorating a nursery or child's room, Naturepedic on Robertson Boulevard makes



Hästens Bedding and Accessories

all organic cotton crib mattresses, called the “Breathable Ultra” (starting at \$390), and accessories as well as 400 thread count sheets for all sizes of beds.

Also, on Robertson, E. Braun & Co. offers formal crisp linens and impeccable embroidery on bedding sets. If you want a uniformed look from the comforter and pillows to the throw, look no further than their collections with dozens of styles and textures from Madagascar to Montecito.

Another tried-and-true classic on Rodeo Drive, Frette (since 1860), carries a bespoke line of cotton percales to poplins and sateens to sumptuous silks and cashmeres. It specializes in “the fibre, the finish and the feel” from duvet to Euro Shams. Be sure to check out their new virtual styling studio.

For the finishing touch to your new bedroom, add a home spritz, diffuser or candle selection from the earthy Nest collection which you can find at Geary's on Beverly Drive.

And, for those looking to be comfortable and stylish, plus give back to the COVID-19 essential workers such as healthcare officials, grocers and teachers, Sant and Abel have launched their “Buy One, Give One Hero Packages” gifting luxury sleepwear to loved ones on the frontlines when using code “Heroes” at checkout. <https://santandabel.com/>



## How Small Businesses are Helping Parents Keep Their Kids Busy

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

While all non-essential retail stores are physically closed to the public, there are many shops that continue to offer goods to purchase – virtually. As parents find themselves overwhelmed, juggling their careers with housework and homeschooling, “giftologists” have solutions to keep kids busy without overwhelming the household. The Courier spoke with some small business owners who are keeping their shops alive while giving back to the community.

“I’m really enjoying finding productive and creative things for kids to do,” Jill Lefferman, owner of GIFTED told the Courier. “I have kids myself and it’s hard to find things that are not just video games and non-screen activities to keep them busy.” Although her retail space on South Beverly Drive is closed, her shop is still open. “I have no set hours. The idea is that if you need it, I’ll help you.” Lefferman offers a shopping experience over FaceTime, text, or over the phone, with same day curbside pick-up and delivery requiring no human-to-human contact. “When I saw what was happening, I stocked up on puzzles, crafts and games,” Lefferman said.

On a busy day, Lefferman will assist as many as eight customers and fill their

orders. “My biggest seller is puzzles. I think the reason they are so popular right now is because they take a long time to do and it keeps people engaged. But also, it’s an equalizer and people of all ages can do it together,” she noted.

When the City mandated all non-essential business closures, Lefferman put a sign up on her store window with her contact information for those interested in virtual shopping. With residents walking more to get outdoors, the increase in foot traffic in front of her store has led to an uptick in new customers. “With Mother’s Day coming up, I’m going to be really focused on wellness gifts. I want to offer online classes via Zoom for kids wanting to learn how to make beautiful cards that they can make for mom,” Lefferman said.

GIFTED is not the only shop pivoting to meet the moment. The owner of the gift shop Tweak, Tara Riceberg, told the Courier, “Although my doors are closed, my shop is still open. I can do text messaging or FaceTime and I’ll walk around the store with them while video chatting. One of the things I’ve loved is that when I’m Facetimeing with somebody, it truly feels like the same kind of human connection is still there. It



Parents are shopping virtually for kids

really is just the two of us on the phone in a very present way,” said Riceberg, who began the virtual offerings on April 1. Riceberg also offers Facetime shopping at her other store, Tesoro on Canon Drive, which carries home décor items. Riceberg’s late mother first opened Tesoro on Canon 17 years ago.

Among her most popular items for kids are puzzles, logic games, craft kits and pens that puff up when heat is added, transforming any card from two dimensional to 3D. “Also, scenario games have been great,” Riceberg added. “The kids have to figure out how to put the pieces together to solve each scenario in the game.” Many Teak customers are looking more for experiences than objects.

Recently, a group of moms in the community asked Riceberg for help putting together a care package going to a family battling COVID-19. “The parents were severely sick with the virus, and I thought to myself,

‘Oh my gosh. How do you even take care of two kids in elementary school when you can barely function yourself?’” So, she set about to fill an order finding gifts, games, and self-sufficient activities that do not require adult supervision for the children to keep busy with.

To Riceberg, gift giving isn’t simply about exchanging goods for money. It’s an art, a joy for both the giver and receiver, representative of sincere appreciation for another person.

“Just because kids’ birthday parties aren’t happening, don’t forget the birthday gifts. How do you tell an eight-year-old that they get nothing for their birthday? And Amazon isn’t shipping non-essentials so there’s no guarantee you’re going to get anything if you buy from Amazon. But I’m local and I could have something at that house the same day,” she said. ●

### Next stop: more subway.

**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](http://metro.net/advisories).


#### WORK HOURS

Work will occur seven days a week. Please visit [metro.net/purple](http://metro.net/purple) for detailed work hours.

\*Construction is dynamic and is subject to change.

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Beverly Vista Middle School Mathletes have been recognized as the National Winner in the Continental Math League (CML) this spring. BVMS students ranked 5th out of 23 at the MathCounts Regional Competition in February scoring perfect scores on all five meets!

Front Row (L to R): Daniel Salkin, Sarah Zhang (team captain), Natalie Moon; Back Row (L to R): Nathan Keinan, Edward Park, Ben Bakshian, Joseph Kim, Vincent Lau.



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# Birthdays



**JENNIFER GARNER**  
April 17



**CAROLE DIXON**  
April 17



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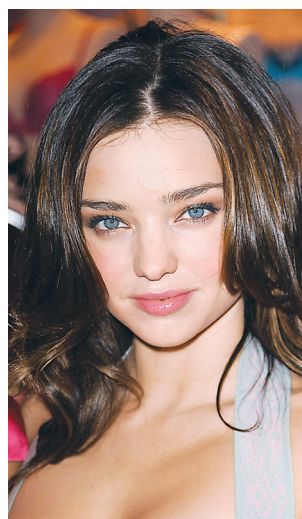
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**ANA LLORENS**  
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**MIRANDA KERR**  
April 20



**VALERIE BERTINELLI**  
April 23



Happy Belated Birthday  
**DEENA ESTHER BRAND**  
April 14

## Police Blotter

The following incidents of assault, burglary, petty and grand theft, robbery and vandalism have been reported. Streets are usually indicated by block numbers.

**BEVERLY HILLS**

**ASSAULT**

4/10/2020 N. SANTA MONICA BLVD / N. LINDEN DR.

**BURGLARY**

4/12/2020 900 Block of N. REXFORD DR.

4/14/2020 600 Block of MOUNTAIN DR.

4/14/2020 100 Block of N. SWALL DR.

**PETTY THEFT**

4/10/2020 300 Block of N. CANON DR.

4/11/2020 400 Block of N. BEDFORD DR.

4/13/2020 200 Block of S. DOHENY DR.

4/14/2020 100 Block of N. SWALL DR.

**GRAND THEFT**

4/14/2020 100 Block of N. SWALL DR.

**ROBBERY**

4/14/2020 400 Block of N. OAKHURST DR.

**VANDALISM**

4/12/2020 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

**WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**ASSAULT**

4/14/2020 8400 Block SANTA MONICA BLVD.

**GRAND THEFT**

4/13/2020 8200 Block SANTA MONICA BLVD.

4/14/2020 9000 Block LLOYD PL.

**PETTY THEFT**

4/10/2020 1400 Block N. FAIRFAX AVE.

**ROBBERY**

4/14/2020 600 Block RUGBY DR.



North is a male puppy Golden-Pyrenees mix who is nine weeks old and would love a place to call home. If you are interested in North, please call Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538. [www.shelterhopepetshop.org](http://www.shelterhopepetshop.org)



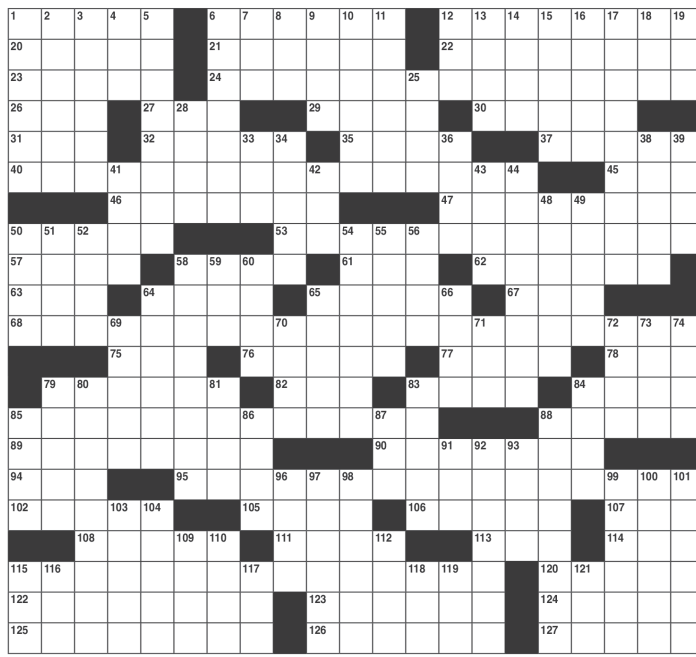
## THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE 04/17/20 ISSUE

### BARISTA TRAINING DAY BY JOEL FAGLIANO / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Joel Fagliano is the digital puzzles editor for The New York Times and creator of the daily Mini. He sold his first crossword to the paper when he was 17. He graduated from Pomona College in 2014 with a double major in linguistics and 45-Across. Joel says this puzzle is a result of having some extra time at home recently ... and of drinking lots of coffee. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Book that's out of this world?
  - 6 Illuminating point
  - 12 Gilda Radner character on "S.N.L."
  - 20 Took the plunge
  - 21 Ladies' men
  - 22 April 22
  - 23 Gray with a tinge of brown
  - 24 Things got off to a bad start when one trainee tripped and ...
  - 26 \_\_\_ on the side of
  - 27 Father on "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
  - 29 Doctor Zhivago, in "Doctor Zhivago"
  - 30 Flock
  - 31 Part of a Parisian address
  - 32 Roofed patio
  - 35 1099-\_\_\_ (I.R.S. form)
  - 37 Company with a Gigafactory
  - 40 The carton leaked milk everywhere when another trainee accidentally ...
  - 45 \_\_\_ sci, college major related to psych
  - 46 Kitchen bulb
  - 47 Put back in place, as measures
- DOWN**
- 1 Makes fit
  - 2 Get misty
  - 3 Source of bay leaves
  - 4 Offering in the Google Play store
  - 5 Like ninjas
  - 6 Premier League rival of Tottenham Hotspur
  - 7 Really stand out
  - 8 Onetime label for Radiohead
  - 9 Depend
  - 10 Spreadsheet part
  - 11 Log-in need
  - 12 Make things interesting, so to speak
  - 13 Sounds of satisfaction
  - 14 Be in the works
  - 106 Stereotypical dogs
  - 107 Weak \_\_\_ (unconvincing argument)
  - 108 "Give it \_\_\_!"
  - 111 Polite title
  - 113 Either weekend day, symbolically
  - 114 Sound from a fan
  - 115 Sure enough, when the boss showed up, everyone ...
  - 120 Speak grandly
  - 122 Bit of contingency planning
  - 123 Pal of Pooh
  - 124 Soap Box Derby entrant
  - 125 Reporter's vantage point
  - 126 Adult
  - 127 Critics' awards
- ACROSS**
- 15 When you might run away from home
  - 16 Info on an invitation
  - 17 Player of Ben Wyatt on "Parks and Recreation"
  - 18 Unnaturally pale
  - 19 Shakespearean affirmatives
  - 25 Trade gossip
  - 28 \_\_\_ Men ("Who Let the Dogs Out" group)
  - 33 Purely
  - 34 "You win this hand"
  - 36 Valentine's Day purchase
  - 38 Takes an "L"
  - 39 Constant stress or heavy drinking
  - 41 Popular children's-book series with hidden objects
  - 42 \_\_\_ glance
  - 43 Grazing spots
  - 44 N.Y.C. shopping mecca
  - 48 Optical illusion
  - 49 Showy feather
  - 50 Dudge
  - 51 So-called "enclosed" rhyme scheme
  - 52 It beats nothing
  - 54 Absurd pretense
  - 55 Justice nominated by Obama
  - 56 Your highness?: Abbr.
  - 58 Series of missed calls
  - 59 "Do you know who \_\_\_?"
  - 60 Singer born Eithne Ní Bhráonáin
  - 64 Team-building activity?
  - 65 "The Wiz" director Sidney
  - 66 N.L. Central team
  - 69 \_\_\_ Islands, archipelago between Iceland and Norway
  - 70 They give a hoot
  - 71 Kind of deer
  - 72 Explorer Ponce de León
  - 73 Nail polish brand
  - 74 Trees that line the National Mall
  - 79 Asian city with a monument to John McCain
  - 80 Finish 0-0, say
  - 81 Matin's opposite
  - 83 "See you later"
  - 84 Crass, classless sort
  - 85 Custom auto accessories
  - 86 Excessively promote
  - 87 Pro-\_\_\_
  - 88 They usually make the cut
  - 91 French chess piece
  - 92 Got takeout, say
  - 93 Ones concerned with cash flow, for short
  - 96 Man, in Italian
  - 97 More nifty
  - 98 Part of a cash register
  - 99 Destination in the "Odyssey"
  - 100 Render ineffective
  - 101 Many Twitch streamers
  - 103 D and ), in texts
  - 104 Ships
  - 109 Sharp pain
  - 110 Escapee from Miss Gulch's bicycle basket
  - 112 Moore whom Sports Illustrated called the "greatest winner in the history of women's basketball"
  - 115 Org.
  - 116 Dinghy thingy
  - 117 Spell the wrong way?
  - 118 Small fry
  - 119 Lead-in to long
  - 121 Snitch

ANSWERS FOUND IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...



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## NEWS

# Music in the Mansion Livestream April 19

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On April 19, the City's popular classical concert series, Music in the Mansion, will be livestreaming its April concert on Beverly Hills TV (BHTV) channel 10. At 2 p.m. residents can tune in to BHTV or visit [beverlyhills.org/live](http://beverlyhills.org/live) to hear the Trio Zadig's free concert.

Kristin Buhagiar, the City's Community Services Manager said, "Music in the Mansion sells out each month, so we know how much people love this series. It's also performed in the intimate setting of the living room at Greystone Mansion and Gardens, the City's beloved estate and public garden, so we

thought why not bring it to the intimate setting of our music lovers living rooms."

The Zadig Trio includes the talented violinist Boris Borgolotto, cellist Marc Girard Garcia and pianist Ian Barber, who have gained praise for winning first prize at the FNAPEC Competition in Paris and second prize in the Bischoff National Chamber Music Competition in New York City. The Zadig Trio is currently in-residence at the Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel in Belgium alongside the Artemis Quartet. ●



The Zadig Trio

# Local Residents Launch "Masks for Mankind" Initiative in Response to COVID-19

BY LAURA COLEMAN

Wanting to make a difference is nothing new for active members of the Beverly Hills community. But in this time of COVID-19, the ways in which people can give back have dramatically shifted in response to local and state mandates. Welcome the "Masks for Mankind" initiative, a community effort to provide much-needed face masks to local hospitals.

"Sitting at home, you do feel really helpless [and] we felt compelled to do something," described Beverly Hills resident Ronit Stone, who launched the initiative last week together with a group of close-knit group friends, all of whom have long supported various community endeavors and local schools.

Already the group has collected several N-95 face masks in addition to over \$2,500 in donations. Stone said the group plans to donate what they received to local hospitals, starting with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital.

"Staying home can be isolating, but being part of a community giving project helps connect us to others we don't know and who need our help, and that feels good,"

Stone told the Courier.

Inspired by the New York Times article, "How Two Very Different Los Angeles Hospitals Are Facing Coronavirus," Stone said the group banded together with the intention of providing donated masks and money to the two featured hospitals.

While the distinction of affluence between the two hospitals is very real, the article pointed out that both were in need of masks to meet the upcoming crisis. Those looking to donate unused N-95 masks to local hospitals in support of the healthcare workers who put themselves at risk everyday will find a collection box set up at 805 Cinthia St.

Alternatively, those who prefer to donate for the purchase of masks can do so through [masksformankind.org/donate](http://masksformankind.org/donate), a project of LEARN, a 501(c)(3) California nonprofit corporation. "This is a very direct way to give and to help these healthcare workers," Stone said. "There's so much need on so many levels and if someone just does one little thing, collectively, that will be a lot of things."

For more information, contact [tamara.learn@gmail.com](mailto:tamara.learn@gmail.com). ●



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up to 30 percent, which is especially onerous to the already-vulnerable restaurant community. So, when you see that “no delivery fee” offer it usually means the app passes the charge onto the restaurants.

“We prefer direct inquiry as it saves the commission to Postmates or the apps but it means customers need to pick up versus delivery,” said Andy Brandon-Gordon owner of Nerano in Beverly Hills. The restaurant has been offering daily specials on food, mixed cocktails and 50 percent off wines since the virus shut-down.

A recent article in Food & Wine claimed that we should delete all the apps if we really want to help restaurants but that might be going a bit too far. If it’s impossible to leave the house to pick food up, it’s better to order through an app than not at all. But, be informed about your choices.

Chef Ei Hiroyoshi (formerly of Sasabune’s Beverly Hills location), recently launched a delivery-only concept called Skinny Fish. The focus is on a selection of bowls and rolls made with sustainable fish and locally-sourced veggies. Instead of traditional sushi rice, he’s using a handmade cauliflower rice.

“I never imagined I’d be introducing Skinny Fish during a global pandemic. My team and I went back and forth about delaying, but decided that we’re in a unique position to contribute to the community. People need nourishment, people need to stay home, and people need to work, including the vendors who supply our fish and produce, and we can help support all three,” he said. Chef Hiroyoshi is currently partnering with Postmates, UberEats, and DoorDash to be as widespread as possible.

In contrast, Akasha Richmond, whose namesake restaurant in Culver City is doing a robust delivery business, has canceled all delivery apps. “They take such a large percentage,” she told the Courier. “We are using our own drivers who wear gloves and masks. We practice social distancing at pick-up with a table outside, limiting the amount of pick-ups per hour, and we wear gloves and masks all day,” she added.

In the past week, the Mayor of San Francisco cracked down on delivery app fees, instituting a cap at a of no more than 15 percent. Hopefully, other cities like Los Angeles could be next with other apps following suit. There are rumblings of Grubhub lowering fees but that still remains to be seen.

Until then, DoorDash will reduce commission fees for local restaurant partners by 50 percent on both DoorDash and Caviar, which was acquired by DoorDash in 2019. This commission relief program will benefit more than 150,000 local restaurants in the United States, Canada, and Australia from now through the end of May. This estimated \$100M from the company will help merchants respond to the acute financial threats they are facing right now.

Tony Xu, CEO and Co-Founder of DoorDash said in a statement, “We have

already invested more than \$15 million in combined commission reductions and marketing efforts, and we’ve seen restaurants across the country generate millions of dollars in incremental sales—revenue that has been vital to helping them keep their doors open during the first weeks of the coronavirus crisis.”

Some restaurant owners and chefs are finding a workable solution with an Apple booking site called Tock. Formerly an aid for securing a table at a favorite restaurant, it is now a to-go app for pick-up and delivery that only charges three percent commission. Local fans include award-winning Jordan Kahn’s Vespertine in Culver City and Eric Bost’s Auburn in Hollywood.

So, before pushing send on your phone app, decide if you have the free time to run out in your sweats and pick the food up yourself. The consensus amongst the smaller establishments is that it’s best to order direct if possible. The money, including tips, goes to their staff. Request contactless pick-up and they will pop the food in your trunk. Think of this as our new drive-thru.

And, for those who might be stretching the budget with lots of ordering out, here are a few tips to keep in mind.

Get Social – If you have a favorite restaurant or two, follow them and/or the chef on Instagram. They will let you know not only what they are cooking up for the day, but what the specials are and which delivery services they are using.

Go Family Style – Many restaurants are now offering the traditional in-house family meal, typically reserved for staff before the nightly shift, to patrons. These meals usually serve at least four and generous portions mean leftovers for the next day.

Buy a Gift Card – Consider this an investment in the future of dining out. Some gift cards offer great two-for-one perks. A gift card also might help to keep someone employed (some restaurants are donating 50 percent of the profits to their employee-funds) and you can use it for a special occasion or gift it to someone in need.

Shop Around – You toggle back and forth between Uber and Lyft for the best deal when you need a ride. Delivery service apps are no different. Postmates, DoorDash, Grubhub, Caviar, UberEATS and Tock are currently servicing our city. Depending on your location, order size, and the time of day, a discount might be added.

Check for Introductory Offers – Some apps offer free delivery for your first order or incentive percentage discounts for repeat business. Some credit cards are also offering perks such as points or cash back for ordering from different partner-apps.

Invest in a Subscription – Some of the delivery services offer a onetime monthly flat fee if you’re ordering a lot of take-out, it will save you money over time. Check out newcomer ChowNow that lets you order directly from your favorite eatery on Instagram for a monthly fee, and they apparently are not charging restaurants. ●

# Public Notices

## NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

Project: El Rodeo School Campus  
Seismic Retrofit and Modernization Project

Owner: Beverly Hills Unified School District

Lease / Lease Back Contractor: ProWest Constructors, CSLB #: 706619

### PROPOSAL RELEASE #3

**PROPOSAL DATE: MAY 28, 2020**  
**PROPOSAL TIME: 2:00 PM**

### PROPOSAL PACKAGES

03	Survey & Layout
04	Final Clean – A,B
04.1	Survey & Layout
04.2	Final Clean – D,E
10	Sealed Concrete
19	Waterproofing
20	Flashing & Sheet Metal
21	Built-up Roofing
22	Clay Tile Roofing
23	Doors, Frames, Hardware & Installation
24	Glass, Aluminum, & Skylights
25	Metal Studs, Drywall, Insulation, Plaster & Stucco – A,B,C
26	Metal Studs, Drywall, Insulation, Plaster & Stucco – D,E
27	Tile
28	Wood Floor & Finishing
29	Acoustical Ceilings
30	Epoxy Flooring
31	Flooring & VETM – A,B,C
32	Flooring & VETM – D,E
33	Painting & Special Coatings – A,B,C
34	Painting & Special Coatings – D,E
35	Specialties
37	Signage
41	Window Coverings
44	Wheelchair Lifts
47	Plumbing
48	HVAC & Controls
49	Electrical, Low Voltage, Security, and Fire Alarm

Submit sealed proposals to: ProWest Constructors, 22710 Palomar Street, Wildomar, CA 92595. For Proposals in the amount of \$150,000 and over, a Proposal Bond in the amount of 10% of the Lump Sum Base Price shall accompany the Proposal. For Lump Sum Base Price amounts of less than \$150,000, Proposal Bond shall not be required.

Proposal Documents available April 28, 2020 at IB Reprographics (951) 682-1850, www.ibrepro.com and www.BidMail.com.

**One non-mandatory Job Walk has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 1:00 PM. ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** Participants shall meet at El Rodeo School 605 Whittier Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, front gate on Whittier Drive.

The project is a seismic retrofit and modernization of multi-story Buildings A, B, C, D and E encompassing +/- 122,250 SF of building area situated on a 6.5-acre site, originally constructed in 1927 as cast-in-place structures. The buildings are adorned with approximately 4,200 SF of historic Spanish Renaissance Revival cast stone clad facades receiving new reinforcing anchorage and an ornate tower whose dome will be removed and replicated to provide appropriate structural stability. The entire campus will receive a new fire alarm system, new fire protection throughout, new HVAC, electrical upgrades as well as new exterior windows including steel windows in Buildings A, B, and C. There are a total of (44) teaching stations that include (2) Computer Labs, (4) Science Classrooms, (2) Music Classrooms, (1) STEM Classroom, and (1) Media Center. The 679-seat auditorium, with a mezzanine level, includes the replication of the original ceiling as well as incorporating new theater rigging and audio-visual systems. The majority of the 6.5-acre site will include new accessible path of travel throughout including new asphalt paving, concrete paving, artificial turf field, landscaping, irrigation, fencing, and (3) shade shelters.

**Prequalification of MEP Subcontractors.** Each prospective Electrical, Mechanical, or Plumbing (“MEP”) subcontractor holding C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 and/or C-46 specialty licenses (as defined in Public Contract Code section 20111.6) planning to participate in bidding on certain public projects to be undertaken by the District, must be prequalified prior to submitting bids for such public projects. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20111.6 bidders on all public projects using funds received pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities ACT of 1998 or any funds received from any future state school bond that involve a projected public project expenditure of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more must be pre-qualified.

The purpose of the proposal is to enable ProWest Constructors to select the most qualified firm that provides the best value to ProWest Constructors and the District and with whom ProWest Constructors will subcontract. Based on the received proposals, ProWest Constructors will create a list of the highest-ranking respondents, based on a best value selection criteria and will identify the selected firm(s) to enter negotiations for specific scopes of work to be subcontracted. Formal award of any subcontracts will not occur unless and until the District has reviewed and approved the scope and price of the subcontracted work.

ProWest Constructors reserves the right to request additional information at any time, which in its sole opinion, is necessary to assure that a proposer’s competence, business organization, and financial resources are adequate to perform the requested work. ProWest Constructors also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informality or nonsubstantive irregularity in any proposal.

Contact Lease / Lease Back Contractor, ProWest Constructors – (951) 678-1038 for further information.

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# Public Notices

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS for the FOOTHILL WATER TREATMENT PLANT PRE-TREATMENT SYSTEM within the City of BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

**BIDS** - Sealed proposals for the **FOOTHILL WATER TREATMENT PLANT PRE-TREATMENT SYSTEM** at the Department of Public Works building site within the City of Beverly Hills, California, will be received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Beverly Hills, located in Room 290 at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on the above-mentioned date in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall and award of the contract will be made during a subsequent meeting of the City Council. The public bid opening process may be amended to protect everyone's safety due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING – A MANDATORY** virtual pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 28, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Please click on the link below to join the virtual meeting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/320331581>. Following the Pre-Bid Meeting, site tours will be scheduled on April 29 and April 30, 2020, starting at 9:00 am at the Beverly Hills Department of Public Works Building located at 345 Foothill Road Beverly Hills, CA. Bidders who attend the Pre-Bid meeting will be given an assignment to only one of the tours. Every bidder is required to attend the virtual pre-bid meeting, and a site tour is highly recommended but not mandatory. During the mandatory virtual pre-bid meeting, attending Contractors are required to sign in and details of the sign in to be counted as attendance will be communicated during the virtual meeting. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the City is working with minimal on-site staff, and wishes to maintain limited contact with bidders for everyone's safety.

**BIDDER'S QUESTIONS** – All questions shall be emailed to **Samer Elayyan** at [selayyan@beverlyhills.org](mailto:selayyan@beverlyhills.org), by Thursday May 7, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Any questions submitted after due date and time will not be responded to.

**SCOPE OF THE WORK** - The work to be performed under this contract consists of demolition, architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, and instrumentation work at the City's Foothill Water Treatment Plant. The work to be done shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements and supplies necessary for, or appurtenant to, the construction, completion, commissioning, and startup of the FOOTHILL WATER TREATMENT PLANT PRE-TREATMENT SYSTEM in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared for this project.

**ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE** – The preliminary cost of construction for this work has been prepared and the said estimate including field directives allowance and permits allowance is Eight Million Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$8,410,000).

**CONTRACTORS LICENSE** - At the time of the Bid Deadline and at all times during performance of the Work, including full completion of all corrective work during the Correction Period, the Contractor must possess a California contractor's license or licenses, current and active, of the classification required for the Work, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3, Section 7000 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code.

In compliance with Public Contract Code Section 3300, the City has determined that the Bidder must possess the following license(s): **Class "A" General Engineering Contractor**

**AVAILABILITY AND EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS** – The City will make available PDF versions of the project's Contract Documents including the project's specifications, appendices, and plans through PlanetBids. No hard copies will be available for bidders at the time of bid from the City. Should any Contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or manufacturer require a printed version of the Contract Documents the Contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or manufacturer will be required to print their own documents without reimbursement from the City. Details of the download are provided on the City's website. <http://www.beverlyhills.org/tags/bids/>

**THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID OR ALL THE BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALTY OR IRREGULARITY IN ANY BID, BUT IF THE BIDS ARE ACCEPTED, THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT WILL BE LET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE.**

**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,**

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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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**CASE NO: 20STCP01046**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

In the Matter of the petition of: **MARIA LEONE-SEID**  
To all interested person(s):  
Petitioner or Attorney:  
**Barry Fischer BARRY'S LAW APC**  
**280 S. Beverly Dr. #315 Beverly Hills, CA 90212**  
filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 N. Hill St. Los Angeles, CA 90012** on **March 12, 2020** for a Decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name:  
**Maria Leone-Seid**  
Proposed Name:  
**Maria Leone**

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 26, 2020**  
Time: **10:30am**  
Dept: **44**  
Room: **418**

The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 N. Hill St. Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Reason for name change: **I'm changing my last name to my maiden 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: **Maria Leone-Seid**  
Judge of the Superior Court  
**Judge Edward B. Moreton, Jr., Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk, By: V. Ortega, Deputy Clerk**

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