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Residents Impacted by Expedited Metro Purple Line Work

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On April 2, a temporary full closure of Wilshire Boulevard between Crescent Drive and Beverly Drive took effect after the Beverly Hills City Council approved an accelerated construction timeline for the Metro Purple Line Extension Project. The decision was

made in an effort to expedite the construction of two subway stops, taking advantage of the reduced traffic due to the COVID-19 emergency. However, what may have seemed like an ideal time to move forward on the project – residents are under stay at home

orders – is now under question.

Residents living near the construction sites have reached out to the City regarding the loud noise negatively impacting their mental and physical wellbeing, citing “constant banging” sounds. Some residents, such as Beth Braun, Ph. D., reached out to the Courier and are speaking out publicly.

“The Metro has been pounding on Wilshire from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. six days a week. It is brutal. It is impossible to sleep, homeschool kids, work or relax in the middle of a global pandemic,” Braun told the Courier.

Braun expressed frustration that when the City announced the accelerated Metro construction on April 2, it took her and her neighbors by surprise. “The City decided to do this with no notice to residents,” she said. Braun noted that she and several of her neighbors called the Metro hotline numerous times to air their grievances. Time after time they felt invalidated by the person on the other end of the line. Braun and at least seven other residents also reached out to the City. Although Braun said her concerns were initially politely dismissed, she was provided with a small noise machine.

City spokesperson Keith Sterling responded to the issue of whether residents received notice of the proposed plans to close Wilshire Boulevard.

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Metro Construction Has Impacted Residents

COVID-19 and Our Community: Anthony Cardillo, M.D.

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Anthony Cardillo, M.D.

In this multi-part series, “COVID-19 and Our Community,” the Courier is profiling healthcare professionals at the frontlines of the current crisis. Anthony Cardillo, M.D. is CEO and Medical Director of MEND Health, Inc.,

the company that operates MEND Urgent Care Facilities throughout Southern California. A Board-Certified Emergency Room Physician, Dr. Cardillo is also a regular contributor on ABC7 Los Angeles.

Beverly Hills Courier: What have you learned about this virus since patients first began to appear at your urgent care facilities?

Anthony Cardillo, M.D.: We’ve gleaned a lot of knowledge talking to every patient. We began testing on March 9. We’ve had 150 patients out of 2,000 test positive. After speaking at length with each of these patients, we have learned that there is great variability in how they present. Some are totally asymptomatic and were only tested because they were in close contact with someone who was positive.

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Financial Impacts of COVID-19 Leave City Thirsty for Funds

BY LAURA COLEMAN

With a projected shortfall of up to \$10 million through the end of June and a possible \$52 million net income deficit for fiscal year 2020/2021, Beverly Hills is facing some tough decisions. The City must have a budget in place by July 1 to continue operations.

“[The COVID-19 pandemic] is going to have a very significant economic impact on the City,” Director of Finance Jeff Muir told the City Council at the April 21 afternoon study session.

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NOTICE OF PENDING DECISION

Renewal of Conditional Use Permit and Development Plan Review

Project Address: 403 N. Crescent Drive

Notice Date: April 24, 2020

Subject: Request for renewal of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a hotel restaurant to be open to the public, and renewal of a Development Plan Review (DPR) to allow open air dining at the legally non-conforming hotel located at 403 North Crescent Drive. The project site is zoned Multiple-Family Residential-Commercial Parking (RMCP).



This is to give notice that the Director of Community Development is considering:

A request to renew a CUP and DPR pursuant to Planning Commission Resolution No. 1648 to allow the continued operation of the public restaurant and associated open air dining at the Crescent Hotel located at **403 North Crescent Drive**.

On June 14, 2012, the Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 1648 approving a CUP and DPR to allow a hotel restaurant, with open air dining, to be open to the public. The indoor restaurant has 26 seats in approximately 475 square feet, and the outdoor dining area has 28 seats in approximately 765 square feet. The approved hours of operation require the dining area to close by 12:00 midnight Sunday through Thursday, and by 1:00 AM Friday and Saturday. Pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) §§ 10-3-1240(B) and 10-3-1240(E), the proposed project involves a request to renew the entitlements, without any modifications, for a three-year term. This would allow the continued operation of the restaurant and open air dining, open to the public, associated with the Crescent Hotel. Pursuant to Resolution No. 1648, the aforementioned CUP and DPR are set to expire unless they are renewed, or a new CUP and DPR are granted.

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. Upon review, the project appears to qualify for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Existing Facilities) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15301 of the state CEQA Guidelines.

In evaluating the request for renewal, any written comments received by the City within twenty (20) days of the date of this notice will be considered. Please note that any communication received by the City becomes part of the public record. The Applicant's request for renewal may be approved if the reviewing authority finds that the continued operation of the hotel restaurant with open air dining will not have a substantial adverse impact on the use and enjoyment of surrounding residential properties due to: the accumulation of garbage, trash, or other waste; noise created by the operation of the restaurant or by employees or visitors entering or exiting the restaurant; light and glare; odors or noxious fumes; parking demand created by the restaurant, including parking demand created by employees; or traffic.

You will be notified by mail of the City's decision on this matter. Plans of the proposed project and application are available for review at the Beverly Hills Department of Community Development, Planning Division. If you would like to view the plans or have any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Juan Arauz, AICP, Associate Planner** at (310) 285-1127 or by email at jarauz@beverlyhills.org.

Sincerely,
Juan Arauz, AICP
Associate Planner

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He told the Courier: "Metro did not hand deliver notices to the community because of the COVID-19 restrictions. However, in addition to extensive City outreach through multiple channels (and significant media coverage), Metro sent out electronically distributed information related to the closure. The closure was discussed at the April Community meeting webinar and included in the Purple Line Extension Newsletter."

Sterling also pointed out that the Wilshire Boulevard closure has not resulted in a change to overall work hours. "Drilling is specifically ordered to cease at 9 p.m. while additional work is permitted until 11 p.m.," he said.

On April 21, Braun called in to voice her grievances about the noise during the public comment period of the City Council meeting. That same evening, the City issued a statement on the matter.

"Crews are making significant progress on completing extensive piling work on the Metro Purple Line Project," said the statement. "The piling work on the south side of Wilshire was originally scheduled to last through August. Under the current expedited timeline, the piling work is expected to be complete by early May," it added.

"While we recognize this work is some of the most difficult and impactful to date,

it is happening at a more rapid pace and will reduce future congestion in our busy business district when merchants re-open following the COVID-19 emergency," said Mayor Lester Friedman in the statement. "We appreciate the community's patience as crews complete this complex project as quickly and safely as possible."

The day after the City Council meeting, Public Works Department engineering manager Robert Welch called and spoke to Braun. "I'm feeling better about the City taking care of us and spending 45 minutes on the phone to talk to me," Braun told the Courier. "He [Welch] said the City is in the process of buying 20-foot sound curtains to block the noise. But the lesson I learned is that the Metro can't be beat, it's too big to mess with." Although she has lived in Beverly Hills for 15 years, she is now considering a move.

"We certainly understand this is a difficult time for our community members as we all endure the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Sterling. "The City continues to receive support for the plan to expedite this section of the project and we expect crews to complete the work in the coming weeks."

For more information on current Metro Purple Line Extension construction, visit www.beverlyhills.org/purpleline.

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NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Beverly Hills City Council is seeking qualified residents to fill vacancies on the following Commissions:

TERM BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2021

- CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS COMMISSION – One Vacancy
- DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION – One Vacancy
- PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION – One Vacancy

TERM BEGINS JULY 1, 2021

- ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION – Two Vacancies
- CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS COMMISSION – One Vacancy
- HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – Two Vacancies
- PLANNING COMMISSION – One Vacancy
- TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION – One Vacancy

Please note: you can only apply to one Commission vacancy for this application cycle.

Deadline to apply for the above Commissions is on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information on the Commission positions and to apply online, please visit the City's website at www.beverlyhills.org/applyforacommission or call the City Clerk's Office at (310) 285-2400 to obtain the application form by mail or e-mail.

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“We’re anticipating revenues to drop by 15 to 20 percent by next fiscal year.”

If the Council fails to take action to reduce expenditures, a presentation using “pessimistic assumptions” predicted that the City would need to solve an approximate \$104 million gap over the next six years. A more dire projection increased that figure to \$125 million.

“This recession is very different from any recession we’ve ever had,” Muir emphasized, referring to the fact that it is related to public health. COVID-19 has infected almost 3 million people worldwide. On April 21, California clocked its highest one-day rise in new cases and there are currently over 17,500 cases in Los Angeles County, including 102 in Beverly Hills.

Muir said he anticipated that the City would begin to slowly reopen starting this summer, with certain businesses and activities coming online once again in late June and early July.

“The source of the economic issues here are strictly attributable to the travel restrictions, temporary business closures, and other social distancing requirements to ‘bend the curve’ of COVID-19. At some point, these restrictions will begin to be lifted and the economy will begin to function again. What we don’t know is when and what the recovery period will be, and what the permanent changes might be as a result of this,” stated the City staff report presented to Council on April 21.

Given the significant impacts to three of the four major tax revenue streams infusing

Beverly Hills’ General Fund, namely Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT), business taxes and sales taxes, Muir said it would take years for the City to return to the healthy fiscal state it was in before the pandemic hit. Also concerning is the fact that the travel industry will take some time to really rebound and the brunt of the sales tax loss will not even be seen until next year. Other funding sources taking a hit are related to a diminishment of licenses, permits and charges for various services, in addition to a decrease in parking and moving violations.

“With significant impacts to TOT, business taxes and sales taxes, we’re going to see some ugly numbers,” Muir cautioned. “We’re living in unprecedented times with a lot of uncertainty still remaining.”

In order to begin to address the anticipated budget shortfalls, the Council agreed to implement multiple short-term options recommended by an Ad-Hoc Committee which had spent the previous weeks evaluating perceived fiscal impacts in order to develop and provide recommendations for City Council consideration.

“It’s undeniable that there’s going to be significant hits to our revenue,” said Vice Mayor Bob Wunderlich, who together with Mayor Lester Friedman worked with staff as part of the City’s ad-hoc. “We will be able to get through this and keep what are the essential services.”

Such short-term options include: reducing existing General Fund financed Capital Improvement Projects (CIP); eliminating vehicle/equipment/facility replacement charges and replacements for one year;

institute ongoing reductions to departmental operating and maintenance accounts; maintain all existing vacancies unfilled other than the most critical and keep most future vacancies unfilled; seek voluntary workforce reduction through retirement/separation incentive for certain positions; and reduce or eliminate some future CIP transfers. Perhaps the most costly CIP on the horizon set to be delayed will be the plan to renovate La Cienega Park, which was estimated to cost more than \$125 million.

City Manager George Chavez said that there would be funds available to refresh the existing community center at La Cienega Park. “The community should feel no significant impacts,” he said.

While no decision was made with respect to the longer-term options discussed, the Council is expected to further explore those and other options at the upcoming budget study session scheduled for May 5. “As the City was two-thirds of the way through the fiscal year before the COVID-19 crisis hit, any

shortfall this year can be addressed by some of the one-time measures listed previously. The more significant reductions will need to take place during the upcoming Fiscal Year 2020/21,” the staff report states.

Such longer-term options include: requiring reductions to overtime costs, which are approximately \$12 million; voluntary or involuntary reductions to personnel costs; reductions to City-sponsored events; and use of City reserves.

Councilman John Mirisch stressed the urgency of releasing the specifics about what the City decides to the public as soon as possible, in addition to making sure that the Council is receiving “constant updates” about the City’s financial situation.

“Yes, we can and should use our reserves,” Mirisch said. “We should also create policies to make sure those reserves are quickly built up to these levels.” The City’s most recent audited financial statement, as of June 30, 2019, stated that its General Fund reserves were \$203.8 million. ●

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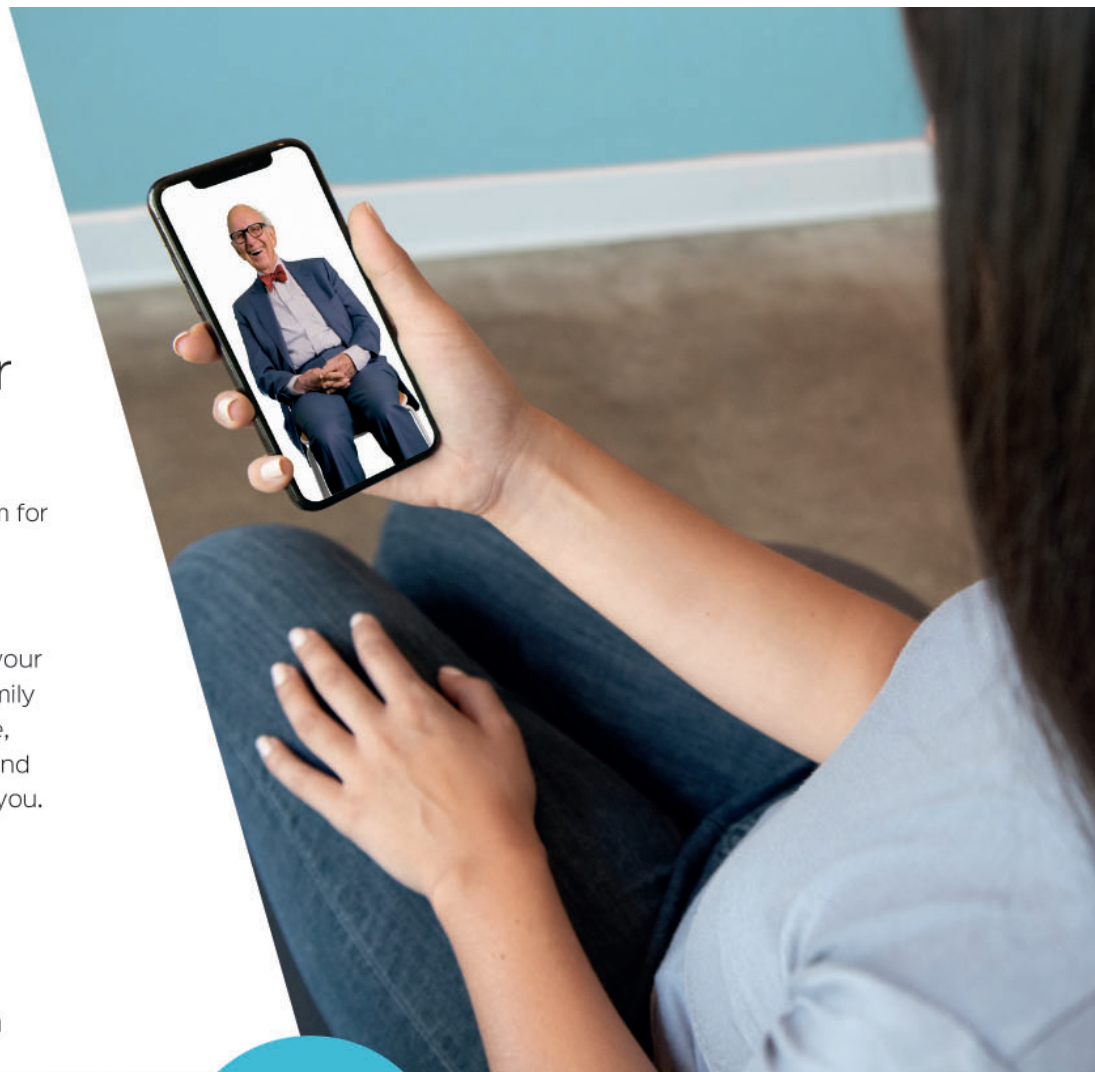
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City Seeks Applicants for Commission Vacancies

BY CAROLE DIXON

The Beverly Hills City Council is seeking qualified residents to fill upcoming vacancies on the Arts and Culture Commission, Charitable Solicitations Commission, Design Review Commission, Human Relations Commission, Planning Commission, Public Works Commission, and Traffic and Parking Commission.

The City Council recommends that interested participants first join the Team Beverly Hills residential Education Program to familiarize themselves with City operations and procedures. Applicants must be residents of the City of Beverly Hills for two years before applying.

The Commissioners may not serve simultaneously on more than one commission and will receive no monetary compensation in any form. The appointees are required to file an initial and annual "Statement of Economic Interests" financial disclosure.

The initial term of office for a Commissioner is two years. At the discretion of the City Council, the Commissioners may be reappointed to a second term of four years. The deadline to apply for the Commissions listed below is on Friday, June

12, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

The term commences on January 1, 2021 for the following:

CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS COMMISSION- One Vacancy

Working with staff support from the police department, this commission ensures the compliance of charitable organizations soliciting donations or funds from Beverly Hills residents, protects the community from fraudulent solicitations and maintains a dedicated website for the public to obtain information regarding permitted solicitations.

DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION- One Vacancy

Working with staff support from the Community Development Department, this commission reviews proposed single-family residential development and its impact on maintaining the character of the City's residential neighborhoods.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION- One Vacancy

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Oil Well Capping "On Track" For Fall Completion

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Oil derrick on Beverly Hills High School campus

The capping of the oil wells located on the Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) campus is on track for completion this fall, according to Director of Public Works, Shana Epstein. Epstein made the statement at the April 21 City Council Study Session. The completion of the project will mean that the reign of the 150-foot-tall oil rig decorated by students with painted flowers, is nearing an end.

The City and the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) have worked in tandem on the oil-capping project. In February of 2018, the two contracted with ARB, Inc., an energy infrastructure company based in California, to provide well monitoring and abandonment services. Since the project began in May of 2018, 17 of the 19 district-owned wells have been plugged, with the 18th nearing completion. During a regular BHUSD Board of Education virtual meeting on April 14, members voted 5-0 to continue with the well abatement construction, deeming it an "essential service." On April 21, the City Council moved forward on the project without competitive bidding.

The project's objectives are to secure the long-term well-being and safety of the BHHS campus and surrounding areas while capping all the oil wells on site, removing underground tubing, pump rods, pumps, removing the derrick and filling the 8,000 ft.- deep wells. In compliance with the Public Contract Code Section 22050, the project has remained a standing item on each City Council meeting agenda, which has determined by four-fifths vote the need to continue with it until completion.

In a resolution adopted and approved on April 14, the BHUSD released a statement in regards to the Beverly Hills High School oil well abatement stating, "The Board of Education has reviewed the facts and circumstances involving each of the District's construction projects and determined that each of the projects is an 'Essential Service'

to support the District's critical Education Facilities infrastructure and that discontinuing construction activity would pose major health and safety risks for the Education Facilities Subsector, such as open incomplete buildings, unsafe areas, attractive nuisances, the deterioration of constructed areas, or destruction of structures."

The oil wells located in the southwest corner of the BHHS campus have been there for decades, preceding the school's construction in 1927. In the 1950's the School District leased the site to Venoco, an oil and gas exploration and production company. The lease expired on December 31, 2016. Since then, the City and the BHUSD have been responsible for monitoring the site and plugging the wells, retaining WZI, Inc, an environmental consulting agency specializing in petroleum engineering, to provide technical assistance and oversight of the well plugging process. WZI and ARB helped identify and mitigate potentially harmful gas leaks, monitoring their pressure, to ensure that no harm would come to the community.

Initially, the BHHS oil well remediation project was estimated to span between nine and 12 months, at a cost of \$8 million dollars. However, the price has nearly tripled since the construction began two years ago. The BHHS campus itself has not been impacted during the construction, other than the closure of the girls' softball field. Safety measures taken include eight feet of screened construction fence and a 180-ft. setback barrier.

The well plugging has been done in accordance with American Petroleum Institute standards and monitored by the State of California's Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources. The estimated completion date for capping the 18th well is May 15, 2020. ●

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City Council Takes Action at Two Hearings

BY LAURA COLEMAN

The City Council discussed a bevy of issues at two public meetings on April 21 including initiatives enacted in response to the pandemic as well as regulations governing the use of face coverings in public.

“These are really difficult times and we are trying to make the best of it together,” said Mayor Lester Friedman.

Fines for Not Wearing Face Masks

People within the City of Beverly Hills will now face potential monetary fines for failing to wear a face covering if they have the potential of coming within six feet of someone who is not part of their household following passage of a revised urgency ordinance concerning COVID-19. The revised ordinance, which repeals its predecessor (Ordinance No. 20-0-2806), makes five substantive changes to the urgency ordinance originally passed on March 16, including adding a section on face coverings.

On April 10 the City issued an order requiring people to wear some type of face covering, such as a mask, scarf, bandana or cloth in an effort to promote public health and reduce the spread of COVID-19. The order originally mandated that everyone, including essential workers, wear face coverings when they leave their place of residence, including for walks through the neighborhood. The revised order now in place has it so that people must only wear masks when they have the potential to come within six feet of someone other than a member of their household. The penalty for not wearing a face covering is an administrative citation which carries a fine of \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense, and \$500 for the third and subsequent offenses.

“There is widespread lack of compliance. It is really clear that maybe half the people out there are not complying with the mask ordinance,” said Councilman Julian Gold, M.D.

Both the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Los Angeles Department of Public Health recommend wearing face masks when out in public to help prevent the spread of droplets that might be infectious. “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,” states the revised ordinance, which passed with a 5-0 vote. The ordinance contains several exceptions for face coverings, including an exemption for children under the age of two from having to wear them.

Additional Health-related initiatives

Beginning the week of April 26, the City’s Nurse Practitioner Program will be able to test people exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 while at home. “If anybody has symptoms, we’ll be able to do that and we’ll be doing that through our Nurse Practitioner Program,” confirmed Beverly Hills Fire Chief Greg Barton. Since the outbreak, all EMS callers are screened for signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19. Throughout the City, signs affixed

to approximately 200 pedestrian pushbuttons at intersections instruct pedestrians to “not push the button.”

Rodeo Drive Podcast

The Council approved an expenditure of \$40,000 to create a podcast series entitled “Only On Rodeo Drive.” The eight-episode podcast series will launch in tandem with the reopening of Rodeo Drive boutiques. Each 30-minute episode will explore luxury and fashion on Rodeo Drive. Rodeo Drive Committee past president Kathy Gohari told the Council the podcast series will help support efforts to revitalize Rodeo Drive once the street re-opens for business by bringing in new interest and customers to the stores and the City.

Walking in the Street

A proposal by Vice Mayor Bob Wunderlich to repurpose travel lanes for walkers and bicyclists in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing guidelines failed to gain traction with his fellow Councilmembers. According to a staff report, Los Angeles drivers are averaging speeds 12 percent faster during this time, with some driving as much as 25 percent faster. “Repurposing some traffic lanes would allow greater distance between the people who are walking,” Wunderlich said. “This is to take advantage of an opportunity that we have in front of us and to mitigate some of the problems we have with the speeding cars.”

Other members of the Council voiced concern that further opening up the streets to pedestrians and bikers would send a “mixed message” that in turn might create more congestion for active transportation modes. “My concern is that we’re going to encourage more people to come out,” Councilwoman Lili Bosse said.

Fiber to the Premises

Roughly 20 percent of the City is set to get faster Internet after the Council unanimously agreed to move forward with its Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) Project. Work had already begun on the project last year, but the Council needed to approve additional contracts valued at \$4 million in order to continue the work. Contractors will lay an estimated 100 miles of fiber optic cable, linking homes and businesses using both aerial and underground construction. “Aerial construction phases will take approximately 12-14 months. With 9 to 11 aerial phases remaining, implementation may take five to 12 years,” the staff report states. A Council ad hoc committee had recommended that work stop on the FTTP project immediately due to the fact that the alpha phase was already beyond budget and given the lengthy timeline. A suggestion by Councilman Julian Gold to further review the project in a study session before proceeding did not find support. Before the vote, Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey said: “The project is shovel ready. We’re ready to go as soon as funding becomes available.” ●

Small Restaurants Still Suffering

BY CAROLE DIXON

With large corporate restaurant chains receiving emergency small business loans, the national restaurant community is in an uproar. Ruth’s Chris Steak House, subsidiary of Ruth’s Hospitality Group, Inc. received \$20 million in SBA loans for COVID-19 crisis-relief and now Shake Shack, which received a \$10 million bailout last week, is returning the money after outrage in the industry.

The program was originally designed for companies with less than 500 employees, but a loophole exempted restaurants and hotels from that limit if they had less than 500 employees per location. Many small restaurants didn’t receive a dime of assistance and now the fund is out of money.

With roughly eight million workers laid-off, National Restaurant Association reported that industry-wide losses may reach \$80 billion by the end of April. On April 21, the Senate approved another \$310 billion in small-business loans but it’s still unclear what percentage will go to the restaurant industry, which employs over 15 million people.

While some organizations such as [Change.org](#) are lobbying for Ruth’s Hospitality Group, Inc. to return the money, the National Restaurant Association is also seeking recovery funds, and celebrity chefs such

as French Laundry and Bouchon owner Thomas Keller are trying to put together a “task force” to lobby the government. Keller tweeted (to some backlash) that he would be joining President Trump’s White House Great American Economic Revival initiative, in an attempt to help save the restaurant industry. Other participants include local resident Wolfgang Puck, as well as Jean-Georges Vongerichten. The top toques hope to use their notoriety to bring attention to the plight of restaurateurs struggling to keep staff on payroll. (Puck has already had a conversation with the President about this topic.)

Other local restaurants are helping the community in other ways. The An family of Crustacean has launched a “Crustacean Cares” GoFundMe page, co-owner, Elizabeth An told the Courier. The family is matching some of the donations when the public buys a box of essentials for hospitality workers who have lost their jobs, a bag of goods for the elderly, or a bowl of Matzo Ball Pho soup for medical workers on the front line with the next round of deliveries going to Cedars-Sinai in a few weeks. “We hope the community will help spread the word and help us keep this [Crustacean Cares] effort going as long as we can,” said An. ●

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Community Scene

Pet Preparedness Plan Vital In Wake of COVID-19

BY LAURA COLEMAN



Help for pets can sometimes be found online

With more than half of all households across the nation home to a pet, it's fair to say that Americans clearly adore their non-speaking companions. During this time of mandated social isolation to help curb the spread of COVID-19, which has infected over 14,000 people in Los Angeles, many locals previously without a pet have chosen to adopt or foster one, transitively increasing the number of families with pets.

But what happens when an owner gets sick?

"We know from past experience in emergencies that people don't want to leave their pets behind," said Julie Castle, chief

executive officer for Best Friends Animal Society. "With everything shut down, oftentimes the only people you can turn to are those close by. That community structure is going to be what gets us through this crisis."

Castle emphasized that while there are many levels of preparedness outside of individual control, as pet guardians there are a host of steps people can do to prepare for the possibility of personally be touched by the crisis by having a solid "Pet Preparedness Plan" in place. Additionally, an effective plan is especially vital to support seniors, as they may be the least able to go to the store for pet supplies and are most vulnerable to the virus.

Items on the plan should include a two-week supply of pet food, medications and additional necessities, such as cat litter, a carrier for small animals or special diet-related treats and supplements, updated vaccination records, a medication schedule (if relevant) and contact information for your veterinarian's office.

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Yom HaShoah 2020

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Holocaust Survivor Edith Frankie

Photo Credit: Courtesy of John Pregulman and the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust

The COVID-19 pandemic may have changed the form, but not the spirit of events commemorating Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, this year.

On April 19, the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust continued its tradition of Yom HaShoah programming by presenting its first virtual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration, entitled "75 Years After Liberation: Turning Memory Into Action." The Yom HaShoah ceremony included speakers, music and the opportunity to join in remembrance as a community. The event remembered those who perished, honored those who survived, and marked the 75th anniversary of liberation and the end of the Holocaust. Speakers included David Estrin, founder and CEO of Together We Remember; Hillel Newman, Consul General

of Israel; Rabbi Jooce Hudson, Temple Israel of Hollywood; Michele Gold, Board Chair, Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust; survivor Edith Frankie and others. Acclaimed guitarist Alberto Lombardi performed from Italy. Special messages from Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and other notables were also featured.

"Although we could not physically bring everyone together on Sunday we knew it was important for the museum and the community to remember as one," said Michele Gold, board chair, Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. "Whether in person or virtually, our goal as always is to both commemorate the past and learn from it so that these atrocities never happen again. Through technology, we not only had the community from Southern California, but we had viewers from across the country and around the world."

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The Simon Wiesenthal Center and Museum of Tolerance marked Holocaust Remembrance Day with a powerful and moving virtual program. Special features included tributes to Holocaust survivors who have volunteered for decades and shared their experiences with visitors at the Museum of Tolerance, poignant remarks by Rabbi Marvin Hier and others, (Yom HaShoah continues on page 9)

Giving Back to Urgent Care Doctors During COVID-19

BY CAROLE DIXON



Donations from Goggles for Docs

Urgent Care doctors on the front lines of this pandemic have been faced with unimaginable circumstances, including fear and grief. Caring people of the community have made an extraordinary effort to give back to these medical professionals in unexpected ways. The Courier spoke with Exer Urgent Care's Chief Medical Officer, Brian Wilbur, M.D., about some of the ways the community has been giving back.

Goggles for Docs is a group of volunteers who are donating ski and snowboarding-style goggles to healthcare workers. After hearing about the organization from a friend, Wilbur went to their website to apply for donations.

"A friend told me that a group of snow sports enthusiasts had the amazing idea

to repurpose ski goggles as safety goggles. I thought to myself, 'that's genius.' What a fantastic idea," Wilbur told the Courier. "Wearing hard plastic lab glasses all day is uncomfortable because they're heavy and they fog up easily. When we got our shipment from Goggles for Docs, I slipped a pair on and my face smiled. They're padded, they don't fog up, they're extremely comfortable and I can wear them all day long as I'm seeing patients," he said. "They have the additional benefit of reminding me of snowboarding, so it keeps me stoked while I'm working in the urgent care."

While much emphasis has been placed on masks covering the nose and mouth since the pandemic broke out, eye care is just as vital to those on the front lines. "When a sick person coughs or talks, virus particles can spray from their mouth or nose into another person's face," said Wilbur.

Within four days of Wilbur's first request, Goggles for Docs donated 50 goggles to each Exer clinic, which includes 16 locations across Southern California. Thus far, Exer has received 800 goggles to help protect their medical staff while working on the frontlines through this pandemic. (Exer continues on page 9)

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Mend Urgent Care testing facilities

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It's important to know about them, because they infect others unknowingly. There are also pre-symptomatic patients, who in their first week show no symptoms. They eventually declare symptoms. They're not as concerning because eventually they declare themselves as sick and we can isolate them, so they don't affect others. These two groups together are the reason we are doing home quarantines.

Are COVID-19 symptoms evolving?

We're learning a lot about the variability in presentation. This is not just flu-like, where patients have fever, headache, sore throat and body aches. They tend to have a serious cough and shortness of breath and we're also beginning to see other interesting manifestations such as dermatologic symptoms, such as rashes and discoloration of the skin, either reddish or blueish. Right now, if anyone has any of those symptoms they should get checked out. If your primary care is closed, use an urgent care to get evaluated if they are providing testing. Of course, if you have a life-threatening condition, you should go to the ER.

Do you believe that our healthcare system in Southern California has the capacity to see us through this? What about testing shortages?

Almost every hospital system in L.A. County is more than capable of dealing with this, so long as the volume isn't overwhelming. That's why it's important to stay home and block transmission. If we can prevent additional spread, it will allow medical establishments to get their resources in order. The truth is, we don't have the capacity to test every citizen for MOST disease process on an emergent basis, let alone one that was discovered just three months ago. We all need to be realistic with our expectations of the health system. Before the current epidemic, very few people had 30 days' worth of food stored up in their homes for a crisis. We certainly don't expect the construction industry to have thousands of jackhammers to prepare for a national earthquake. It is not fair to expect hospitals to have stockpiled PPE or ventilators when our supply chain is so good for ordering these supplies. Having huge stockpiles just wasn't a necessity given how easy it is to order medical supplies. People have to be realistic about their expectations and know that the systems are working very diligently to get all the required equipment. Perhaps this will be a learning lesson for all of us.

In other words, we don't necessarily have shortages. But we need to ramp up, which will take more time, right?

We need a period of time to prevent those with the infection from infecting the rest of the community while the medical establishment gets ready. We have to build the infrastructure

and technology to be able to have these tests done. We may need to spend the next six months gearing up and eventually testing as many people as we can. There are limits to how fast labs can process the virus. The original concern with the PCR [short for polymerase chain reaction, used to amplify a segment of DNA] COVID-19 tests was a shortage of the nasal swabs. But that's been sorted out. And, with the antibody tests, the variable is how fast the labs can give us results. Most importantly, we will use this time to prepare for next season, when we will hopefully have a vaccine and maybe even treatment as well.

There is some confusion out there about antibody tests. Can you explain why they are important?

Antibody testing tells us who was exposed and who has immunity. Once we know who has that immunity, they can possibly be the first to go back into society. They've already been infected and are presumed to not be at risk for infecting others. But, this will need to be decided by our state and local governmental officials in conjunction with our Department of Public Health with how we proceed with using these antibody tests. At one point, the FDA was looking at more than 70 rapid fingerprint tests for antibodies. They eventually approved about four of them, but only for use in a lab. So, right now, we need to do a blood draw in order to do the tests in the doctor's office. The tests are very important, to help describe to the health department the percentage of those who are immune. That in turn may direct us tremendously on how to prepare to get society back.

What else do we need to do at this point to get "society back?"

The mainstays are vaccination, immunization and testing. If you think about it, that is what gives us a sense of security about seasonal flu and influenza. We have severe illness and death each year. But we have a yearly vaccine and we have Tamiflu. The point we will need to reach with this virus is herd immunity. That's achieved once 60 percent of a population is immune, either through vaccines or prior exposure. That means the virus cannot be passed around. It can't infect enough people to let that virus take hold. There is a lot of talk about whether it is fair to open up the economy based on immunity status. We use the same concept with kids and school as well as travel to many countries. Every year parents have to present proof that their child has been vaccinated and is thus immune. People need to have vaccination proof for travel to many countries. It may be that we develop a vaccine for COVID-19 that is good for life, such as we have with measles, mumps and rubella. Or it may turn out to be like the flu, in that every year we need to create another vaccine. We will have to see with next year's season and

how well our vaccine works.

Are there interim steps we can take between now and the "herd immunity" stage to get back to normal?

Things can be done in a graduated way. I imagine we will take certain areas of employment beyond the essential ones now, such as health care and food workers. We will go down into the next level of what is necessary. Before they can enter into the work force, we may consider doing antibody and molecular testing to put people back to work. The critical piece of data is what percent of people have antibodies.

USC recently tested 1,000 people and they found that 4.1 percent of that sample population had antibodies to the Coronavirus. This is very valuable knowledge. It will help to direct the next step. We're trying to build out as many testing sites as possible to do both molecular and antibody tests. We're offering PCR tests on a drive-thru basis in conjunction with Westfield Malls in Sherman Oaks and Culver City. We also can send a provider to your home to collect a blood sample.

Based on your practice here, you believe COVID-19 may have been here as early as late

last year. Can you explain?

As doctors, we know that every October we have the start of the flu season. When we're working in the ER or urgent care and inevitably get notified that the first flu case came in. Within a week or two, the flood gates open and we start seeing many cases each day of people. We start seeing many people with fever, body aches, cough and congestion. We do a flu swab on all the patients. But in mid-December of last year, we started having a lot of people with some of these classic flu systems but had negative flu test results. We called it the flu and assumed a possible negative flu swab result and gave them Tamiflu. We now realize that it was most likely very early Coronavirus. It was probably widespread throughout Wuhan in November and December, while people were still traveling. We didn't recognize it here until we had a cluster in a nursing home. But it was already here. There are reports coming out this week actually that have been able to trace the first COVID-19 related death to Feb 6 through recent autopsies. ●

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Along with staff support from the Public Works Department, this commission advises on matters relating to public works facilities, infrastructure and programs. This includes water, wastewater, storm drain, streets, alleys, street lighting and refuse management.

Term commences on July 1, 2021 for the following:

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TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION- One Vacancy

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Application forms for all the Commissions, along with a detailed description of the duties of a Commissioner, and filing details are available online at www.beverlyhills.org/applyforacommission, or by calling 310-285-2400 to receive an application. ●

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Dance Sunday with Debbie Allen, the popular series of free dance classes geared for the entire family, goes online with acclaimed dancer/choreographer Debbie Allen leading a free live-streaming salsa class. The energizing class is suited for all ages and fitness levels. No dance experience is necessary.

When: April 26, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m

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Home Beauty During COVID-19

Hair Color Tips and Tricks of the Trade

BY CAROLE DIXON



Marco Pelusi

Even though we probably have at least another month of sheltering in place, we have Zoom calls, virtual cocktail hours, Skype celebrations and significant others who can see us on a daily basis—roots and all.

Our hair helps define our style, makes us feel more confident and, let's face it, no

one wants to show premature greys when they step out into the light of day, even for a grocery run.

The Courier asked an array of top talent in the beauty industry for tips and tricks on home coloring, cutting and care and what we shouldn't attempt without a professional. Whatever your (natural) hair color may be, here is their best advice.

"Home coloring is very challenging but due to the circumstances, I would only recommend it with assistance and guidance from a colorist and or with a tutorial on YouTube." Frédéric Fekkai, founder of Fekkai Brands told the Courier. "It's very important to select the right color tone."

Expert colorist and educator Marco Pelusi is celebrating 15 years on Robertson Boulevard where his salon specializes in anti-aging celebrity hair color for men and women. For Pelusi, it's all about keeping the lines of communication open. "If you have a good relationship with your stylist, reach out and ask if they can provide color for you (even from the Internet), just this one time and have it shipped or pick-up in a safe place," he said.

"Whatever you have to apply the color—even if it's a comb, the most crucial is the

part area, bangs, temples and crown," he said. "Take the comb and make little sections through the front part on your scalp, then repeat it in the back of your head by feel only not by sight. It is ok if you can't get the back but try to at least get the nape of your neck. You can also train your significant other or someone you are not social distancing with to help you," he said.

While some of Tinseltown's top colorists are not recommending home coloring kits, some are making this process easy. Kazumi Morton of Salon Kazumi in Beverly Hills is sending out custom coloring kits to clients with pre-mixed hair color that comes with a tutorial. "I have been Facetimeing with my clients, they are so frightened that their hair will fall out, so I walk them through it," she told the Courier. Morton is dead set against store-bought hair coloring product, which she said contains damaging metallics.

Blonde specialist Holland Hager of Sally Hershberger in West Hollywood has a completely different approach for her fair-haired clients. "I've been telling them 'when will you ever have this time again to give your hair a break?'" With that said, she recommends the following for her blonde clientele. "If your hair is dull and brassy use a purple shampoo on your hair." L'Oreal professional Silver shampoo is her favorite. [Joico Color Balance Purple Shampoo & Conditioner is also a top seller.] Try a Malibu treatment to lighten your hair which you can buy online. It will remove the hard water and chlorine plus kill dinginess," said Hager.

"If you leave your hair alone with no heat and use hydrating masks, your hair will be softer, healthier and fuller," she added.

If you must be seen on a Zoom call, try a spray hair powder. "It will help make your blonde look lighter and take off the edge of a dark root," she said.

Hager offers this tip if you insist on using one of the at-home coloring kits, "Put Vaseline around your hairline to avoid seams and don't let the root grow out too long or it will make it harder to cover. When you shampoo, lift your ends up when you rinse if you have lighter hair, so the color isn't going through all of your hair, just the roots."

eSalon put professional, affordable home hair color on the map over a decade ago and has just expanded its service model to support beauty professionals in the community. The Color Muse Pro Program partners with licensed colorists to help them continue to provide a level of service and personalization for their loyal clientele, while also earning supplemental income. The company has developed over 215,000 unique color combinations and its lead colorist and client education manager, Sarah Kowalick offers this advice:

WORK SECTION BY SECTION: Divide hair into four neat sections to allow for a cleaner, easier application.

TOOLS MATTER: Use the tail end of a tint brush to create thin slices of hair.

RAISE THE ROOTS: Pull thin slices of hair up vertically off the head and work from top

to bottom to make sure you fully cover roots. If touching up, be careful not to overlap the application onto previously-colored hair.

CHECK YOUR WORK: Use a hand mirror to check your work, especially for the back of the head.

If you're still afraid to try home color, Beverly Hills-based holistic beauty expert Robin Emtage offers these suggestions using ingredients from your pantry:

"Brunettes can apply molasses to their roots for up to two hours to darken roots and nourish the hair and scalp. Redheads or strawberry blondes can rinse hair after washing with a 50/50 solution of water and cranberry juice. This technique works especially well if you spend some time in the sun after applying the rinse. Hibiscus tea can be used as a cranberry juice alternative."

Should I Cut My Own Hair While at Home?

According to celebrity hairstylist Andrew Fitzsimons, "The temptation to cut some of those frayed ends off is probably at an ultimate high. Trust me when I say cutting your hair right now may end up looking worse than when you started. Chances are your tips are looking frayed because they're dry and need an extra dose of love. Add in some TIGI Copyright Split End Repair Cream on the ends of your hair after a wash (dry or wet) for softer, manageable hair that can last until your next appointment."

Tina Dizon at The Private Room in Beverly Hills has been coaching a few clients on Zoom tutorials. "It's harder for them to follow a step by step, even with guidance because they aren't as use to holding scissors as we are. The biggest takeaway that I give them is always cut less than you think. Use your fingers as your guide and not your comb. And, it's very important to not pull the hair tight as this will make the length shorter. Cut the hair below two fingers and not above. But I do believe that it's better to grow out your hair during this time. Condition it or order treatment kits from your stylist to keep it healthy and just give your hair a break."

However, if you just can't stand it anymore, Marco Pelusi has tips for men when they can't get in for a cut. "The best way to look fresh is to clean up around the sideburns and ears, as best as possible. Don't worry much about the back of the head. Most guys have access to an electric shaver. If not, a store like Target is still open, they sell them there. Get one and use it to clean up around your sideburns and ears. I wouldn't recommend scissors as this could be disastrous! But the electric shavers are pretty easy to navigate. You can use the main shaver part but some of them have a piece on it that mimics a clipper, and you can easily and carefully use this. Try to shape and clean up around those facial areas, don't dig in too much. Less is more. Then if you've been forced to purchase a shaver, you can start using it for your daily shaving. Dermatologists like electric shavers for men's faces, because they don't tend to cause skin irritations like regular razors do." ●

Next stop: more subway.

PURPLE LINE EXTENSION TRANSIT PROJECT

Section 2 – Beverly Hills Update

Full Closure of Wilshire Bl

The temporary full closure of Wilshire Bl has been extended to El Camino Dr to help expedite station construction. The closure is anticipated to take place 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 El Camino Dr to Crescent Dr. Metro buses will be detoured. For more info, please visit metro.net/advisories.

WORK HOURS

Work will occur seven days a week. Please visit metro.net/purple for detailed work hours.

*Construction is dynamic and is subject to change.

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The plan should also include detailed pet care notes, including feeding and walking routines and important notes about your pet's behavior.

Amanda Foundation President Teri Austin highlighted several additional "common sense" tips to help people prepare in case they do become sick and might need to make arrangements for their pet.

"It is important to identify a family member or friend who can care for pets if someone in the household becomes too ill to care for pets," she told the Courier.

In addition to having supplies on hand for relocation of pets if necessary, Austin emphasized the importance of keeping all animal vaccines up to date and having copies of those records available in the event that boarding becomes necessary. In addition, she said that including a veterinarian's prescription in your pet's to-go bag was also important for pets who require medication.

"Pets should have proper identification, a collar with ID tag and a microchip with current, up-to date contact information," she added.

In response to the mandated Safer at Home order and the closure of all non-essential businesses, the format of how people foster and adopt animals has significantly changed. Unlike the Amanda Foundation and Los Angeles Animal Services, which allow potential guardians to meet animals in person following a series of steps designed to reduce the potential for COVID-19 infection, Best Friends Animal Society only allows prospective adopters to virtually meet the animals.

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as well as film clips from Moriah Films' "I Have Never Forgotten You" and "Liberation" narrated by Nicole Kidman, Sir Ben Kingsley and Sir Patrick Stewart.

<http://www.museumoftolerance.com/events/yom-hashoah.html>

Additionally, a Holocaust survivor has used state-of-the-art technology to tell and preserve his story for future generations. Conversational video company StoryFile, together with The ZACHOR Holocaust Remembrance Foundation, has launched Ben Lesser's StoryFile, which uses artificial intelligence technology to engage learners about Lesser's personal Holocaust history.

Lesser would ordinarily teach about his Holocaust experience in schools, but this year he is sharing his story virtually. StoryFile has developed a new technology platform which makes interactive natural conversations possible.

"We must teach our future generations about humanity, tolerance, respect, teach

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Exer has also benefitted from the creativity and kindness of another benefactor. She's a 5th grader from Los Angeles named Hayzell. After watching the news and hearing complaints from her aunt who works at Exer Urgent Care, Hayzell, decided to design a headband that would hold a facemask more comfortably. The new device has buttons on either side to hold the elastic straps of the mask instead of around the ears. Her plan was to make this a little more comfortable for health providers to wear for long periods of time. This young

Best Friends PR Manager Michelle Sathe, who fostered a five-year-old chihuahua named Sugar before the dog found her forever home, described the virtual process as revolutionary. Sathe detailed how she transferred ownership of Sugar after engaging in a virtual meet-and-greet with the woman who came to adopt Sugar. The woman was able to digitally see how sweet Sugar was as well as how comfortable the dog was in a home environment. Sathe anticipates that virtual interactions will become increasingly common in the future given the global changes.

"Now we can really empower fosters to be the person who gets the animals into homes," she said.

In order to help owners deal with any unforeseen issues with pets at any time, Best Friends Animal Society launched a "Vet Access" veterinary consultation app shortly after the pandemic hit the U.S. Castle said the app, which has had 993 downloads since launching on March 13, is intended to help people feel confident that if they have to go to the hospital, their pets are in good hands.

"This is part of a community fabric that we're trying to build now where people know they can rely on their neighbors and friends," she said.

Sathe said the most valuable aspect of the app, which can be found by typing in "Best Friends Vet Access," is that it gives the user 24-7 access to a veterinarian.

"To be able to consult with a vet in real time is really beneficial to put your mind at ease," she said. Consultations are free for the first month of app use, and \$12.99 monthly after that. ●

against bigotry, racism, anti-Semitism and bullying with hopes that history will not repeat itself. If my story helps even one person think twice about the way they treat others, then I know that I lived a life that matters," said Lesser.

The ZACHOR Foundation is dedicated to preserving the memory of the Holocaust, providing educational programs, outreach and online resources. The foundation is offering Lesser's StoryFile to the public and to schools that had expected to meet him in person so that young people can meet him virtually and still ask their questions. Through the interactive experience, Lesser's story can now reach young people across the world.

Lesser's StoryFile is available on the StoryFile app, the ZACHOR website, and will soon be able to play on all devices. This free educational and interactive tool will also be sent out to teachers, students, and parents on a global basis.

www.storyfile.com

<https://www.zachorfoundation.org> ●

inventor suffers from asthma and allergies, so she knows first-hand how uncomfortable a mask can be and the pain it causes to the back of the ear.

After Hayzell's aunt wore her handmade prototype from her niece to work, it drew a lot of attention and praise from co-workers. They soon lined up to order their own versions. Since making the prototype, Hayzell has hand-sewn over 40 headbands in less than one month and she's now adding personal touches based on requests such as butterfly clips, extra buttons, or added fabric for support. ●

Albert Charles Farrell

1940 - 2020



Albert Charles Farrell was born on May 2, 1940 in Iowa City, Iowa and was placed in an orphanage for 2 years until he was adopted by Raymond and Gladys Farrell of Huron, SD and he grew up as their only child. He attended St. Theresa Elementary School and Huron High School, followed by two years in the Army before enrolling at Huron College. During the college years he held down many jobs to pay for his education, including being paymaster at Armour's Packing Plant. At times he held down 3 jobs, one of them being running the projector at the Huron Theater, so he could get in a little studying while the film was running. He graduated from Huron College and went to the University at Vermillion for his Masters Degree in economics. He was eventually awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Huron University.

After graduation he was hired as a professor in the Economics Department of Yankton College. At the end of his first year of teaching he met Shirley Armfield and after a very short courtship they were married on August 5, 1967. He taught at Yankton College one more year and decided to put financial theory into practice so they moved to Los Angeles in June of 1968 where he could get a job for Dean Witter as a stockbroker. He was hired by Dean Witter and assigned to their Beverly Hills Office where he worked for 30 years, during which time Dean Witter was acquired by Morgan Stanley.

His daughter Patricia Mae was born October 28, 1969 and a son, Richard Spencer arrived April 20, 1971.

He retired in 1998 and he and Shirley moved to Palm Springs.

One of the most outstanding things about Al was his generosity to charitable organizations and to individuals in need. He has always been supportive of organizations in Huron, SD because he felt that the community had supported him while he was growing up and he wanted to give something back. The Junior League, YMCA, Huron Theater, Huron High School and Huron College were just some of the organizations that he helped.

A bicyclist most of his life – as a teenager he actually got a speeding ticket on a bicycle that only had one pedal and would fondly recall it and say "Imagine how fast I could have gone if I had two pedals". With the advent of the mountain bike, he began riding mountain bicycles in the early

1980s and got involved with the National Off Road Bicycling Association in 1983 and has since become the only honorary life member of that organization. Labeled the 'patron saint of mountain biking', he has supported and worked on all aspects of the sport, particularly trail access groups including IMBA, CORBA and numerous other groups dedicated to developing and opening bike trails with governmental land management departments. He has helped to underwrite many races and provided prize money over the years and sought to bring racing to a level where it would receive industry support and competitors could actually make a living at the sport.

One of his most noteworthy contributions was the support and organization of programs to introduce inner-city youth and children to the sport, such as through the Hollywood YMCA, Trips for Kids, Bicycles Trails Council in Marin County and a similar program with Bicycles Trails Council in East Bay. By donating the first 10 bikes to the Trips for Kids he provided the necessary equipment to get the program started. "My experience in mountain biking has been such a joy, that I'm trying to see that it is shared with others," he said.

In 1991, he was inducted into the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame in the very early years of the organization.

In 1994 a bike and hiking trail around Huron's Ravine Lake was named in his honor "The Charlie Farrell Bike Trail".

After getting settled into Beverly Hills he became involved in many of their charitable organizations. He funded the first mountain bikes for the Beverly Hills Police Department mountain bike patrol. He belonged to and was active in the BH Theatre Guild, BH Mens Club, BH Business and Professional Men, BH YMCA, Vikings, and he served as Disaster coordinator for the west Los Angeles branch of the American Red Cross. He was a member of Venice Baptist Church for many years. His faith in God was obvious to everyone he worked with.

Since moving to Palm Springs he has been a supporter of the Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs Baptist Church, PS Youth Boxing Club, and Heart to Heart, an organization that assists the military women of the nearby Marine base at 29 Palms.

After spending one summer in the hot desert climate of Palm Springs they went back to Huron, SD and bought a summer home and have gone back every spring to enjoy the old friends and rural environment of that area.

After many years of riding bicycles he began to have problems with his knees and went into motorcycle riding, always loving the freedom of the ride, the wind in his face and the fun of touring. Every summer he would attend the great motorcycle rally in Sturgis, SD.

On April 15 he was killed in a motorcycle accident on a sharp curve up in the mountains around Palm Springs while he was out enjoying the beautiful day and the exhilaration of the ride. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Gladys Farrell. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, daughter Patricia and son Richard, both of Los Angeles. He was blessed with 6 beautiful grandchildren: Dakota, Connor, Taylor, Troy, Kira and Dax.

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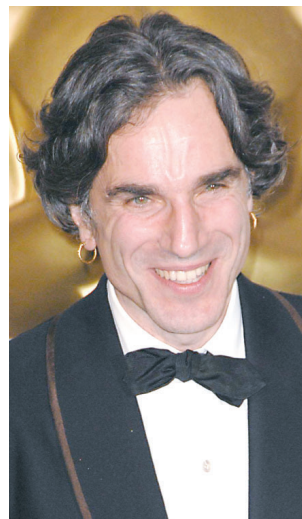
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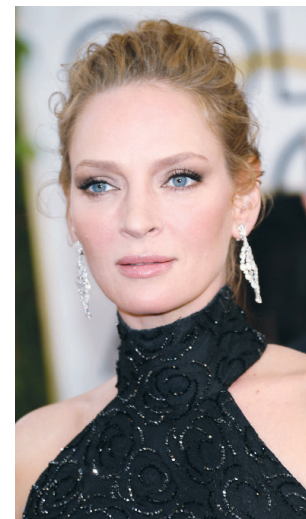
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April 29

Community Voices

This week, we commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day and pause to reflect on that dark moment in history when six million Jews were murdered by Nazis and their accomplices. During the current pandemic, lessons from the Holocaust take on even greater significance, and in Beverly Hills, our leaders have guided us on a path forward which ensures that antisemitism, hate, and

intolerance will never take root in our community.

In 2019, Los Angeles experienced a significant spike in hate crimes and antisemitism according to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism. And, early evidence indicates that the pandemic has acted as an accelerant, fueling the fire of antisemitism and other forms of hate in the United States and abroad.

Last month, a memo from the FBI warned, "members of extremist groups are encouraging one another to spread the virus, if contracted, through bodily fluids and personal interactions." And, according to the memo, extremists directed their followers to spread the disease to Jews by going "any place they may be congregated, to include markets, political offices, businesses and places of worship."

Abroad, the picture is no better with antisemitic incidents reported in all major European cities. Most notably, in Lithuania, the government has cynically used the pandemic to hide their campaign of Holocaust distortion and denial. On April 1st, with the world shut down and focused on global public health, the Lithuanian Supreme Court dismissed complaints of Holocaust distortion as "legally irrelevant." This surprise decision, made in the dark shadows of the pandemic, allows the Lithuanian government to continue its campaign of Holocaust distortion and denial.

Amidst all of this, leadership in Beverly Hills from the Mayor, City

Council, law enforcement, and commissioners provide a policy framework that other cities, the state, and even Congress should follow. Earlier this year, the City Council adopted a comprehensive definition of antisemitism condemned Holocaust distortion perpetuated by the Lithuanian government, and have consistently condemned efforts to demonize and delegitimize the State of Israel, the homeland of many Beverly Hills residents.

In the weeks and months ahead, we will all be focused on an emerging new normal, prioritizing public health and safety, and stabilizing the economy. Forward-thinking leadership from our Beverly Hills officials, recognizing that combating hate is critical to ensuring public safety will ensure that our post-pandemic community is safer, healthier, and stronger.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE 04/03/20

OF COURSE!

BY JACK MOWAT AND JEFF CHEN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jack Mowat, 20, of Omaha, Neb., is a sophomore at Notre Dame studying civil engineering. A self-described crossword "fanatic," he and his roommate used to solve the New York Times crossword together every day and hang the completed puzzles on the wall. The inspiration for this one was his dad, an avid golfer. This is Jack's second puzzle for The Times. His collaborator, Jeff Chen, is a writer and professional crossword constructor in Seattle. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Big inits. in news
4 Place to visit in a suit
10 Sign of winter's end
16 Purchase that often costs 99¢
19 Something picked at with a pickax
20 Comic Jones formerly of "S.N.L."
21 Fleet
22 Low-____
23 Duffer's approach shots that barely go anywhere?
25 Like kids, but not mom or dad?
26 Gaza grp.
27 Bad position for a server
28 Pick up
30 CD follower
31 Flair
32 Post-Mao Chinese leader
33 Duffer's putt that just misses?
37 Goes on a tweetstorm
39 ____ Reader
40 Tiny insects in a swarm
41 Founder of WikiLeaks
44 Common skirt feature
45 Preparatory time
46 Nickname for a duffer who can't hit straight?

DOWN

1 Wanderer
2 ____ Parade, annual June celebration
3 Intel producer
4 Scads
5 Part of the upper bod
6 "Or so"
7 V.I.P. rosters
8 More yellow, but not yet brown, say
9 Like a question for which "maybe" is not an option
10 Capital of French Polynesia

49 "____ on!"
51 Yapped like a dog
55 Make (out)
56 Pauses
57 King Midas's downfall
59 Sport
60 Showing signs of neglect
62 Orphan girl in Byron's "Don Juan"
64 Lodgers
66 Result of spectators' heckling a duffer?
71 Rope holding down a bowsprit
73 Course that's free of obstacles?
74 It was "a no-go" in Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire"
77 "Such is life!"
78 Foaming at the mouth
81 Certain insurance coverage
84 Line on a map: Abbr.
85 Protection
87 Rapper Lil ____ X
88 Duffer's problems with an angled club?
90 Scale starter, per "The Sound of Music"
92 Attach to the end of
94 On the button
95 "I'm listening"
98 Physician Jonas
99 Actress Davis
100 Duffer's reasons to choose a wood?

104 Turntable rates, in brief
108 Letter-shaped fastener
109 ____ order
110 Wolf (down)
111 Button on a DVD player
112 Cool, in an uncool way
113 Something consumed with a cracker?
115 Like the duffer in this puzzle?
118 Palindrome in poetry
119 Box up
120 Cause of fatigue
121 VW predecessors?
122 New York city on Long Island Sound
123 Like the "Mona Lisa" in 1911
124 Civics and Accords
125 School of thought

11 Off the internet, to internet users
12 Blue toon in a white dress
13 Chocolate substitute
14 Japanese soybean appetizer
15 Nickname that can be either masculine or feminine
16 Standard outlet connection
17 Grand dwelling
18 Carelessly drops
24 Ankle-biter
29 Move stealthily
31 Weapon sought by Voldemort
33 Woman with a well-known internet "list"
34 Cardiologist's tool
35 Like some personalities
36 Go full ____ (throw a world-class hissy fit)
38 Certain employee at ESPN or JPMorgan Chase

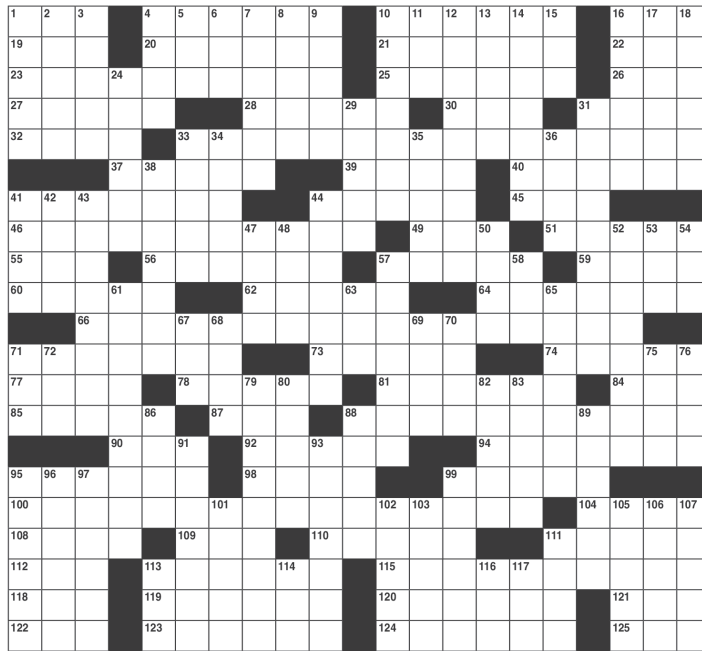
41 Vanquishers of kings?
42 Drink in a little cup
43 Piece of training equipment in boxing
44 Put forth, as a theory
47 Dance that men often do shirtless
48 Europe-based grp. with no European members
50 Org. that employs radio telescopes
52 Principle of harmonious design

53 Absorb, as a loss
54 Ones practicing: Abbr.
57 ____ Purchase, 1853 land deal with Mexico
58 Actor Patel
61 Thorn in a dictator's side
63 Grassy field
65 Kind of rating
67 Road crew's supply
68 House speaker before Pelosi

69 Went green, perhaps?
70 Called up
71 Call to a shepherd
72 Stadium cry
75 Milk sources
76 Disintegrate, in a way, as cells in the body
79 SOS in Gotham City
80 Biblical figure with a tomb in the Cave of the Patriarchs
82 Simple shelter
83 Spanish winds

86 Convinced
88 No longer sleeping
89 "Marriage Story" co-star, to fans
91 Simple and ingenious
93 Sparkle
95 Have trouble deciding
96 Headstrong
97 Spot coverage?
99 Like a wunderkind
101 Edie of "The Sopranos"
102 Spoilers, of a sort

103 Witch
105 "Catch That ____ Spirit" (old ad slogan)
106 Exams for some bio majors
107 Pull some strings?
111 Guesses by GPSes
113 Director Craven
114 Play with
116 Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"
117 Word with rolling or bowling



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- 4/17/2020 300 Block of S. SWALL DR.
- 4/18/2020 300 Block of S. SWALL DR.
- PETTY THEFT**
- 4/17/2020 100 Block of N. PALM DR.
- 4/17/2020 200 Block of S. ARNAZ DR.
- 4/17/2020 200 Block of S. ARNAZ DR.
- 4/18/2020 300 Block of S. LA PEER DR.
- 4/18/2020 1000 Block of N. BEVERLY DR.
- 4/18/2020 400 Block of N. BEDFORD DR.
- 4/18/2020 200 Block of S. STANLEY DR.
- 4/19/2020 400 Block of N. DOHENY DR.
- 4/20/2020 9300 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.
- GRAND THEFT**
- 4/19/2020 400 Block of S. CRESCENT DR.



Nikko is a nine-year-old Shih Tzu who weighs 14 pounds and is a very sweet boy. His owner passed away and he is looking for a new home. If you can help Nikko, please call Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538. www.shelterhopepetshop.org

Rotary Club Supports Community with Masks



The Rotary Club of Beverly Hills has given out or mailed almost 400 masks to members and 200 masks to the Menorah Senior Facility. They are also selling masks and taking donations for their COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

Pictured (left to right): Jim Jahant, JR Dzubak, Sandy Pressman, Sharona R. Nazarian, Michael Lushing, Beverly Hills Fire Chief Greg Barton and Councilman Julian Gold, M.D.

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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

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| 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.

Published: April 17, 24, 2020

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 interest-

ed 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 rea-

sons 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 tim-

ely 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

Dated: **February 26,**

2020

Published: **April 17, 24,**

May 1, 8, 2020

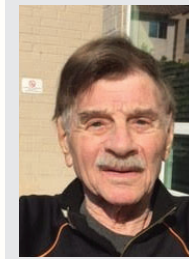
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OO OBITUARIES

Marvin Bernard Almeas
(1932-2020)



Marvin Almeas passed away on April 11, 2020, at the WLA Veteran's Hospital, from Covid-19

Born March 28, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY, Marvin lived in Beverly Hills for nearly 40 years with his loving wife Karen Segel, Esq.

Marvin attended University of Florida and later was awarded the Bronze Star for his U.S. Army combat service in Korean War

Marvin directed off-Broadway & New England legitimate theater. He was an actor, (stage name "Allan Marvin"), in TV westerns and in 1961 film "Sniper's Ridge". He was Assist. Producer to Harry Joe Brown and worked with Allan Hersholt and Joe Pasternak. Marvin produced/directed numerous films. His full biography is listed on IMDb.com

Marvin also loved horseracing and was a great handicapper.

Marvin belonged to The Masquers Club ("We Laugh to Win"), and he always wore a smile. Marvin will be sorely missed by all and mostly by his loving wife Karen

A military service will be held after May 15, 2020 at Riverside National Cemetery.

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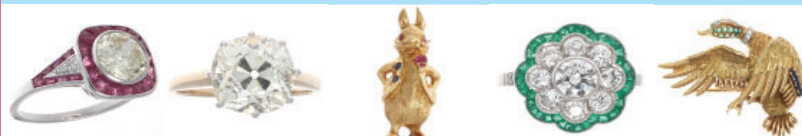
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