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## Beverly Hills Retailers Prepare to Reopen for Business

BY LAURA COLEMAN

In a much anticipated press conference on May 7, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced detailed guidelines for how some businesses could begin to reopen with modifications as early as Friday, May 8.

"At the end of the day, these are meaningful modifications (to the Stay at Home order)," he said, underscoring that the decision came in response to a flattening of the curve related to COVID-19 infections. "The guidelines we're focused on today are extending opportunities in the retail sector,

the manufacturing sector and the logistics sector, all with adaptations, all with modifications, but all with an eye on turning the page and moving into a new phase in terms of our economic recovery."

The majority of businesses poised to reopen, including toy stores, florists, book stores, music stores, clothing stores, sporting goods stores and car dealership showrooms, will only open initially for curbside pick-up.

To facilitate curbside pick-up in Beverly Hills, the City plans to convert parking

meters to free five-minute customer loading meters exactly as it has done for restaurants and pharmacies that remain open during this time.

"Rodeo Drive looks forward to welcoming clients to our curbsides for contactless pick-ups," Rodeo Drive Committee Vice President and manager of Valentino Kathy Gohari told the Courier. "We hope this leads our community in the right direction towards post-COVID business revitalization. (Retailers continues on page 10)



Clothing retailers along Rodeo Drive are among the places that can reopen with modifications including curbside pickup starting on Friday.

## Local Nursing Homes Face Challenges

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 4.2 percent of the population is living in nursing homes, congregate care, assisted living and board-and-care homes. In California, more than 400,000 people are cared for in licensed long-term care facilities every year. There are roughly 400 nursing homes in Los Angeles County. Of those 400, 153 facilities currently have confirmed COVID-19 cases amongst their healthcare worker or resident populations.

The data, which is released and updated daily by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), includes the cumulative number of confirmed cases and deaths associated with COVID-19 for both healthcare workers and residents in skilled nursing facilities. The state requires all skilled nursing facilities to report their data. Some 87 percent have done so, while 13 percent have not. The CDPH thus warns that the count is not comprehensive.

As of May 6, California has reported 2,254 COVID-19 deaths, 763 of them in a nursing home, accounting for 33.85 percent of the state's death toll. Nursing homes constitute 34.76 percent of the COVID-19 infected populous.

The grim statistics have made nursing homes a point of contention as the virus continues to claim the lives of the vulnerable senior population, already in the higher risk age group. Los Angeles County reports that 425 residents of institutional settings, such as skilled nursing homes, have died of COVID-19, accounting for roughly 45 percent of the County's death toll from the pandemic.

The Courier has reviewed data filed by state and local health departments, which reveals that some 23 deaths have occurred in 16 facilities in the area bordering or close to Beverly Hills.

(Nursing Homes continues on page 7)

## Divorce During COVID-19 in Beverly Hills

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The breakup of a family is trying under normal circumstances. But, these are no ordinary times. In an era of Stay at Home orders, social distancing and business shutdowns, child custody, support orders and property division are taking on added complexity. The Courier spoke with two prominent local family lawyers about the unique issues wrought by COVID-19.

### Initial Custody Conflicts

"When the Stay at Home orders first took effect, several of our clients encountered disagreements about what rules should be in place in the children's respective homes. Certain clients wanted to change the existing custody arrangements,

(Divorce continues on page 10)





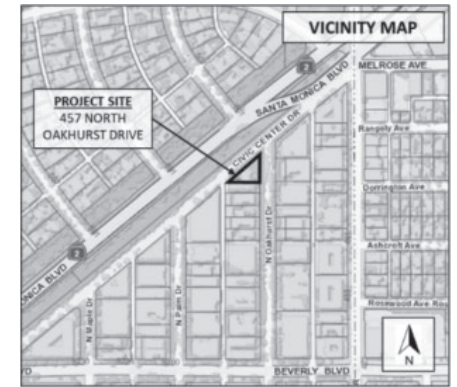
# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE:** Thursday, May 28, 2020

**TIME:** 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

**LOCATION:** Meeting to be conducted via teleconference as described below

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** **457 North Oakhurst Drive**  
(Cross Street: Civic Center Drive)



The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2020, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the following:

A request for a Development Plan Review, R-4 Permit, Variances, and Tentative Tract Map associated with the construction of a new six-unit condominium building (the "Project") at the subject property located at 457 North Oakhurst Drive. The project site is an 8,161 square-foot triangular lot located in the R-4 Multiple Residential Zone. The following entitlements are required for the Project:

**Development Plan Review (DPR).** A DPR request pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) §10-3-3100 to allow the construction of a new five-story condominium building with six dwelling units. The building is proposed at a height of 55' includes rooftop uses consisting of outdoor recreational space for tenants and rooftop bathrooms. The total height of the Project, with the height of the rooftop bathroom and stairwells included, is proposed at 66'-10" in height. Parking for the development is proposed within a one-level subterranean parking garage for 21 vehicles accessed from North Oakhurst Drive.

**Tentative Tract Map.** Pursuant to BHMC § 10-2-202, a request for a Tentative Tract Map was filed with the Planning Official and is being processed in accordance with the Subdivision Map Act of the State. The Tentative Tract Map associated with this Project will be reviewed by the Planning Commission, pursuant to BHMC §10-2-204.

**R-4 Permit (Modulation).** An R-4 Permit request pursuant to BHMC §§10-3-2806.D and 10-3-2850 to allow for a reduction in the required building modulation depth. The Project proposes to reduce the modulation depth from the required 10' to 6'-3".

**R-4 Permit (Rooftop Bathroom).** An R-4 Permit request pursuant to BHMC §§10-3-2804.B and 10-3-2850 to allow for rooftop bathrooms to exceed the height limit of a building. The Project includes two adjacent rooftop bathrooms that are proposed at a height of 10', as measure from the roof deck.

**Variance (Street Side Setback).** A Variance request pursuant to BHMC §10-3-3700 to deviate from the required street side setback set forth in BHMC §10-3-2807. The request consists of a reduction in the street side setback along Civic Center Drive, from the required 9' setback to the proposed 5' setback.

**Variance (Rear Setback).** A Variance request pursuant to BHMC §10-3-3700 to deviate from the required rear yard setback set forth in BHMC §10-3-2808. The request consists of a reduction in the rear yard setback along the south side property line, from the required 15' setback to the proposed 5' setback.

**Variance (Parking Stall Dimensions).** A Variance request pursuant to BHMC §10-3-3700 to deviate from the City's parking standards to allow for compact parking stalls to be used to satisfy the Project's parking requirements. The request consists of providing 10 of the 21 required parking stalls for the Project in a compact configuration (7'-6" x 17'-0") in-lieu of providing all parking spaces with standard parking stall dimensions (9'-0" x 19'-0").

**Variance (Tandem Parking).** A Variance request pursuant to BHMC §10-3-3700 to deviate from total number of dwelling units that may satisfy their required parking through the use of tandem parking spaces set forth in BHMC §10-3-2816. The request consists of an increase in the percentage of units that would be allowed to provide the required parking in tandem configuration, from a maximum of 20% (two units) to 100% of the proposed units (six units).

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 3 Categorical Exemption (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15303 of the state CEQA Guidelines. Accordingly, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to find the project exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15303.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, members of the Beverly Hills Planning Commission and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public can participate by listening to the Meeting at (916) 235-1420 or (888) 468-1195 (participant code 105093) and/or offer comment through email at [commentPC@beverlyhills.org](mailto:commentPC@beverlyhills.org).

Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. In order to have written material included in the Commissioners' packet, it must be received no later than 8 calendar days before the date of the Hearing.

Comments will be read into the record, with a maximum allowance of 3 minutes per individual comment (approximately 350 words), subject to the Commission's discretion. It is recommended that written comments be submitted prior to the posted meeting date/time. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, but before the close of the meeting, the comment will still be included as a part of the record of the meeting, but will not be read into the record.

According to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the City's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing. Please note that any comments received prior to or during the public hearing will be considered as part of the public record.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Edgar Arroyo, Associate Planner** in the Planning Division at **(310) 285-1138**, or by email at [earroyo@beverlyhills.org](mailto:earroyo@beverlyhills.org). Copies of the project plans and associated application materials are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by contacting the project planner listed above.

Sincerely,  
Edgar Arroyo, Associate Planner



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## Commercial Landlords and Tenants at Odds Over Urgency Ordinance

BY LAURA COLEMAN

Commercial landlords and tenants presented opposing views during a special City Council study session on May 5. The topic at hand: revisions to the Urgency Ordinance enacted by the City in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Landlords will likely get a reprieve when an amended ordinance is taken up at the May 19 City Council meeting. The revised ordinance is expected to include additional provisions related to commercial tenants and the eviction moratorium. It will also address rent forbearance for certain commercial tenants and clarify a rent repayment schedule for all tenants.

“Please don’t put the City in a position of picking winners and losers,” urged Douglas Emmett CEO Jordan Kaplan, one of the largest property owners in Beverly Hills. Emmet, who estimated that one-third of his office tenants were delinquent in rent payments, was among eight people who called in to voice their opinions on the matter at the study session. “Many high net worth office tenants are taking advantage of this ordinance to withhold rent even though they can obviously afford to make the payment.”

While the City’s ordinance was not intended to relieve tenants of their obligation to pay rent, landlords have been vocal that the ordinance’s provision to restrict an

owner’s ability to evict a tenant for non-payment of rent has proven problematic. Multiple landlords have stated that the unintended consequence is that tenants are choosing to simply not pay rent, despite the ordinance’s mandate that a tenant must demonstrate that the failure to pay is due to financial impacts related to COVID-19. Landlords are further concerned that once the state of emergency is no longer in effect, tenants will simply choose to forgo paying past rent and move out of the space entirely.

“It was never the intention of myself, or I think any of my colleagues, that this was going to be a free rent for anyone that needs it,” said Mayor Lester Friedman.

“Our intent always has been that people should pay what they have an ability to pay,” Vice Mayor Bob Wunderlich emphasized.

The Council was united in its commitment to reduce the amount of time that commercial tenants now have to repay their forborne rent from 12 months to between three to six months. The Council was also united on its commitment that tenants should pay what they are able to pay during this time.

Property owner Steve Gordon, chairman of Domino Realty, argued that many of his high net worth office tenants, including venture capital firms, banks, and hedge funds,

were “taking advantage” of the ordinance to withhold rent even though they could afford to make payments. He estimated that over one-third of his rental income was delinquent.

Melanie Brandman, whose eponymous Brandman Agency has its office in the Douglas Emmett-owned office building at 8484 Wilshire Blvd., and who has not paid rent since the moratorium went into effect, told the City Council that 95 percent of her

business had been lost as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. “All of our clients have said they will return, it’s really just a matter of when,” she said.

The revised ordinance will also differentiate retail tenants from office and restaurant tenants.

“I do believe we’re trying to find a way to make this work as best as possible for everyone,” Councilwoman Lili Bosse said. ●

## Beverly Hills Leaders Discuss COVID-19 Testing

BY LAURA COLEMAN

The Beverly Hills City Council met May 4 to discuss testing measures the City could enact as it prepares to reopen further in the wake of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

“The virus has taken a dramatic toll on our community and has changed lives forever,” Mayor Lester Friedman stated at the beginning of Monday’s Joint Special Meeting of the City Council and the Health and Safety Commission in conjunction with the Medical Advisory Task Force.

While the number of infected in Beverly Hills, 116 (0.3 percent of the population), may not ostensibly appear to be staggering, the City has one of the highest rates of infection in the county according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. As the City begins to reopen, the number of people coming into this town of 35,000 residents is expected to gradually increase toward the 250,000 average daily population before the pandemic prompted the governor to issue the Stay at Home mandate on March 16.

In looking to reopen the state, on April 28 Gov. Gavin Newsom highlighted the fundamental importance of having the ability to monitor and protect communities through testing, contact tracing, isolating, and supporting those who are positive or exposed, which he characterized as the first key indicator that would guide his decision in reopening the state. The Council did not advise staff to devote more resources toward COVID-19 testing and contact tracing by the close of Monday’s meeting.

“In order to meet this indicator, the state and Los Angeles County need to be prepared to test everyone who is symptomatic and to have the ability to identify the close contacts of those who are positive to reduce further transmission,” stated a staff report authored by Policy and Management Analyst Cindy Owens, which was presented to City Council on May 4. The county does not currently provide information on who is positive nor inform cities of the number of deaths that have occurred in their jurisdiction, according to the report.

Currently, L.A. County is performing approximately 10,000 swab tests a day to determine if people are infected with the virus. Countywide, there are 35 official testing sites, the closest of which are at Cedars-Sinai and the Veteran’s Hospital, in addition to offerings available at local healthcare providers and urgent care

facilities. The Beverly Hills Fire Department’s Nurse Practitioner Program also has the capacity to perform tests. Approximately 10 percent of those tested at the Cedars-Sinai location are residents of Beverly Hills according to Owens.

Beverly Hilton General Manager Sandy Murphy used the public comment portion of Monday’s meeting to urge the City Council to explore setting up testing facilities in Beverly Hills. According to Owens’ report, if the swab is tested on site, a positive detection can be made in as little as five minutes. A negative test can take up to 15 minutes.

“As we look to start to bring back employees, the issue of testing is paramount,” Murphy told the council, highlighting her concern about the availability of testing and access. Being able to test employees for COVID-19 will be paramount to ensuring the safety of both staff and hotel patrons.

Officials believe that the number of people in the population who are infected with COVID-19 is significantly higher than what is being reported due to under-testing, a fact which Health and Safety Commissioner Lee H. Hilborne, M.D. highlighted during the meeting.

“Going forward we are likely to have a resurgence,” predicted Medical Advisory Task Force Member Dr. Jonathan Fielding, a professor in UCLA’s School of Medicine. As the City reopens, he suggested that measures be put in place so that everyone who enters an office building has their temperature taken and is asked a series of questions.

“Testing is absolutely critical, both for diagnosis and for surveillance and if we don’t get that in large quantities, we’re still going to be asking these questions months from now and that’s terrible,” Fielding said.

Health and Safety Commissioner Kirk Chang, M.D., who is also a member of the City’s Medical Advisory Task Force, likewise underscored the importance of prophylactic measures to curb the spread of the virus.

“It’s important to note that these screening questions and temperature checks were developed and refined in Asia after the SARS outbreak in 2003,” he said. “One of biggest impacts on the public was that if people knew they would be screened at work, in a restaurant or at the movies, than they were that much more likely to just stay home and not go out if they weren’t feeling well.” ●

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# Beverly Hills City Council Round-Up

BY LAURA COLEMAN

Beverly Hills leaders met several times this week to discuss a bounty of issues ranging from the City's response to COVID-19 and closing City parks for Mother's Day to clarifying last week's vote on allowing elective surgeries to resume.

## Revising the Urgency Ordinance

In addition to adopting a resolution ratifying the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency, the Council approved several substantive changes to the City's Urgency Ordinance (No. 20-O-2805) related to COVID-19, which was adopted on March 16. The Council approved adding language to the ordinance that would mandate the closure of local parks on Mother's Day, similar to what both the City and County of Los Angeles elected to do in order to encourage social distancing. With respect to the moratorium on evictions of residential and commercial tenants, the Council agreed to expand the exemption from the eviction moratorium to commercial tenants which are subsidiaries of large companies, giving them until May 15 to repay rent that was forborne. The Council also approved amending the ordinance to further accommodate expanded loading zones in order to facilitate curbside pick-up associated with Governor Gavin Newsom's announcement that he would be moving forward with phase two of reopening the state on May 8.

## New Life at Gibraltar Square

The Council voted 5-0 to approve an ordinance which changes the direction of the alley directly north of the forthcoming 154-room hotel at 9111 Wilshire Blvd. to a two-way traffic operation. The proposed project involves the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the existing Gibraltar Square Tower and Banking Hall as a boutique hotel with restaurant and ancillary uses. The change is expected to mitigate and improve any potential traffic impacts.

## More Parking

The City added two additional parking structures to its portfolio. The new additions,

which are located at 9333 West 3rd St. and 450 North Crescent Drive, bring the total parking structures owned by the City to 18. In passing the ordinance, which goes into effect on June 5, the Council further amplified prohibited activity in a parking structure in order to enable greater enforcement of the municipal code.

## Water Well

The City Council approved a \$7.2 million contract for MNR Construction Inc. to install a raw water transmission main from the future well site in the 1900 block of Chariton Street to the water treatment plant at 345 Foothill Road. The project is key in the City's effort to expand its local water supply, which it currently derives entirely from imported water.

## For the Record on Elective Surgery

At the May 4 Joint Special Meeting of the City Council and the Health and Safety Commission in conjunction with the Medical Advisory Task Force, Mayor Lester Friedman reprimanded Councilmember John Mirisch for spinning an "erroneous" narrative related to the 4-1 City Council vote on April 28 to allow elective surgeries to resume in Beverly Hills. Mirisch had been the sole "no" vote to a decision which allowed previously prohibited medical surgeries such as heart valve replacements, angioplasty and tumor removals to resume in the City. The mayor detailed how after the vote, which was taken just before midnight, his colleague subsequently used "inflammatory, crass descriptions" to entice various media outlets to run various stories that Beverly Hills had approved cosmetic surgeries. Mirisch denied that he had overtly reached out to the media. "The action taken was in response to Gov. (Gavin) Newsom's announcement that the state of California is allowing certain elective surgeries. The governor specifically noted procedures such as purely aesthetic cosmetic surgeries were not included," Friedman clarified. ●



National Nurses Day was celebrated in the City on May 6 with a motorcade salute to the heroic nurses at Cedars-Sinai. Members of the Beverly Hills Police and Fire Department joined public safety partners for this special occasion. The City of Beverly Hills also lit up the City Hall tower in a beautiful shade of blue to honor the nurses and healthcare workers for their service on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Richard Rosenzweig: 1935-2020



Richard Rosenzweig

Richard "Dick" Rosenzweig passed away this past week. The longtime Playboy Enterprises, Inc. executive was legendary for his contributions to the cultural and civic institutions of Beverly Hills.

"We are devastated to learn of the passing of Dick Rosenzweig. His passion for our City ran deep. From chairing the Centennial Committee, participating on the CVB, Chamber and Wallis boards to his unending enthusiasm, he was an original. Our hearts ache for his wife and those he left behind. He will be missed by us all," said Julie Wagner, chief executive officer of the Beverly Hills Conference & Visitors Bureau. ●

## Beverly Hills Parks to Close this Weekend

All parks in Beverly Hills will be temporarily closed beginning May 9 at 6 p.m. through Monday, May 11 at 6 a.m. "We hope everyone will stay at home and celebrate Mother's Day virtually as we continue to put the health of our community first," said Mayor Les Friedman. The fields, sports courts and other recreational facilities will be closed, however restrooms in parks will remain open during normal hours. ●

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# The Scene at Home

## 10 Last Minute Mother's Day Gifts

BY CAROLE DIXON

Most of us don't even know what day it is, so planning a Mother's Day surprise may have slipped through the cracks this year. Fortunately, the Courier has compiled 10 great last-minute gift ideas for mom, whether she is nearby or at a distance. The gifts will help support local businesses, as well.

### Louis Vuitton e-card

For the first time ever, Louis Vuitton has launched a customizable e-card in celebration of Mother's Day with #WELVMOMS. Through an interactive card-making experience on [louisvuitton.com](https://louisvuitton.com), you can create a personalized Mother's Day e-card incorporating iconic Louis Vuitton and Mother's Day-themed patches and animated gifs. The card is complimentary, with no purchase required.

### Peninsula Tea

If your Mother is a fan of the famous afternoon tea in the Living Room at the Peninsula Beverly Hills, you can bring the tradition to her. The complete tea service is available to go this weekend with an assortment of savory tea sandwiches, pastries, scones, seasonal preserves, and a selection of teas. The price, including a bottle of Nicholas Feuillatte Champagne, is \$150 and serves two. To order call: 310-975-2767 or [Rebeccagoldberg@peninsula.com](mailto:Rebeccagoldberg@peninsula.com)

### Olive & June

The popular Canon Drive salon has released a signature Mother's Day Studio Box this year for \$55. This package holds a salon-quality manicure, complete with essential tools such as a handle for easier application, and long-lasting polish. It also includes a limited edition #oliveyourmani print bandana, with 50 percent of the proceeds donated directly to the Olive & June manicurists. [oliveandjune.com](https://oliveandjune.com)

### Sugarfina

Local gourmet candy company Sugarfina has new treats designed for Mom this year, including a fun partnership with another local favorite, Alfred's Coffee. Sugarfina's signature little gummy bears now come infused with a cold-brew blend loaded inside a reusable drink container. Additional creative ideas include the seven-day gummy bear cleanse with Pressed Juicery filled gummies. Or, simply opt for the all-day rose bears. <https://www.sugarfina.com/mothers-day-gift-guide>

### OnlyRoses

While the Beverly Hills Brighton Way location might be closed, this unique floral company is still operating with delivery in Los Angeles. If you want to give a gift that will hold a long-lasting memory, OnlyRoses offers beautiful flowers that will last for at least a year without water.

The hand-picked selection of inspiring Infinite Roses is not only stunning but ethically grown in Ecuador. Prices start at \$115.00

<https://www.only-roses.com/mothers-day-collection>

### Platform, Culver City

The cool outdoor mall holds a bevy of gift ideas for Mom that can be ordered right up through May 10, for drive-by pick-up. The bounty includes soft cotton robes from Parachute, a gold-plated "mama" necklace from Yolx boutique, plush mohair blanket-throws from the Optimist, journals and Lifelihood candles from Poketo, along with Resurrection hand wash and lotion from Aesop. <https://www.platformdrivethrough.com/shop/4>

### Barnes & Noble

Since Mom might have extra time on her hands, give the gift of reading this year. The giant Barnes & Noble bookstore at The Grove has a drive-through pick-up to make it easy. Just pre-order online from a section of thousands of books including special interest topics such as gardening or cooking. You can also order Mom a puzzle that features succulents, butterflies or famous works of art.

[https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/mothers-day-gifts/\\_N-1pes](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/mothers-day-gifts/_N-1pes)

### Jardesca California Spritz Set

Whether you are brunching in person or at distance this Mother's Day, local and refreshing Jardesca is a botanically infused, all-natural, low alcohol aperitif in a bottle. For this special day, they have produced a "spritz kit" that includes everything you will need to make the lighter drinks that are perfect for a day tittle or two, and for \$89 there will be enough ingredients for eight cocktails. <https://jardesca.com>

### Milk Bar Cake and Truffles

For a Mother's Day special offering, Milk Bar's Strawberry Shortcake Cake is available. This multi-layer layer vanilla cake can be ordered online, picked-up at the Melrose store, or delivered to Mom's door via Postmates and Caviar. You can also order the Cake Truffles made with strawberry-studded vanilla cake, soaked in strawberry milk and rolled in strawberry shortcake crumbs. <https://milkbarstore.com/>

### Soho Home

If your Mom is into design and travel, send her a piece of Soho House private club's interiors collection, Soho Home. The retail line features a selection of furniture, tableware, textiles and Cowshed spa line of beauty products. Every piece is inspired by or used in the bedrooms, restaurants and lounges in the Soho Houses around the world. <https://www.sohohome.com/us/gifts> •



The image shows a large sign for Beverly Hills City Parks. At the top center is the Beverly Hills logo, a shield with 'BEVERLY HILLS' inside. Below the logo, the text 'BEVERLY HILLS CITY PARKS' is written in a bold, dark green font. A large, dark green diagonal banner across the middle of the sign contains the words 'TEMPORARILY CLOSED' in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the banner, the text reads: 'In response to the concerns related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we are taking a number of precautionary measures and have made the difficult decision to temporarily close our City Parks beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, 5/9 to 6 a.m. Monday, 5/11.' At the bottom of the sign, it says: 'For more information, visit [BEVERLYHILLS.ORG/NOVELCORONAVIRUS](https://www.beverlyhills.org/novelcoronavirus) #BHHealthyCity'. The sign is set against a background of lush green trees and grass.



# BH Fire Department Plans Drive-By Day May 9

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

Every year, the Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD), in conjunction with the Beverly Hills Firefighters Association (BHFA), hosts an open house on the second Saturday during the month of May. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Fire Service Day is going on tour. On May 9, a parade of four fire engines, one ladder truck, three paramedic rescue vehicles and one battalion chief suburban will be driving through the residential streets of Beverly Hills.

“Because we can’t gather this year, we

thought, well, what can we do for the community to get out and still say thank you to the community,” BHFD Chief Greg Barton told the Courier. “So, what we created are routes that the firefighters will take on fire service day this Saturday and drive through neighborhoods to say thank you, like a parade.” The “parade” begins at 10 a.m. with the first of five planned routes, which will be made public by the BHFD in advance. ●

# Zoom 101: Preparing for Your Next Virtual Meeting or Party

BY CAROLE DIXON

With virtual contact replacing personal contact for business meetings and social gatherings these days, the Courier wanted to share a few tips on how to look your best while navigating a Zoom, FaceTime or Skype call.

First, there is the technical aspect of your home computer or device, including positioning, lighting and sound. We spoke to celebrity photographer Alex Berliner of ABImages who shared with us a few crucial tricks of the trade.

For Berliner, you must start with a clean slate. “One of the most important things is the lens on your camera needs to be really clean. Most computers have a built-in lens (the dot at the top your computer screen) and it usually has a thumbprint on it,” he said.

Next, do you know where your audio mic is? “You can attach an outboard audio source with a real microphone through a pre-amp and then hook that into your computer so you can get really good sound,” said Berliner. “A lot of people in the music business and podcasting are using broadcast quality microphones. You can also connect a set of blue tooth headphones or earbuds so that you are hearing better than through the computer speakers.”

As for the light source, Berliner recommends an inexpensive LED lighting system that has rechargeable batteries so you can use them plugged in or portable and wireless. “One that I see used more frequently is the ring light. It’s a round group of lights and you can change the color temperature. So, if you are inside at night, you’re not flooding yourself with blue light, but with tungsten lighting (most common in a home) or warm LED lighting. Cold or bluer light is for daylight.” The lighting set-up should also be behind the computer, in front of you and not across the room.

Next is the position of your camera. “Get your camera level up to at least eye-line or a bit higher,” advised Berliner. “Try to elevate it a little (just like doing a selfie with your phone), use books or a computer stand that is angled. A Notebook computer sits at an

angle, so you still have access to everything, but the screen is a little above you.”

The surrounding also makes a big difference in whether a session will be successful. Avoid places with an echo like a bathroom or hallway and too much backlight from windows. “If you have two people in a room on the call it’s important to sit close to the screen. The further away from the mic, the more room noise you are going to get, and it will not work as well,” said Berliner.

For all accessories, Berliner recommends local and family owned Samy’s Camera on Fairfax who is taking online orders and has delivery services.

Berliner also advocates a cool background using a video loop or a still picture slide produced in photoshop or on the Zoom app is a nice touch. For something less labor-intensive, Travelocity recently launched an interactive Zoom background featuring the iconic Roaming Gnome. You can download the international sites from cities to beaches at <https://www.travelocity.com>. If you’d prefer a local background, the Dorchester Collection has a stylish collection of digital backgrounds featuring the Beverly Hills Hotel from the pool to the Polo Lounge.

Your personal appearance is also key to the at-home conference success. Video and fashion stylist Lindsay Albanese, inventor of the Toptote hat clip, suggests wearing solid, bright colors. “People always appreciate a little pop of brightness, but no neon ever,” she said. “Also, stay away from really small or repetitive prints and super thin pinstripes can tend to “strobe” or have a trailing effect on Zoom.”

And, remember to keep dark shadows off your face. While we can’t run up to Sunset Plaza Drive for a touch-up, Blushington has been offering free make-up tutorials online including how to prepare for a video conference meeting. Think light, flawless coverage, however, you will need to add some dimension since the camera will make you look flat, so check <https://www.blushington.com/> for more contouring tips. ●

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That area includes West Hollywood, Santa Monica, Culver City, Brentwood as well as the mid-Wilshire district.

## A Closer Look

Local institutions include Silverado Beverly Place, an assisted living facility specializing in memory care. The upscale, 125-bed facility is located half a mile north of The Grove shopping center. Since late March, it has reported 45 residents and 29 healthcare employees with confirmed COVID-19 cases. Twelve have died.

The Beverly Hills Carmel South assisted living home on Burton Way features a landscaped courtyard and outdoor patios, fitness classes and daily afternoon tea, among other amenities. According to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH), 15 residents and eight healthcare employees have confirmed cases of COVID-19. Six have died.

The Rehabilitation Center, a skilled nursing facility on La Brea Boulevard in West Hollywood, currently houses 136 residents. The CDPH conducted a “COVID-19 Focused Infection Control Survey” on April 30 and found the facility to be in compliance with infection control. However, the LACDPH reports that 23 residents and 13 healthcare employees there have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Four have died.

The Rehabilitation Centre Of Beverly Hills located on South San Vicente Boulevard features 150 beds, and offers a restorative nursing program, social services and recreational therapy. According to the LACDPH, the facility has reported 29 residents and



Silverado Beverly Place nursing home in west Los Angeles, where an outbreak of COVID-19 has been reported.

27 healthcare employees with confirmed COVID-19 cases. Two have died. On April 4, the CDPH published a report concluding that the state’s Infection Prevention and Control statute was not being met at the facility.

## Protecting Patients or Facilities

Both the CDC as well as state and local departments of health have promulgated new guidelines and requirements to support the safe and sustained operation of skilled nursing facilities. California Governor Gavin Newsom has indicated that protecting the occupants of nursing homes is a top priority. However, advocates for seniors fear that he may be on the verge of approving a request from the powerful hospital and assisted living lobbying groups to provide sweeping immunity from civil and criminal liability during the pandemic. No official announcement has yet been made on whether Newsom will deem the state’s nursing homes in need of the added protection. Nationwide, at least 15 other states have already passed such laws. ●



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**Week #3**

**WE CREATE COMMUNITY - Beverly Hills Blue** – Join City Hall and neighboring communities for the National Celebration of Nurses May 6 - 12 by displaying blue lights on your front doorstep or in a window. This is a celebration of our first responders, health care professionals and essential workers. Take a photo and we will share pictures of our City in blue!

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At the end of our six-week community engagement project, we will choose the most inspiring entries from both our **WE CREATE COMMUNITY & ART IS LIFE** projects and provide those two winning entries with a gift certificate to a beloved Beverly Hills restaurant.



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## A Mother's Day Brunch that is "Quicker than Quick"

BY LISA BLOCH



Pamela Salzman's "Quicker Than Quick"

With Mother's Day this weekend, one of the best ways to help celebrate the wonderful women in our lives is to provide them with delicious and healthy comfort food

### Quicker Than Quick Recipes:

#### BROCCOLI AND MUSHROOM FRITTATA (Serves 3)

- 4 teaspoons of grass-fed organic ghee, divided
- 2 medium shallots, sliced
- 1 cup of broccoli florets (or frozen/defrosted broccoli)
- ½ cup of sliced mushrooms (or frozen/defrosted)
- 6 large eggs, preferably organic and pastured
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- freshly ground black pepper to taste

1. Set oven rack to 6 inches below broiler and preheat broiler.
2. In a 10-inch pan, warm up 1 teaspoon

#### STRAWBERRY MINT TABBOULEH (Serves 4)

- \*1 cup cooked quinoa
- ½ cup chopped fresh strawberries
- ¼ cup toasted almond slices
- 2 Tablespoons unrefined cold-pressed olive oil
- 2 Tablespoons fresh squeezed lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ black pepper
- ¼ cup fresh whole small mint leaves
- ¼ cup chopped parsley

1. Place quinoa, strawberries and almonds in a medium sized bowl
2. Mix in olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper
3. When ready to serve, mix in mint and parsley

recipes that are "Quicker than Quick" to make. Pamela Salzman is my go-to cooking resource extraordinaire, whose first book occupies the prime spot on my kitchen shelf. This month, the mother of three has released her latest cookbook, "Quicker than Quick." At a time when we are at home, balancing work with educating our children, navigating online shopping practices, and tackling life's daily surprises, there is less time than ever to provide meals for our families, let alone thoroughly enjoy the cooking experience. "Quicker than Quick" has remarkably anticipated these unprecedented times.

Pamela recently shared with me that her 12-years of teaching in-home master cooking classes in Beverly Hills and surrounding areas has taught her the value of tasty, healthy recipes that are quick to prep and cook, and adaptable to ingredients you have on hand. "It's not that hard to make healthy food taste good and be easy," said Salzman.

Here are four of her suggestions for a Mother's Day brunch:

of ghee on medium heat.

3. Add in sliced shallots and sauté until tender and translucent, about 4 minutes.
4. Add broccoli and mushroom and sauté an additional 4 minutes or until the vegetables start to soften up.
5. In a separate bowl, whisk eggs. Mix in the vegetable mixture, salt and pepper into the eggs.
6. Warm the remaining 1 Tablespoon of ghee in the same pan on medium heat and then pour in the egg mixture.
7. Lower heat to a simmer, cover and cook for about 12 minutes or until set on top.
8. If desired, broil the top of the frittata until lightly golden, about 1-2 minutes.

\*I cooked the quinoa with ¾ apple juice and 1-cup water to give it a sweeter flavor.

Footnote: As we continue through the challenges of COVID-19, many of us have more time to do the things we haven't done in the past. When was the last time you read a cookbook from beginning to end? In addition to the wealth of recipes, "Quicker than Quick" offers up many tools and tricks for easy cooking for vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free, grain-free, Paleo and nut free diets as well as suggestions of what to store in your kitchen for everyday use.

#### PEANUT BUTTER-BANANA BREAKFAST COOKIES (Makes 10 cookies)

- 1 ¾ cups blanched almond flour (not almond meal)
- 2 Tablespoons coconut flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup unsweetened shredded coconut or coconut flakes
- ¼ cup unrefined coconut oil, unsalted butter, or ghee, at room temperature
- ¾ cup unsweetened peanut butter, creamy or crunchy (any nut butter or ta-hini can be used)
- 2 large eggs
- 1 ripe mashed banana
- 4 Tablespoons pure maple syrup or honey
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 6 Tablespoons chopped unsweetened freeze-dried bananas (optional, but fun)
- ¼ cup unsulphured raisins

¼ cup raw cacao nibs

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with unbleached parchment paper or a silicone mat.
2. In the bowl of a mixer, combine the almond flour, coconut flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, coconut flakes, coconut oil, peanut butter, eggs, mashed banana, maple syrup and vanilla. Mix until combined well.
3. Stir in the freeze-dried bananas, raisins and cacao nibs.
4. Use a large ice-cream scoop or a heaping ¼ cup to transfer the batter onto the prepared baking sheet. Lightly press down on each cookie using your fingers. Bake until the cookies are golden on the outside and no longer soft on the inside, about 20-25 minutes. Allow to cool on the baking sheet 5-10 minutes. Then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container for 1 day at room temperature and up to one week in the refrigerator.



Stovetop Frittata Broccoli Mushroom

#### MARKET SALAD WITH CREAMY LEMON CASHEW DRESSING (Serves 6)

- For the salad:
  - 4 heads mini Romaine lettuce or 1 large head Romaine, washed, spun dry and leaves torn into bite size pieces (about 10 cups)
  - 2 cups sugar snap peas, trimmed and cut on the diagonal into ½ -inch pieces
  - 6 radishes, sliced thinly (halved or quartered before slicing if large)
  - ½ 1.75 ounce box micro greens (optional, not easy to find)
  - 1 bunch fresh chives or a handful fresh mint leaves, chopped
  - 1 large avocado, cubed or sliced
- For the dressing:
  - 6 Tablespoons unrefined, cold-pressed, extra virgin olive oil
  - 2½ Tablespoons raw cashew butter
  - 2 Tablespoons water
  - ¼ teaspoon lemon zest

- 2½ Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 small garlic clove, minced
- ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- freshly ground black pepper to taste
- Other additions/substitutions: a few kumquats sliced crosswise, feta or goat cheese, cooked quinoa or millet, edible flowers, walnuts, flaky sea salt

1. Place the lettuce in a large bowl and layer the remaining ingredients on top.
2. Place all the ingredients for the dressing in a bowl or screw top jar and whisk or shake to combine.
3. Drizzle just enough dressing to coat lightly and toss together. Leftover dressing can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 4 days. The dressing can be made ahead of time, but it will thicken considerably in the refrigerator. Thin it out with a little warm water. ●



## Courier on the Cutting Edge

BY CAROLE DIXON

If you miss the day-to-night action in the City of Beverly Hills along with the shops, restaurants and local people of the community, here is an update on a few things that have transpired during the Safer at Home order.

Gucci Osteria da Massimo Bottura opened its long-awaited alfresco dining room weeks before the shutdown mandate hit. Executive chef Mattia Agazzi had moved to L.A. from his home just outside Milan to run the restaurant and then suddenly found himself without a kitchen.

Giacomino Drago, who has kept Villa Alloro open for takeout orders, (and is cooking for the Hollywood Food Coalition), provided a much need outlet for Agazzi and his pastry chef partner, Tamara Rigo. Agazzi has been practicing his “no waste recipes” from three-Michelin-star chef Bottura, along with eggplant parmesan, risotto, ravioli and gnocchi all while producing cooking videos in the borrowed kitchen space. “He showed me such hospitality and charity from the beginning,” said Agazzi of Drago. “We have been building a strong friendship.” While the hope is to re-open the Gucci restaurant with Agazzi back at the helm at the end of May, until that day, you can catch his cooking

videos at <https://www.gucci.com>.

DJ Zen Freeman, who is responsible for the programming in the basement club Sunset at the West Hollywood EDITION, has also found himself without a home base and has gone digital. Freeman, who worked previously with Chanel, Tesla, LACMA, Vogue and Calvin Harris, will live broadcast his exclusive Sunset sets on his Instagram @zenfreeman on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. until the club reopens. His mixes were inspired by live performances at the venue that included Chaka Khan, Janelle Monae, Blond:ish, Questlove, James Murphy, Q-Tip and Samantha Ronson among others.

Mainstream design and décor website One Kings Lane co-founder Susan Feldman has been busy running her new site, “In The Groove.” Tagged as a lifestyle destination for age-defying women, this flourishing space is where Feldman shares here personal recommendations from quarantine beauty to chic maxi floral dresses or home improvement tricks that won’t break the bank. “This was born because all around me, women somewhere in the vicinity of their 50th year, were describing that somewhere in the middle

of a mostly joyful life they began to experience feelings of invisibility,” said Feldman. “I decided to help my sisters in a call to arms to stay ‘In The Groove.’ We are turning #WeAreNotInvisible to #NowYouSeeUs and we are having a lot of fun.”

<https://getinthegroove.com/welcome-to-the-modern-age/>

And, one person’s groove is another’s coffee addiction. “Alfred’s success hinges on providing our customers with a consistent, daily escape from their daily grind,” Alfred’s Coffee owner Joshua Zad told the Courier. “With this core mission in mind, we have adjusted our social model to provide our visitors and followers alike with an eclectic offering of old favorites that were previously in-store only but now in “take away” form.

This includes merchandise from their recent fundraiser in which they designed “I’m a Friend of Alfred” hoodies and donated proceeds to the UCLA Health COVID-19 Patient Care Fund.

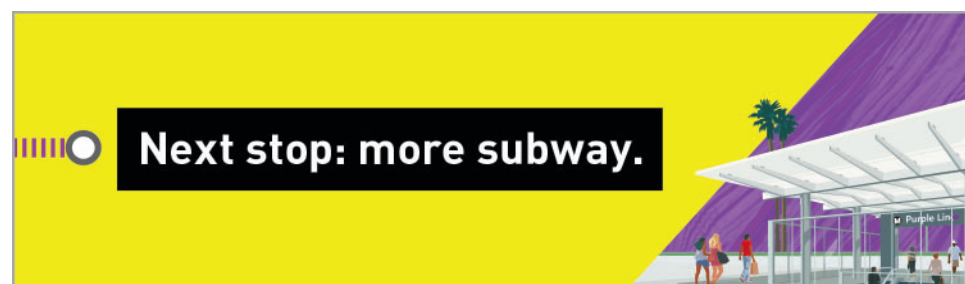
The brand has also launched an app with fun memes. “If we can’t distract our customers at the cafes with specials and awesome customer service like we used to, this approach is sure to keep folks on their

toes and keep Alfred top of mind, daily, in another way,” said Zad.

Nicolas Bijan Pakzad from Bijan menswear has been busy focusing all of his efforts on creating the brand’s new face shields and supporting first responders on the front lines. All proceeds from the Bijan AcuShield Face Protector will be donated to Los Angeles first responders and medical professionals. However, Bijan is also looking to the future. “Once the travel ban is lifted, I’m keen to get my wedding plans back on track with my fiancé at Villa d’Este in Lake Como. Not only will we be putting money back into the Italian economy which of course was one of the first ones that was hard hit, but it will also be one of the most special days of our lives,” he told the Courier.

And, if nostalgia is what you’re looking for, download a copy of Robert S. Anderson’s historical tome “Beverly Hills: The First 100 Years,” which he has generously donated for free viewing during this time.

<http://www.beverlyhillshistoricalsociety.org/bh-first-100-years>. ●



### 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](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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**(Divorce continued from page 1)** including to have longer (or shorter) custodial periods and include new orders that detailed what should take place in the other parent's home regarding safety," said Kristina Royce, a partner and co-chair of the Matrimonial and Family Law Practice Group of Blank Rome in Century City.

Clients who may be tempted to rush to court face a major hurdle, however. The Los Angeles Superior Court is closed for most family law matters other than domestic violence cases. That means everyone must comply with current orders, unless they agree to go before a private judge. The use of private (usually retired from the bench) judges is commonplace in family law matters. While costly, it's a much more expedited means to resolve issues that could take months for a court hearing.

"Private judges are a great tool for many people. They function the same as judges on the bench in the courthouse and can make orders. That is especially important at times like these. I've recently had cases where private judges ordered the children to wear masks during custodial exchanges between parents, or insisted that temperatures be taken, and that the Safer at Home rules be followed to keep everyone as healthy as possible," said Samantha F. Spector, the founder of Spector Law, a Century City based firm specializing in high-stakes family law disputes.

Both Spector and Royce have encountered impatient clients, frustrated with their existing custody orders. One client wanted a private judge to order that a spouse who had traveled be quarantined for two weeks and tested before seeing the kids. (The judge denied the request.) In another case, a client took the children to be with family during this uncertain time. She went not knowing or understanding how long the crisis would last. (Local schools were only on a two-week shutdown at that point.) Six weeks later, the woman is hesitant to get back on a plane. And, her former spouse is upset that he hasn't seen the kids.

"We explain to our clients that they have to demonstrate irreparable harm to the child or children before a custodial order can be changed, and the courts are not inclined to micromanage what takes place in the parent's respective homes. Courts are handling only essential cases at the present time and are not scheduled to reopen until late June 2020," said Royce.

She and Spector both agree that custody disputes have calmed down, as the state marks its seventh week under Stay at Home orders. Many families are finding routines that they can live with.

"This may be our way of life for one or, even, two years. People understand that, and so they are looking for new, creative solutions

to resolve family and custody issues," said Spector.

Property division and support orders are another matter.

### Heightened Disputes

Even the affluent are feeling the effects of an economy in freefall. Furloughs, terminations and drops in business are changing the balance sheets that many support orders were based on.

"COVID-19 has been a financial nightmare for so many Americans, rich, poor and everywhere in between. Obviously, that means a lot of modifications to support orders are going to be needed," said Spector.

She cautions, however, that some may try to use the pandemic as an excuse to justify bad behavior, such as withholding financial support.

Finances are definitely an issue right now, said Royce.

"I represent clients in various economic fields, many of whom are facing financial challenges, including in the automobile industry, real estate developers and investors, doctors, attorneys and people in the entertainment industry. Changes in income affects support, since support is an income driven calculation. We face difficulties, particularly with the uncertainty of the court system, in how we will handle the modification of support calculations in the months to come," said Royce. Deal-making is the order of the day, especially when court orders could be a long time in coming.

"Courts have been closed since March 14 and are expected to open on June 22. We do not know what the calendaring will look like. We presume that priority will be given to restraining orders and custody matters, and then financial. We do not know when matters will be scheduled, including those that were previously on calendar from March 14 through June 22 and now need to be rescheduled. If the parties are able to resolve the issue without going to Court, they will be far better off," said Royce.

For the matters still far from settlement, a big sticking point is often real estate.

"Houses are usually the parties' biggest asset. I represent lots of real estate investors who don't want to sell now. The parties may say to each other, 'let's wait it out.' So, we're dealing with co-ownership of assets more than we might have before," said Royce.

### Looking Ahead

Though uncertainly still lies ahead, the pandemic may yet bring about some positive changes in the realm of family law. For one thing, video meetings and networking may eliminate costly courthouse commutes. (The Los Angeles Superior Court is also introducing enhanced video appearance technology.) Clients are getting used to working things out in the virtual realm, with

co-parenting counseling via Zoom the new normal.

With summer approaching, however, child custody matters may heat up again. Traditional summer camps may not open, bringing more uncertainty into the family dynamic.

"With life this unsettled, everyone wants as much certainty as their lives as possible. This crisis is putting a strain on many relationships, and we have received calls inquiring about divorce. I have encouraged them to not do anything for now, from a reactive standpoint, and to instead see whether time helps," said Royce.

Spector sees the pandemic as a force that may very well drive people apart or bring them together.

"People ask me if I've seen an uptick in divorce cases. Unfortunately, we live in a time and a place where divorce is pretty much evergreen. People file all year-round, and I haven't really seen an

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During this time, our Rodeo Drive community is ready to receive you with utmost care while practicing social distancing guidelines. We take the health and safety of our community very seriously."

Both the governor and Los Angeles County representatives continue to emphasize that if there is a resurgence of COVID-19 cases, then the state will need to curtail these less restrictive measures.

"This by no stretch of the imagination is over. We want to contain the spread," Gov. Newsom said. "We are making real progress in the state because you all practiced physical distancing and you abided broadly by the Stay at Home order. But we are not out of the woods."

As of press time, California had a reported 60,614 cases of the virus, including 28,644 in Los Angeles (116 in Beverly Hills). Statewide over 2,500 people have died from COVID-19, more than half of whom (1,367) resided in Los Angeles County.

Per the governor's specific guidelines, before reopening all facilities must: perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan; train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to screen themselves for symptoms and stay home if they have them; implement individual control measures and screenings; implement disinfecting protocols; and implement physical distancing guidelines. Available on the state's website are further specific guidelines for various industries.

In advance of the detailed guidelines being released, on May 6 the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health unveiled a five-stage recovery roadmap based on brush strokes Gov. Newsom initially provided on Monday on how some businesses could reopen as long as they adhere to specific modifications. In making

increase during this time," she said.

What she has seen is an increase in clients needing reassurance.

"We're all human. We're all connected. We live in a moment where people want things done, preferably, yesterday. Our job is to help them by being a source of strength and smart counsel. But, yes, people are really struggling out there. They are calling me a lot, and my phone keeps ringing late into the night," said Spector.

But, not everyone is going through a difficult time because of divorce.

"I have clients who have devoted a year of their life planning a wedding, which included working with me on their prenuptial agreements. Well, now those weddings have been delayed, which is so unfortunate for them. It does not matter how much social distancing you do: COVID-19 ends up affecting everything and everyone," said Spector. ●

that announcement he said that local officials would have more flexibility to move further into reopening cities.

"[The county] is really the guidance for us in Beverly Hills," Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager Laura Biery told the Courier. "We're all very excited about Friday and the opportunity for businesses to start doing some of these transactions that previously they had not been able to do."

Following Wednesday's announcement by the county, the City immediately began notifying local businesses, including information that further details would be made available once the safety protocols are published by the governor and the county. According to Biery, roughly 200 businesses in the City's business tax system fall within those categories listed by the county that qualify to reopen.

Beverly Hills Mercedes Benz General Manager Frank Murphy, who will oversee the reopening of the dealership on May 8, told the Courier that his business was primed, particularly given that the auto repair portion had remained open throughout the pandemic as an essential business.

"Most of the car dealers in the Los Angeles area have been ahead of the curve," he said, noting that Mercedes Benz had installed special plexiglass shields in the service area. "We've been at the forefront of making sure our employees and customers are safe."

In addition to requiring employees to wear a mask and gloves, Murphy said that they were disinfecting all cars and would be using special steering wheel and seat covers.

"There's nothing like seeing a car. Buying a car is a very personal experience," he said. "To have our showrooms back open, I think it's a testament to the job the people of Beverly Hills and the people of California have done so we can reopen." ●



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## ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2808

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS ADOPTING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TENANT EVICTIONS, AND OTHER MEASURES, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2807, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

to gather and remain in close proximity and is requiring the wearing of face coverings.

WHEREAS, 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; and

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

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

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

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

a. During the period of local emergency declared in response to COVID-19, no landlord shall endeavor to evict a tenant in either of the following situations: (1) for nonpayment of rent if the tenant demonstrates that the tenant is unable to pay rent due to substantial financial impacts related to COVID-19, or (2) for a no-fault eviction, unless necessary for the health and safety of tenants, neighbors, or the landlord, other than based on illness of the tenant or any other occupant of the residential rental unit. A landlord who receives notice that a tenant cannot pay some or all of the rent temporarily for the reasons set forth above shall not serve a notice pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1161(2), file or prosecute an unlawful detainer action based on a 3-day pay or quit notice, or otherwise seek to evict for nonpayment of rent. A landlord receives notice of a tenant's inability to pay rent within the meaning of this Ordinance if the tenant, within seven (7) days after the date that rent is due, notifies the landlord in writing, of lost income or extraordinary expenses related to COVID-19 and inability to pay full rent due to substantial financial impacts related to COVID-19, and within thirty (30) days after the date the rent is due, provides written documentation to the landlord to support the claim, using the form provided by the City. A copy of both the seven-day notice and the documentation to support the claim shall also be provided by email (or if email is not feasible by mail along with notification by telephone) to the City's Rent Stabilization office. For purposes of this Ordinance, "in writing" includes email or text communications to a landlord or the landlord's representative if that is the method of written communication that has been used previously, or correspondence by regular mail, if that is the method of written communication that has been used previously and the parties have not agreed to use email or text messaging. Any medical or financial information provided to the landlord shall be held in confidence, and shall be used only for evaluating the tenant's claim.

b. Nothing in this Ordinance shall relieve the tenant of liability for the unpaid rent, which the landlord may seek after expiration of the local emergency, and which the tenant must pay in full within one year of the expiration of the local emergency. One year after the end of the emergency, unless if the rent is paid in full, a landlord may charge or collect a late fee for rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance; or a landlord may seek rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance through the eviction or other appropriate legal process. No fee for the late payment of rent shall be charged by a landlord during

the period of the emergency or one year after the end of the emergency. If a landlord makes an accommodation with respect to rent forbearance from a tenant pursuant to subsection 1.a, and the tenant is in conformance with the tenant's obligations under that subsection, then the landlord shall not make a negative report to a credit bureau so long as the tenant remains in compliance with those obligations.

c. For purposes of this Ordinance, "financial impacts related to COVID-19" include, but are not limited to, lost household income or extraordinary expenses as a result of any of the following: (1) being sick with COVID-19, or caring for a household or family member who is sick with COVID-19; (2) lay-off, loss of hours, or other substantial income reduction resulting from business closure or other economic or employer impacts of COVID-19 including for tenants who are salaried employees or self-employed; (3) compliance with a recommendation from a government health authority to stay home, self-quarantine, or avoid congregating with others during the state of emergency; (4) extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses related to COVID-19; or (5) child care needs arising from school closures related to COVID-19.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

c. This Ordinance shall not apply to any commercial tenant that is a publicly traded entity, an entity that is listed on the Fortune 1000, or any entity that employs more than 500 employees. This exemption shall not apply to a franchisee or similar small business owner who is the responsible tenant on the lease unless such small business owner meets the criteria of this exemption.

d. A dispute as to whether the

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commercial tenant has demonstrated facts sufficient to result in a temporary payment reduction or other legal remedy shall be determined according to civil law.

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

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

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

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

**Section 3.** During the period of local emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on March 15, 2020 and affirmed by the City Council on March 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a temporary moratorium is hereby imposed on the annual rent increases authorized by Sections 4-5-303(c) and 4-6-3 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code. This moratorium on rent increases shall be applied to any rent increase scheduled to take effect on or after March 15, 2020. Nothing in this Ordinance shall alter the date of annual rent increases in future years.

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

**Section 5.**

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

**Section 6.** Face Coverings. All persons shall wear face coverings that cover their mouth and nose openings such as scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandannas, neck gaiters, or other fabric face coverings, when they leave their homes or places of residence for essential activities, such as taking a walk through their neighborhood, if that person has potential to come within six feet of another person not a member of their household. All persons, including non-medical essential workers are discouraged from using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as N95 masks, for non-medical reasons.

Exceptions: These following exceptions will apply to this Section 6:

- (1) Children under the age of 2 are not required to wear face coverings.
- (2) Persons who must remove the face covering in order to receive medical services.
- (3) Persons who are directed to remove the face covering by a law enforcement officer.

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the terms "essential business," "essential workers," and "essential activity" shall have the same meanings as they do under State law.

**Section 7.** Business Tax. No penalties or interest shall accrue on outstanding business tax during the period that the City of Beverly Hills has declared an emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director of Finance is authorized in his sole discretion to waive any penalties and/or in-

terest on business tax imposed prior to the March 15, 2020 declaration of emergency, upon a request by a business owner and a demonstration by the business owner of economic hardship due to COVID-19.

**Section 8.** Hoarding. The City Council urges residents not to hoard essential goods such as hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, canned food, frozen food and other needed supplies. The City Council strongly condemns hoarding. Retail establishments located in the City shall be responsible for limiting the sales of such items, as they see fit to provide greater accessibility to a larger group of customers.

**Section 9.** Violations. Violations of this Ordinance shall be punishable as set forth in Section 2-4-111 and Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code except violations of Section 6 which shall be solely subject to the administrative citation process set forth in Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code. In addition, this Ordinance provides a defense to a tenant, in the event that an unlawful detainer action is commenced in violation of this Ordinance.

**Section 10.** Remain in Effect. This Ordinance shall remain in effect for the duration of the local emergency.

**Section 11.** Ordinance No. 20-O-2807 is hereby repealed and replaced by this Ordinance.

**Section 12.** Uncodified. This Ordinance shall not be codified.

**Section 13.** Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be considered a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 14.** Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the city within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and the City Clerk's certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

**Section 15.** Effective Date. This Ordinance is adopted as an urgency ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety within the meaning of Government Code Section 36937(b), and therefore shall be passed immediately upon its introduction and shall become effective at 12:01 a.m., April 29, 2020 upon its adoption by a minimum 4/5 vote of the City Council.

**Section 16.** Duration. This Ordinance shall remain in effect until it is superseded by another Ordinance adopted by the City Council.

**Section 17.** Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance.

Adopted: April 28, 2020  
Effective: April 29, 2020

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

ATTEST:  
HUMA AHMED (SEAL)  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
LAURENCE S. WIENER  
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:  
GEORGE CHAVEZ  
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VOTE:  
AYES: Councilmembers Gold, Bosse, Vice Mayor Wunderlich, and Mayor Friedman  
NOES: Councilmember Mirisch  
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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.

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Time: **10:30am**  
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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**

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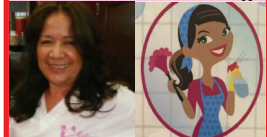


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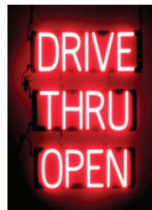
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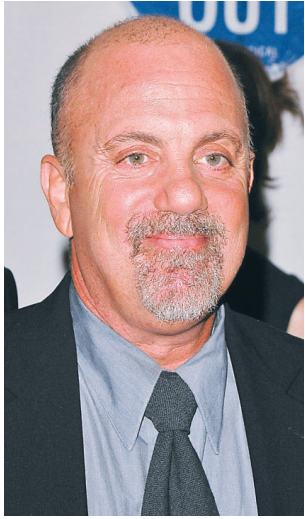
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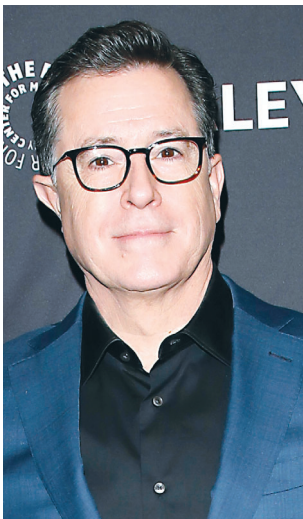
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## CORRECTIONS:

In our May 1 print issue, the sentence on pg. 10 col. 2, should read "The lower right quadrant could be the appendix."



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**SHIFTING SOUNDS**

BY BEN ZIMMER AND BRENDAN EMMETT QUIGLEY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Ben Zimmer is the language columnist for The Wall Street Journal, a contributing writer for The Atlantic and a former language columnist for The New York Times. Brendan Emmett Quigley is a professional crossword constructor. They met some 12 years ago when Brendan began contributing crosswords to the Visual Thesaurus, where Ben was the executive editor. The making of this puzzle — brainstorming the theme, filling the grid and writing the clues — was a full collaboration. Brendan has had many puzzles in The Times. This is Ben's debut. — W.S.

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Smashing</p> <p>6 Wide-eyed in wonder</p> <p>10 Woofer output</p> <p>14 Casual vodka order</p> <p>19 Bubbling</p> <p>20 Pricey</p> <p>21 Alma mater of Grant and Lee: Abbr.</p> <p>22 Board-game piece</p> <p>23 Dog's order at a malt shop?</p> <p>25 The "day" in "seize the day"</p> <p>26 "Arrival" visitor</p> <p>27 You can see right through it</p> <p>28 Part of H.M.S.</p> <p>29 "Game of Thrones" patriarch has difficulties?</p> <p>32 Zora Neale Hurston's "___ Eyes Were Watching God"</p> <p>34 Stand-up comic Kondabolu</p> <p>35 Drum heard in raga music</p> <p>36 Creator of Christopher Robin</p> <p>38 Beat out by a hair</p> <p>40 Big name in ratings</p> <p>44 Male sailors</p> <p>45 Words of affirmation</p> <p>47 Upscale</p> <p>48 Android alternative</p> <p>49 ___ Mahal</p> <p>51 Kind of diet</p> | <p>53 Chest muscle, informally</p> <p>54 The "S" of 48-Across</p> <p>58 Advised a chess player to attack the king?</p> <p>65 Spanish unit of time with a tilde</p> <p>66 Yoda, to Luke</p> <p>67 Shows as an encore presentation</p> <p>68 A fingerprint can leave one</p> <p>70 Cell no., say</p> <p>71 Strips of weapons</p> <p>72 Coming from two speakers</p> <p>73 Frequent choice for maid of honor</p> <p>75 Deg. for an aspiring attorney abroad</p> <p>76 Part of Disney's advertising budget?</p> <p>78 How some pranks might go</p> <p>82 Constellation with a palindromic name</p> <p>83 Scat syllable for Sinatra</p> <p>84 Hula loop</p> <p>86 Academy Award winner for "Moonlight" and "Green Book"</p> <p>87 Dr. Seuss character who becomes "King of the Mud"</p> <p>91 Sushi condiment</p> <p>95 Birds that can recognize themselves in mirrors</p> <p>99 Beyond sad, or beyond happy</p> <p>101 Some piercing spots</p> <p>102 Categorically stated</p> | <p>103 Indubitably</p> <p>105 Bellybutton fluff</p> <p>106 Bordeaux wine region</p> <p>107 Decisively defeat a cabinet department?</p> <p>111 Musical knack</p> <p>112 Share on social media</p> <p>115 Like a zealous fan base</p> <p>116 School attended by 20 prime ministers</p> <p>117 Feeling one gets under anesthesia at the dentist?</p> <p>120 Rat in "Ratatouille"</p> <p>121 Word before or after run</p> <p>122 Memo heading</p> <p>123 Prize for a doc, maybe</p> <p>124 Stick a fork in</p> <p>125 Weapon with a bell guard</p> <p>126 Loathsome person</p> <p>127 Indira Gandhi's father</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Comedian Mort</p> <p>2 Instrument from the French for "high wood"</p> <p>3 Bad shot by Dracula?</p> <p>4 Affinity</p> <p>5 Lacking originality</p> <p>6 Follower</p> <p>7 Prepare, with "up"</p> <p>8 Symbol of sturdiness</p> <p>9 ___ launcher</p> <p>10 Close pals</p> <p>11 "Yeah, right!"</p> <p>12 Process, as ore</p> | <p>13 Language with only 14 native letters</p> <p>14 He made his final cameo in "Avengers: Endgame"</p> <p>15 Spilled one's soul</p> <p>16 '30s migrant</p> <p>17 Unwelcome look</p> <p>18 Places to exchange dollars for quarters</p> <p>24 Stand out from the crowd</p> <p>30 Little bits of energy</p> <p>31 Competitor of eBay</p> <p>33 Tree that lines the Central Park Mall</p> <p>34 Debut single for both Jimi Hendrix and Patti Smith</p> <p>36 Flaws and all</p> <p>37 Shout for 44-Across</p> <p>39 Put off for another day</p> <p>41 Building caretakers</p> <p>42 Higher-ups in a hierarchy</p> <p>43 Part of a guitar</p> <p>46 One on the road in "On the Road"</p> <p>50 Maker of Instant Feathers and Hi-Speed Tonic</p> <p>52 Laura of "Marriage Story"</p> <p>55 Does some broncobusting, e.g.</p> <p>56 Accustom (to)</p> <p>57 Broadband device</p> <p>59 Loosen, in a way</p> <p>60 Banned display of firepower, informally</p> <p>61 Conductor Georg with 31 Grammys</p> <p>62 Passed out in Vegas</p> |
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| <p>63 Gambino crime family patriarch</p> <p>64 Attractive but vacuous guy, in slang</p> <p>68 Mary, Queen of Scots, e.g.</p> <p>69 Prod</p> <p>71 Prod</p> <p>72 Philosopher Kierkegaard</p> <p>73 "Salud!" cousin</p> <p>74 Heed an army poster</p> <p>76 "Will you allow me to demonstrate?"</p> | <p>77 Plane-ticket info</p> <p>79 Comfy seating at a carnival?</p> <p>80 Downwind, at sea</p> <p>81 New England art inst.</p> <p>85 "Mind. Blown."</p> <p>88 Shot served with salt and lime</p> <p>89 Clean</p> <p>90 Lexicographer Partridge</p> <p>92 Singer Knowles with a 2016 No. 1 album</p> <p>93 Ever so slightly</p> | <p>94 Perk from work</p> <p>96 Tex who animated Bugs Bunny</p> <p>97 Diploma equivalent, in brief</p> <p>98 Make an engaging offer?</p> <p>100 British spy Christopher in 2016 news</p> <p>104 Legally prohibit</p> <p>107 Parisian equivalent to "molto" or "muy"</p> <p>108 Increase, with "up"</p> | <p>109 Stage prize since 1956</p> <p>110 It distinguishes meaning in many East Asian languages</p> <p>111 Fitch of Abercrombie &amp; Fitch</p> <p>113 Red carpet interviewee</p> <p>114 Traffic-sign word</p> <p>118 Card-game call</p> <p>119 Sun follower?</p> |
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