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The Courier Celebrates 55 Years

This year marks a milestone for the Courier, as we celebrate our 55th anniversary as the voice of Beverly Hills. Looking back at our first issue, published July 22, 1965, the current

affairs of that time are the stuff of history books today. The Pat Brown era and the Vietnam War are distant memories. But, certain themes of that time remain. In 1965, Courier founder

and publisher March Schwartz noted that the paper's first responsibility was "full, fair and accurate reportage of events that primarily concern the residents and taxpayers of Beverly Hills." He added, "Our primary concern is the civic welfare of that chunk of geography within the City limits of Beverly Hills. Our local tax rates, our local schools, our local public services are the things on which we propose to focus our attention."

Under new ownership for almost one year, today's Beverly Hills Courier continues to live up to that original mission. It is our goal that half a century from now, readers will look back admiringly on our own coverage of the issues shaping our times. A global pandemic; a shifting business landscape; awe-inspiring real estate projects and opinion-shaping civil unrest occupy much of our attention now. But, we will never lose sight of what Schwartz called "the incomparably pleasant side of living in Beverly Hills." The blue skies, verdant treetops and iconic views are as central to the allure of Beverly Hills today as they were 55 years ago. Postcards from visitors have given way to postings on Instagram, and Beverly Hills remains a symbol of the California dream. Though a patina of glamour encircles our City, its operations must be covered realistically and soberly, especially during these unique times.

Events and galas are virtual these days. Zoom calls have replaced the morning meeting. Home learning is the new norm. For these reasons — now more than ever — the Courier is proud to connect our readers to the community, to neighboring areas and to each other.

Our 55th anniversary celebration continues. We would like to thank the Courier staff, our readers, advertisers and the City of Beverly Hills for 55 years of loyalty.

LISA BLOCH AND JOHN BENDHEIM

THE COURIER MAKES ITS BOW

Hi Everybody!

By March Schwartz

Beverly Hills is a very special city. It deserves a very special kind of newspaper.

The Beverly Hills Courier, with this first issue, will try to become the sort of newspaper that fills the special needs of Beverly Hills.

As we see it, The Courier's first responsibility is full, fair and accurate reportage of events that primarily concern the residents and taxpayers of Beverly Hills.

From time to time, the editor-publisher will comment in a column of personal opinion on state, national and international affairs. (Editors have a natural tendency thus to pontificate, and must be indulged.)

However, these large concerns outside Beverly Hills are secondary matters. Our primary concern is the civic welfare of that chunk of geography within the city limits of Beverly Hills. Our local tax rates, our local schools, our local public services are the things on which we propose to focus our attention.

Not to mention, of course, the pleasant side, the incomparably pleasant side of living in Beverly Hills. That is something The Courier will bring to its readers every week, in news stories of civic events, church affairs, and the doings of the people who make up the lively population of Beverly Hills.

We hope The Beverly Hills Courier will come to be a newspaper you think of as a good friend... a sort of guide, counselor and source of information, with a warm sense of humor and careful eye on public business to protect the interests of all the people.

It's a large order. This is a pledge that The Courier, beginning today, will seek in every issue to give Beverly Hills the sort of newspaper it deserves.

A Clear Case of Non-Support

A new newspaper is rather like a new girl in town—it is a pretty sound idea to determine who are the good guys and who are the bad guys before starting to go steady.

The Beverly Hills Courier, even before publication, was a target for overtures to support this or that political group. It was flattering thus to be sought after, but a girl or newspaper whose head is easily turned by flattery could conceivably get into considerable trouble.

The way California politics shape up this year, it seems like a good year for a fledgling community newspaper to declare its independence of any faction or party. This is not fence straddling or carrying water on both shoulders. It's just good sense to this political babe in the wood who has had no opportunity to sit in smoke filled, behind the scenes meetings.

Frankly, at this stage of the game, it is the considered judgment of the Courier's editor that no faction of any party has earned the support of this newspaper.

The two major political parties in California are split wide open. The Democrats, in control of both houses of the legislature, and with their man in the governor's chair, ought to be riding high... if it weren't for the fact that they're also riding high in two directions. In short, the Brown-Wyman-Cranston Indians and the Unruh-Warschaw cowboys are raising a lot of dust on the prairie.

Right now, neither side has a clear claim to the loyalty and support of rank and file Democrats. With majorities in both houses, the 1965 legislative performance reflected no great credit on either wing of the party. Gov. Pat Brown came pretty close to being the greatest governor since Goodwin Knight. You can't say less in kindness nor more in honesty.

It is not at all certain that Gov. Brown will run for reelection, or that he could be reelected if he does. His influence with California voters is a little short of sensational. Pat campaigned 100% for Controller Allan Cranston against Pierre Salinger, and Cranston was soundly trounced for the U.S. Senate nomination.

Then Brown somehow sweet-talked Salinger away from his original sponsors, and loudly proclaimed his support for Pierre. With Brown's help, Salinger managed to snatch defeat from apparently certain victory. Where does that leave Brown? Certainly not in undisputed control of the Democratic Party in California.

Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh is a political power. He is also an astute politician of unquestioned personal

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BENEFIT AHOY! Discussing plans for their upcoming benefit performance of Stanley Kramer's "Ship of Fools" Aug. 5, at the Stanley Warner Beverly Hills Theater are: port to starboard, Mrs. E. J. Koslchek, Mrs. F. Wenck, and Mrs. A. Friedman, members of the Executive Committee of the Cardiac Research Foundation. Proceeds will go toward cardiac research at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank, and St. John's Hospital, in Santa Monica.

City Council Box Score

By BEVERLY HEWETT

1. A San Francisco engineering firm submitted a \$40,000 parking feasibility survey bid and six-month research period. Council balked. This week — one week later — same company submitted new bid approximately half the cost and time. Council heartened. More on this later.

2. Information and post card ballots detailing long range savings to voters by purchase of the \$1.1 million Greystone estate will be mailed within the next few weeks.

3. Council voted to raise the minimum fine from \$2 for \$5 for violations of rubbish collection regulations. The Dept. of Public Works requests residents to cut refuse brush into three-foot lengths and provide adequate receptacles for rubbish.

Forgery Suspect Nabbed

Allen Beverly Hills police arrested Thomas Miller, of Dallas, Texas, wanted there on multiple charges. Detectives J. F. Edgars and J. R. Mourning interrupted the suspected forger's Beverly Hills plans. Miller was extradited before Judge Samuel Greenfield and is being returned to Texas.

EXCLUSIVE In Defense of Paul Bern

A flashback study of a much maligned and abused man is offered in the COURIER's exclusive article on MGM executive Paul Bern.

Bern, who married Jean Harlow only three months before he committed suicide, has been the subject of many theories.

This definitive study, beginning on page 3, was written especially for the COURIER by a first hand observer of the events back in 1932. Samuel Marr.



Viet Cong Kill BH Reservist

Daniel Joseph Bennett, a member of a very prominent Beverly Hills family, was killed by apparent sniper's fire in Viet Nam, early this week. Danny Bennett, as he was known to his family and friends, was 19. The family resides at 242 South Spalding Dr. here in Beverly Hills.

The youngster graduated from Beverly High last summer and joined the Naval Reserve. Danny was a 3rd class Petty Officer and was assigned to a Marine Corps helicopter as a medical corpsman approximately 8 weeks ago. Danny Bennett was out picking up the wounded when the apparent sniper's bullet found its mark.

Harry H. Bennett, Danny's grandfather, was the first P.T.A. president of Beverly Hills High. Danny's father, Harry Bennett, is a Commander in the Naval Reserve in Santa Monica.

The deceased is being returned from Viet Nam and the interment will be held at Rosecrans Cemetery, Point Loma in San Diego. Danny Bennett is survived by his mother and father, Comdr. and Mrs. Harry H. Bennett, and two brothers, Patrick, 20, and Christopher, 18.

The Bennett family, has been a leading Beverly Hills family for generations. Mrs. Ruth Moore Bennett, Danny's grandmother, is a member of the Beverly Hills Women's Club, and an elder at the Beverly

Visa Community Church. Both Danny's father and grandfather served as presidents of the Beverly Hills Kiwanis Club. Danny's father is presently Vice President of the Harry K. Co. Insurance Co. on N. Camden Dr.

Bev Vista Luncheon

Women's auxiliary of Beverly Vista Presbyterian Church will hold its annual summer medical offering luncheon Wednesday, July 28 at the church, 205 S. Elm Dr.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. W. F. McCall who will describe her experiences living at the Tangu Presbyterian Hospital in Korea with her doctor husband and five children.

Tickets are on sale at the church. For further information call 271-1404.

City of Beverly Hills Cites 16 Businesses for COVID-19 Infractions

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The City of Beverly Hills has issued more than three dozen citations to businesses and individuals for not complying with regulations put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic. The list of business includes prominent restaurants and shops, as well as office buildings in the Business Triangle. They were cited mostly for face covering or social distancing violations. Others were cited for lack of required County health protocol signage and for providing services after a required closure.

Beverly Hills announced its citation policy in April, when the state's number of COVID-19 infections was trailing behind counterparts on the East Coast. Those numbers have now taken a turn for the

worse. In the last few days, California has unseated New York as the state with the highest number of viral cases in the country.

Along with other cities in Los Angeles County, Beverly Hills has tapped the breaks on reopening the economy in recent weeks. Los Angeles County began to relax closures on businesses including salons and bars on June 19, but by July 13, had re-imposed restrictions on indoor services as infections rose.

As of July 23, Beverly Hills has issued approximately 42 citations out of a total of 4,292 contacts made with individuals and businesses, said City spokesperson Keith Sterling.

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COVID-19 Cases Climbing

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) has confirmed 49 new deaths and 2,014 new cases of COVID-19 as of July 23. To date, the agency has identified 166,848 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 4,262 deaths.

The number of cases in the City of Beverly Hills stands at 523.

County-wide, there are 2,210 confirmed cases currently hospitalized, 28 percent of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 19 percent are confirmed cases on ventilators. The number of hospitalizations has remained over 2,200 for five consecutive days.

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Beverly Hills City Council Debates Subsidies and Closures

BY LAURA COLEMAN

The Beverly Hills City Council held a Study Session on July 21 in which members discussed enacting a residential rent subsidy and expanding the OpenBH program.

Rent Subsidy for Landlords and Tenants

Residential landlords and tenants will get a financial reprieve following direction from City Council to move forward with a rent subsidy.

"We certainly have concurrence...that this is a program that we want to go forward with," Mayor Lester Friedman said. "I do think we need to get the biggest benefit for the dollar. I think saving both a landlord and a tenant should be our priority."

Originally proposed by Vice Mayor Bob Wunderlich last month, the July 21 Study Session marked the first time the Council formally discussed the item. Following discussion, Council directed staff to return with a cohesive plan to subsidize tenants and landlords unable to pay rent due to circumstances related to COVID-19. The City of Beverly Hills is a renter-majority City.

In March, the Council enacted a temporary moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent by residential tenants impacted by COVID-19. Once the emergency ends, tenants have 12 months to pay back rent that was not paid during the declared emergency. However, if the tenant fails to pay rent when the emergency declaration is lifted, the landlord will have grounds to evict the tenant for failure to pay rent.

"Although City Council has enacted a residential moratorium on evictions, once the ordinance is lifted many residents will be faced with evictions because of their inability to pay rent," states the July 21 staff report, which was authored by Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene and Deputy Director of Rent Stabilization Helen Morales. "To ensure tenants maintain their occupancy and avoid eviction, the rent subsidy should cover rent as it becomes due once the urgency ordinance is lifted."

The City Council must determine the amount to allocate for the subsidy as well as the source of funds. "I think we should add \$1 million to this," said Councilman John Mirisch. According to the staff report, \$537,000 may currently be available to fund the subsidy.

Morales detailed multiple options for implementing the subsidy, including the staff recommendation to provide it to the 166 tenants who have filed the COVID-19 Form with the City. The total cost to the City would be \$498,000 in such a scenario if the City offers a rent subsidy of \$1,000 for three months per household. Another scenario would be to pay the total monthly rent that the tenant is unable to pay once the urgency ordinance is lifted, which would require \$730,530 for a three-month rent subsidy.

In moving forward, the Council also expressed support for giving priority for residents with children who attend Beverly Hills schools, in addition to teachers within the school district. According to the staff report,

as of May 2018, 42 percent of the total Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) enrollment resided in rent-stabilized housing.

"It supports our residential community," said Vice Mayor Wunderlich. "I absolutely think this is the right thing to do."

Expanding Businesses

Following last week's direction from Council, staff detailed the possible expansion of the OpenBH program for businesses to utilize additional outdoor space. The program was created in response to the COVID-19 regulations that have significantly reduced revenue for businesses throughout Beverly Hills. Over 20 businesses have already availed themselves of the program, which allows the temporary expansion of services to adjacent areas such as parking lots, sidewalks, and metered parking spaces (parklets) through a Special Event Permit.

"We already are a pedestrian friendly City, and this is an opportunity for us to become more so," said Vice Mayor Bob Wunderlich.

While stopping short of recommending staff further explore full street closures in various parts of the business district, the Council was united in helping businesses further expand into outdoor areas. Costs to the City include a combination of waived permit fees, loss of revenue from parking meters and paying for various traffic control measures. The program currently waives the \$800 special event permit fee that each participating business is issued. To date, the City has waived \$21,600 in special event permit fees.

"The program has received positive feedback from the business community and residents alike," states the July 21 staff report, which was authored by Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager Laura Biery and Special Events and Filming Coordinator Magdalena Davis.

Throughout the City, various businesses have been successful in creatively pivoting operations to utilize the OpenBH programs, including Matsuhisa, which now offers dining on its parking lot and Color Me Mine, which now offers pottery-making outdoors.

Mayor Lester Friedman underscored the importance of ensuring that augmented operations don't bring more crowds who fail to abide by appropriate social distancing measures.

"With the resurgence of the COVID-19 virus, we really should be staying at home," he said.

"This is a matter of public health and safety...from that all else follows," said Councilman John Mirisch, who emphasized the need for increased enforcement.

The Council heard from several members of the business community, the majority of whom were largely supportive of expanding the program as long as it did not include closing streets.

"It would be selfish of me to promote a policy which benefits me while negatively impacts my neighbors," said Estiatorio Louka owner Vasili Kotsiosvos. "Accessibility is key in

West Hollywood City Council Considers "Pride" Alternative

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Following the departure of the foundation in charge of putting on West Hollywood's famous Pride Festival, that city has begun to re-envision what "Pride" will look like in the future. At a City Council meeting on July 20, members set in motion the process for considering their options.

West Hollywood has hosted the Los Angeles area's largest Pride Festival for over 30 years, organized each year by the non-profit Christopher Street West (CSW). It came as a surprise to many, including the West Hollywood City Council, when CSW sent a letter to them in mid-July notifying them that their annual parade and festival would no longer take place in West Hollywood.

"The Board of Directors decided to take this approach for several reasons," the letter reads. "These include construction in West Hollywood Park, the changing demographics of Greater Los Angeles, our commitment to being responsive to the LGBTQIA+ community's needs, and our allyship and collaboration with other movements for social change."

The CSW organization derives its name from the location of the Stonewall Inn riots of 1969. Those riots, in response to a police raid at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, are considered a key event leading to the gay liberation movement. Representatives from CSW did not respond to the Courier's request for comment on this story.

During the July 20 City Council meeting (which was held virtually), members of the public did make a number of comments about the festival's history and future.

"I can't speak for the reasons for this decision," said Remy Fellowman, "but I can say that the response online painted a stark picture. Many queer people wrote about how grateful they were to see the parade moved out of a neighborhood they described as white, rich, and generally inaccessible. I think it's worth considering that this is WeHo's current public image. Not a neighborhood that exists to protect all under the LGBTQ+ umbrella, but one that represents only a small, privileged segment of queer Angelenos."

After canceling this year's Pride Festival due to COVID-19, CSW decided to host a march in solidarity with Black Lives Matter following the murder of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis. The organization faced swift backlash, however, after submitting a special event permit application to the LAPD. The involvement of the police in a protest against

police violence rankled many activists.

The organization quickly canceled the event and issued an apology, writing on Instagram, "as we quickly mobilized this protest, we proceeded to approach the permitting as we would normally do with organizing the annual L.A. Pride Parade... In that haste, we overlooked the direct police involvement that permitting involves. We understand that clearly goes against the demands for systemic police reform."

Tens of thousands of protesters did take to the streets in West Hollywood and Hollywood on June 14 for an All Black Lives Matter march. That event was organized by Black LGBTQ+ Activists for Change, a newly-formed group composed entirely of Black LGBTQ people, not by CSW.

Now, some members of the West Hollywood City Council think it is time to reinvent the entire concept of the Pride Festival.

"I wish CSW had been more of a partner and had a conversation with us before pulling up stakes...but I do wish them a fond farewell and a happy landing wherever they do end up," said Councilmember John D'Amico.

"I think we have to be prepared to just blow open all the structure, the framework, the limiting boxes, the past and start with a completely clean slate," said Councilmember John Duran.

"Historically, with Christopher Street West, over time, the 2010 festival looked no different than the 2015 looked no different than the 2018 festival," Duran said. "Not only was it stale and stagnant, but it got so caught up in the issue of some of the identity politics that consume the LGBT community that it lost sight about what the whole weekend was supposed to be about."

D'Amico did have some kind words for the City's former partner. "Many of us have seen the hard work the organization has engaged in for many decades and have the photos to prove it," he said.

Mayor Pro Tempore John Heilman, a law professor at USC, expressed the need to get legal advice about the city possibly sponsoring its own parade. He noted that at this point, it makes more sense to be small.

"If we can safely fill our bars and restaurants and few outdoor events in 2021, I think we will have success," he said.

CSW has not announced the new location for its next Pride Festival. ●

allowing our business owners to operate and expand in ways that benefit each personally. Closing access to the street will make it more difficult for our community to reach and support us."

"This would kill off an already fragile retail situation," cautioned Carroll Custom owner John Carroll, in reference to the possible closure of Canon.

According to the staff report, there was not "overwhelming" support for a full street

closure on South Beverly Drive and North Canon Drive among the business owners surveyed. "Businesses were however supportive of parklets or smaller scale expansions into the roadway that continued to preserve some parking and travel access," stated the report.

"I wholeheartedly support this program and its expansion," advocated Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce CEO Todd Johnson. "We're in a different world right now." ●

Human Relations Commission Accepting Nominations for Embrace Civility Award

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Commission Seeks Nominations

The City's Human Relations Commission is seeking nominations for its 10th annual Embrace Civility Award. Members of the community may nominate individuals (or a group of people) who demonstrate and promote positive behavior. The purpose of the Embrace Civility Award is to honor those who demonstrate respectful and responsible actions towards others, actionable kindness and positive neighbor-to-neighbor relations.

Nomination forms are available at www.beverlyhills.org/embracecivilityaward. Hard copies of the downloaded form may also be submitted by mail. All nominations must be received by September 4, 2020.

In selecting a candidate/s, the award

will be given to a community member who exemplifies one or more of the following attributes:

- Acts as a role model of positive behavior
- Takes a stand in support of respect and responsible actions
- Promotes positive neighbor-to-neighbor relations.

"We're looking to honor someone who has created positive, lasting civil change and inspires others to take action," said Human Relations Commission Chair Ori Blumenfeld. "We're asking the community for their help in identifying our next Embrace Civility Award honoree/s."

The winner will be honored by the City Council with a plaque at a future meeting. All nominees will be recognized by the Human Relations Commission.

The Embrace Civility Award is part of the ongoing, award winning Embrace Civility program, which promotes positive human relations in all aspects of community life. The program began in 2010, when the City of Beverly Hills Human Relations Commission established the importance of embracing civility and integrated the principles of civility, respect and responsible action into daily business at City Hall and municipal election proceedings.

For more information, contact the Human Services Division at 310-285-1006. •

BHUSD Prepares for Distance Learning

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On July 21, the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education held a Study Session unanimously voting to approve the drafted reopening plan for the fall of 2020. BHUSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy presented the "Return 2 Learn" reopening plan with two options: A virtual learning plan called the Independent Learning Center (ILC) and a distance learning option called Live@BHUSD that will replace the hybrid learning option. Live@BHUSD includes increased expectations for live instruction and classes held in a routine that mirrors the bell schedule and will return in phases to the physical classroom when deemed appropriate. A detailed reopening plan that includes distance learning expectations, health and safety measures, cleaning and disinfecting operations, gradual reintegration steps, social emotional wellness, and more is expected to be published late this week. However, there is no exact timeline yet as to when the physical school will reopen for students. The meeting came four days after

Governor Newsom announced new guidance prohibiting both public and private schools from reopening for in-person instruction if they are in counties on the state's "monitoring list," which tracks Coronavirus data. During the Study Session, Bregy repeated that in all likelihood, BHUSD will begin the school year on August 17 with a new state-wide required rigorous distance learning plan that includes: daily live interaction for every child with teachers and other students; class assignments that are challenging and equivalent to in-person instruction; devices and connectivity so that every child can participate in distance learning and targeted support for English language learners and special education students.

"Learning is non-negotiable," Governor Newsom declared in his July 17 statement. "The virus will be with us for a year or more, and school districts must provide meaningful instruction in the midst of this pandemic. (BHUSD continues on page 13)

Beverly Hills City Council Formal Session Round-up

BY LAURA COLEMAN

The Beverly Hills City Council approved several items at its Formal Session on July 21, including welcoming new commissioners and moving forward with an environmental agreement as part of the Beverly Hills Creative Offices project.

New Commissioners

The Council unanimously voted to appoint three new City commissioners: Lisa Kay Schwartz, Sharona Nazarian and Terri Smooke. Each will be appointed for an initial two-year term.

Schwartz will join the Traffic and Parking Commission, with her term beginning on July 1, 2021. She will replace outgoing Commissioner David Seidel, whose term ends June 30, 2021.

Nazarian will join the Public Works Commission beginning on Jan. 1, 2021. She will replace outgoing Commissioner Jerrold S. Felsenthal, whose term ends Dec. 30.

Smooke will join the Design Review Commission on Jan. 1, 2021. She will replace outgoing Commissioner Mahnaz Sharifi Ardani, whose term ends Dec. 30.

Beverly Hills Creative Offices

The Council voted unanimously to approve an agreement between the City and California-based environmental firm Dudek for a purchase order in the not-to-exceed amount of \$472,626 for consulting services to prepare environmental documentation for the proposed Beverly Hills Creative Offices Specific Plan Project. All associated costs will be paid for by the project applicant, Beverly Hills Land Company, LLC.

The project proposal is for 11 new office buildings that range from three to four stories in height on a former railroad right-of-way parcel that runs parallel to North Santa Monica Boulevard (9220 N. Santa Monica Blvd.) and is commonly referred to as "Lot 12." The proposed project would require a General Plan Amendment, a Zoning Map and Zone Text Amendment, the adoption of a new Specific Plan, the approval of a Vesting Tentative Tract Map, and a Development Agreement. In moving forward, the project applicant is also proposing to transfer ownership of a second parcel (Lot 13) to the City to use for the public benefit. (City Council continues on page 16)

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Picnicking in Beverly Hills and Beyond

BY CAROLE DIXON



Chado DIY Afternoon Tea

Many of our favorite social gathering places, including indoor restaurants and bars, might be closed for the foreseeable future, but outdoor dining and picnics are flourishing for the summer months all across town. Here are some local picnic sites to get your mind off the pandemic, along with suggestions as to where to pick up a perfect picnic spread.

If you plan to head west, a beach picnic is a natural choice. While the beaches are open, some nearby parks, such as Will Rogers, are closed for picnics. Palisades Park along Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica is walking distance from many great food options and provides a view without venturing down to the sand. There are even some picnic tables on the north end past the rose garden.

If a drive up the coast sounds more appealing, the dog-friendly Leo Carrillo State Park in Malibu near the county line is about 28 miles from Santa Monica. The area is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and is first-come, first served unless you make a reservation for a campground spot.

Heading south, the often-overlooked Marina Beach is a manmade sandy spot built in 2018 with a view of the Marina del Rey harbor boats. The half-mile area near Admiralty Way and Via Marina allows for kayaking and windsurfing plus picnics near the shoreline.

As for the right food to accompany your outing, year-old Lanea on Broadway in Santa Monica is making beach or park picnics for National Tequila Day on July 24, and throughout the weekend. The Fiesta Meal Picnic Pack includes tacos, chips, pico de gallo, handmade small-batch cocktails that are canned in-house with Jaja Tequila and Cazadores Tequila, a Mexican serape blanket

along with a deck of UNO game cards or a party piñata.

On 7th street in Santa Monica, Esters Wine Shop & Bar offers a variety of beautiful meat and cheese platters in different sizes that come on bamboo plates that are placed inside a box, with a sticker on the inside of the lid that explains the content origins. All the orders include accoutrements such as crostini, cornichons, corn nuts, olives, chutney and honey. They have a huge selection of wine to pair with your order and a variety of curated canned wine packs created for quarantine, such as the “Tastes Like Summer” with rosé.

Esters Co-Owner and Rustic Canyon Family Wine Director Kathryn Coker makes no excuses for the canned wine. “There are so many canned wines out there right now and it’s so great to have an alternative to beer for a casual occasion,” she told the Courier. “Unfortunately, great packaging doesn’t always equal great wine inside, but in this case, it does. I’m obsessed with the packaging and the quality of the product behind all the cans in this pack. Plus, they’re all from chemical-free vineyards - so you can feel so good about what you’re drinking.”

For an alfresco dessert party, Sweet Rose Creamery in Brentwood is now offering an Ice Cream Sundae Party Pack that includes six pints, a jar of hot fudge, two toppings, spoons, cups, napkins and a dry ice-filled freezer bag. It’s portable, picnic-friendly and available for curbside pickup, takeout or delivery if you’d rather just enjoy an ice cream social in your own home garden.

If the hills are more appealing for your jaunt and you are missing the summer concert series at The Hollywood Bowl, you don’t have to miss out on the excellent food and



Esters Meat & Cheese Platter. Photo by Lindsey Huttner

day-drinking wine selections from Suzanne Goin and Caroline Styne. Order a full three-course meal, such as the famous Spanish fried chicken (from A.O.C. and Tavern), which comes with a salad and dessert, or a BBQ meal for two, among other fish and meat menu favorites. Pick-up is available through lot A and picnicking is still offered on-site, just north of the Bowl in designated areas, or you can take it on the road.

Not too far away, Griffith Park is another great picnic location. The Vermont gate is open from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and picnic options include the Old Zoo on Crystal Springs and Amir’s Garden, which is a hike from the Mineral Wells area.

If you’re already in Hollywood, and a last-minute planner, head to the Franklin Village Oaks Gourmet Market and café. This spot at the bottom of the hills is known for charcuterie platters, burgers, sandwiches, and picnic baskets that include bottled water and wine, along with glasses and a corkscrew, so you have everything you need in one spot.

Heading East to Pasadena, the Arlington Gardens is a botanical oasis in the middle of the city where you can roam with your dog (on a leash) and picnic with social distancing from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Chado Tea Room in Old Town has become an L.A. institution and they are now offering an afternoon tea experience to-go, specifically created for picnics with friends or family. Choose from over 300 global teas, along with finger sandwiches, salads and pastries in pretty boxes tied with a bow for your excursion.

Also, in the Old Town area, Chef Tachibe (formerly of CHAYA) can be found at Osawa in Pasadena creating bento boxes with miso-marinated grilled salmon and

soy-glazed black cod, plus eight-piece sushi combos for outings—and don’t forget their sparkling sake. If you’re craving a meat feast, Gus’s BBQ on Fair Oaks will whip up a southern-style picnic platter with a mix-and-match selection from ribs to fried chicken, along with sides, salads and beer.

Closer to Beverly Hills, grab a signature comfort food picnic from Joan’s on Third. The box includes everything from homemade soup, mac and cheese, granola, chicken enchiladas, potato chips and Nutella loaf bread, and you can add a bottle of red, white or pink wine to your order. Beef up your pre-order with fried chicken or baby-back ribs, but be sure to check the daily menu for specials before you order.

For a casual lunch, Clementine in Century City is a great bakery and coffee pit-stop, but they also offer an off-menu item called “Clementine in a box” that was created specifically for events and picnics. This includes their popular smoked turkey and avocado or tuna salad with watercress sandwich, a Caesar or green salad, and the famous chocolate-chip cookie. Add their house-specialty, ginger lime-aid or tropical iced-tea drinks to your order. They will need one day’s notice and beware they are closed on Sundays.

If you want to enjoy the outdoors but don’t want to venture too far, Coldwater Canyon Park is open and you can picnic on the grass. (Picnic tables are taped off for now.) The Franklin Canyon Park trails are also open, but you need to reserve a table and picnicking requires a permit, so you just might want to recreate the scene with one of these gourmet outdoor meals in your own backyard. ●



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Medical Advisory Task Force Answers Tough COVID-19 Questions

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

July 17 marked the third joint meeting between the Beverly Hills City Council and the City's Medical Advisory Task Force, continuing a dialogue between the governing body and a group of experts lauded for their achievements in their respective medical fields.

The Task Force's creation in March was spearheaded by then Mayor John Mirisch as part of the City's response to COVID-19. While the agenda is for discussion purposes only, the exchange informs and promotes public health policy – part of the City's proactive efforts to flatten the curve. Topics ranged from the increased spread of the virus seen among young people, to voluntary contact tracing, safety concerns regarding outdoor dining and the dangerous lack of national leadership.

Medical Advisory Task Force members include David B. Agus, M.D.; Mike Altschule; Kirk Y. Chang, M.D.; Rhonda Curry; Annabelle de St Maurice, M.D.; Jazmin Diego, MSW; Jonathan Fielding, M.D.; MPH, M.A., MBA; Joel Geiderman, M.D.; FACEP; Julian A. Gold, M.D.; Karen Grimley, R.N., Ph.D.; Lee H. Hilborne, M.D.; David Hopp, M.D.; Irving Posalski, M.D.; Enrique Terrazas, M.D.; Sam Torbati, M.D.; Daniel Z. Uslan, M.D.; Rachel Zabner, M.D.; Alyssa Ziman, M.D. and guest

member Erica Felsenthal, Ph.D.

Before Mayor Lester Friedman read the first of four questions prepared by the Council, he introduced Task Force member Dr. Jonathan Fielding, one of the leading public health experts in the world. Fielding served for 16 years as the Director of Public Health and Health Officer for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and distinguished professor of Health Policy and Management and of Pediatrics in the Schools of Public Health and Medicine at UCLA. In addition to presenting an update on COVID-19 metrics in the City, Fielding commanded everyone's attention to highlight a solemn message.

"Schools are a huge problem, and because things are getting worse it's harder and harder to recommend that schools open," Fielding said. "But we have to focus on those kids, otherwise we're going to wind up with a whole generation of those who have not had the right kind of help in terms of their education, and are not going to get the good jobs and going to continue to exacerbate the inequities we have now. Focusing on the schools is absolutely critical."

Below, the experts weigh in on important questions shaping the future.

"What is the impact of large gatherings, such as the protests, on the spread of COVID-19 and it's current spike related to those protests?"

"It's not a masking issue, it's a transmissibility issue. And at the end of the day, the issue is getting the transmissibility down to one. It's entirely an epidemiology issue. So, when we talk about the impact of large gatherings, that increases transmissibility when we talk about not social distancing. I think when we ask the question about large scale gatherings such as protests or whatever, particularly without masks, those will increase transmissibility. We know that the virus in a general population has a transmissibility of about 2.5 people. So that every person who's infected can spread it in fact about two and a half people. The goal needs to be to get that lead to less than one."

-Lee H. Hilborne, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, UCLA Senior Medical Director, Medical Affairs Quest Diagnostics; Past President of the American Society for Clinical Pathology

"There was an observational study for a protest demonstration near the UCLA Medical Center. In the case, there were 2000 demonstrators not practicing social

distancing, but for the most part, wearing masks during the demonstrations. Most of the people attending that demonstration were healthcare workers at UCLA Medical Center, who are currently being, and were being tracked for detectability for COVID-19 exposure and contraction. Guess what the answer was. None. Zero. So, more than two weeks later there was no contraction among any of the attendees at that demonstration, as they're being followed by UCLA by testing."

- David Hopp, M.D., President, Los Angeles County Medical Association, District 7 Beverly Hills and Cedars-Sinai; Senior Attending Surgeon, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery; Founder, CEO YouthFill MD

"What is the advice of the taskforce about measures that the City should or could be taking?"

"The consideration that I am putting forward is a volunteer contact tracing proposal for the City of Beverly Hills. That would be a voluntary automated contact tracing program, much like the one undertaken in New Zealand.

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California Dreaming

BY MARK RIOS AND JOHN LAMBERT PEARSON

In this issue, the Courier is pleased to present the next installment of an ongoing series by Mark Rios, FAIA, FASLA and John Lambert Pearson, ASLA. Rios is founder and Creative Director of RIOS, an acclaimed design practice based in Los Angeles. Rios launched the firm in 1985 with a singular vision: to imagine, design, and build complete environments. Under his

At RIOS we are inspired time and again by our location in California, a magnificent place where almost anything can grow. Early settlers recognized the potential of this fertile and untamed land and brought palms, along with all the fruits of southern Europe, including the olive, the pomegranate, the fig, the lemon, the orange, the apple, the pear, the peach, and above all else the wine grape. Once California became a state, adventurers, daredevils, and outlaws flocked to the west, drawn by its bountiful agriculture, the glamorous motion picture industry, and the allure of shimmering

leadership, RIOS (formerly RCH Studios) has gained renown for its groundbreaking, multidisciplinary approach to commissions. John Lambert Pearson is Senior Project Designer at RIOS. He is known for combining his extensive horticultural expertise with an avid interest in the social and cultural factors of design to realize his clients' visions.

sandy beaches and palm oases. It became stylish for these California dreamers, many of whom were artists, actors, or writers, to book "Grand Tours" on steamers, traveling to Spain, Italy, and Persia, returning with visions of recreating their own Alhambra in Beverly Hills. Travelers would inundate architects and landscape designers with photos of memorable sites from their tours and request they combine these elements into an estate all their own, creating an eclectic style that was simultaneously Islamic, Italian, Spanish and ultimately Californian.

California is blessed with this history of garden influences that allow us to mix and match as needed, along with a climate that has welcomed an influx of plant species from around the globe. Over time, plants from South America, Australia, and Africa have been introduced to the Californian garden and all can be grown with ease. This means that your garden can become anything you want, which may be slightly overwhelming to an inexperienced gardener. If you lack direction, we recommend taking your own Grand Tour (either physically or virtually, depending on your destination). It might not be feasible to travel to Europe at the moment, but there are plenty of palatial estates and prodigious botanical gardens to safely visit here in Southern California.

Beverly Hills is home to Virginia Robinson Gardens, originally built in 1911 by Harry and Virginia Robinson as the first grand estate in the neighborhood. Their inspiration was to create a "Gothic Indonesian, Islamic home" after returning from a three-year honeymoon in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. They collected seeds, statues, and inspiration along their journey, including many rare and exotic plants they wanted to grow in their dream home. Virginia had a clear

desire to spend as much time outdoors as possible and curated a theme garden chock full of experiences for her guests, complete with tiered patios and extensive views of the surrounding city. Her gardens were a means to extend her communal life and social circle – Virginia was known for her legendary parties with guests like Elvis Presley, Marlene Dietrich, and Fred Astaire. This lush Beverly Hills landmark is now documented on the National Register of Historic Places and is open to the public by guided tour. Virginia's gardens are a quintessential representation of the Mediterranean melting pot that was realized early on in California, full to the brim with ancient cycads, Moorish fountains, winding paths, grand staircases, and the largest collection of king palms in the continental U.S.

If perhaps your taste leans slightly more towards the spiritual, we recommend a trip to the mystical Lotusland in Montecito. Originally built as a nursery in 1882, Lotusland was transformed into a spectacular garden collection over 30 years (note that gardens take a long time – your own garden will grow, evolve, and change with time and care) under the watchful eye of Ganna Walska, a tremendously unusual Polish opera singer who married six times and is even rumored to have inspired aspects of the screenplay for "Citizen Kane." Lotusland exists on 37 acres of land and features over 20 theme gardens, some of which are inspired by a color (the blue garden), some contain a specific type of plant (the cycad garden), while others are inspired by a location (the Japanese garden). These themes are overlaid with programming – there are areas intended for parties, gatherings, and even theatrical performances throughout the property. Perhaps the most unique of all Ganna's gardens is

the Aloe Garden, featuring a white reflecting pool ringed by handlaid abalone shells and a luxurious cascading fountain made from giant clams. Programmatically, this garden was created to watch the full moon rise, reflected in the water below. The pool is surrounded by spectacular aloes of all shapes, colors, and sizes, creating an intriguing yet slightly odd haven in the middle of the garden. Lotusland was a place for Ganna to practice yoga and spiritualism along with her horticultural imagination. Her theatrical whimsy, flirty juxtapositions, and bold inventions represent the playfulness and eclectic style of modern California gardens. Ganna's unparalleled take on garden themes should inspire any visitor to harness their botanical imagination.

We hope that visiting these gardens invigorates and energizes you to cultivate your own plot of land, uniquely suited to your desires. Be like the early Californians – take pictures of garden elements that delight you and use them as inspiration to compose your fantasy or bring them to a landscape architect if you need assistance. The RIOS team has similarly found inspiration in these Californian estates and theme gardens while designing a new botanical garden in Beverly Hills with Foster + Partners at One Beverly Hills. The gardens will embody the vivid diversity offered by Southern California's climate and floral range through nine distinct botanical experiences that are simultaneously verdant and drought tolerant. More than four acres of garden will be open to the public on a daily basis, allowing visitors to explore an orchestrated collection of plants – perhaps the gardens at One Beverly Hills will become the inspiration for you to create a green oasis of your own someday. ●



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Virginia Robinson Gardens

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Beit T'Shuvah Circle of Majesty Annual Luncheon Goes Virtual

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Beit T'Shuvah is a nonprofit long-term addiction treatment center located in Los Angeles. For more than 30 years, it has been dedicated to helping those struggling with addiction rediscover their passion and purpose through an integrative treatment model rooted in spirituality, connection, and community.

Beit T'Shuvah's Circle of Majesty spring luncheon is an annual tradition that raises funds to help those struggling with addiction. This year, the pandemic made a live event impossible. But, Circle members nonetheless held their event virtually. Under the leadership of Annette Shapiro and Janice Kamenir-Reznik, the event raised more than \$76,000. The funds are particularly needed at this difficult time, when many other nonprofits have permanently closed their doors.

To find out more about the organization, visit <https://beittshuvah.org>.

City Council Engagements

The weekend after Independence Day, Mayor Lester Friedman's son and Vice Mayor Bob Wunderlich's daughter became engaged, though not to each other.

Adam Friedman and Liza Turkheimer became engaged at the Rooftop of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, in Beverly Hills. While Michele Wunderlich and Dan Green got engaged while on a hike at Crystal Lake in Mammoth Lakes. Congratulations to both couples.



Adam Friedman and Liza Turkheimer



Michele Wunderlich and Dan Green

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In California, health data will determine when a school can be physically open – and when it must close – but learning should never stop. Students, staff, and parents all prefer in-classroom instruction, but only if it can be done safely.”

As of press date, there are 32 counties on the state’s watch list, including Los Angeles, Sacramento, Orange and San Diego. Schools in counties that are not on the monitoring list are able to reopen following health and safety guidelines recommended by the California Department of Public Health. For schools that will reopen, Newsom outlined expectations, such as: all staff and students in grades 3-12 must wear masks, and students in second grade and under are encouraged to wear masks; staff should maintain at least six feet of physical distance between each other and their students; staff should be tested regularly for Covid-19 in cohorts; schools must screen for Covid-19 symptoms, including temperature checks and maintain robust handwashing stations, sanitizing and more.

Newsom articulated that any county on the state monitoring list must be off of that list for at least 14 consecutive days before any school within that county can have in-person learning. Otherwise, schools must conduct the statewide required distance learning. Hours after Newsom’s briefing, Bregy released a video summarizing the governor’s expectations and what it means for the BHUSD community. Bregy stated, “We know in all likelihood, due to the fact

that L.A. County is on the monitoring list now, that we will begin the school year with distance learning.” He assured the BHUSD community that distance learning “will not resemble home learning 2.0.”

The virtual ILC option for the fall remains the same, offering online learning exclusively for the first full semester. The deadline to enroll in the ILC has been extended to July 27 at 8 a.m., and those who do not apply for the ILC will be automatically placed in Live@BHUSD. As of July 21, 441 students – 13 percent of the student population – have enrolled in the ILC.

Students in grades 6-12 enrolled in the ILC will have a one-hour appointment with an assigned BHUSD teacher, and four opportunities throughout the week to participate in multi-student tutoring sessions in math, science, social studies and English. Elementary students in the ILC will be assigned a grade level teacher and meet in small groups each day. Grades TK-2 will receive between 5-10 minutes of instruction per subject every day, and grades 3-5 will receive between 20 to 30 minutes of instruction per subject daily. BHUSD will offer ILC students access to additional individual support and social-emotional support with a morning check-in.

Students enrolled in Live@BHUSD will have daily live interaction online while at home using a BHUSD device. Teachers will live stream instruction daily and students will follow their current schedules. There will still be a late start every Wednesday and two early release Thursday each month.

The option strives to mimic the classroom experience and mirrors the bell schedule. Attendance and grading expectations are forthcoming. Students will be integrated in phases back to the physical campus as directed by the public health order.

Bregy underscored the difference between Live@BHUSD and transitioning back to the physical classroom. “We’re going to be preparing scenarios to share with our Board of Education about ways to move forward. There’s many options and choices in the future on how we begin to open up. We know that right now, there is a plan in place for symptom checking for staff and students.” He added, “We’re looking at testing, and how that’s being done. A lot of this is evolving because even some of the testing that’s being done now is being delayed and we’re not getting quick results. We’re being told that there are many new tests on the horizon that will give immediate results, and we’re hoping that happens sooner than later.”

BHUSD is also looking into ways in which they can assist families with childcare. “Not every childcare option is going to be a good

fit for every family,” said Bregy.

Although published reports this week alluded to the fact that California school districts could apply for a waiver to allow elementary schools to resume in-person learning, BHUSD has not received official notification of that policy. “The waiver was not mentioned in any way in the COVID-19 Industry Guidance: School and School-Based Programs...The only wording available in the document suggests that staff, parents, and community organizations would need to be consulted to apply for such a waiver should any formal document be announced,” Rebecca Starkins, the spokesperson for BHUSD told the Courier.

“I would say nothing’s off the table right now,” said Bregy. “Because we don’t know what that transition is going to be. When the future public health orders are revised, and they will be, then we will look at that information to help us transition kids back in. It may very well be there is a hybrid version that we need to go to before we have all the students back, but it’s just too early to tell.” ●

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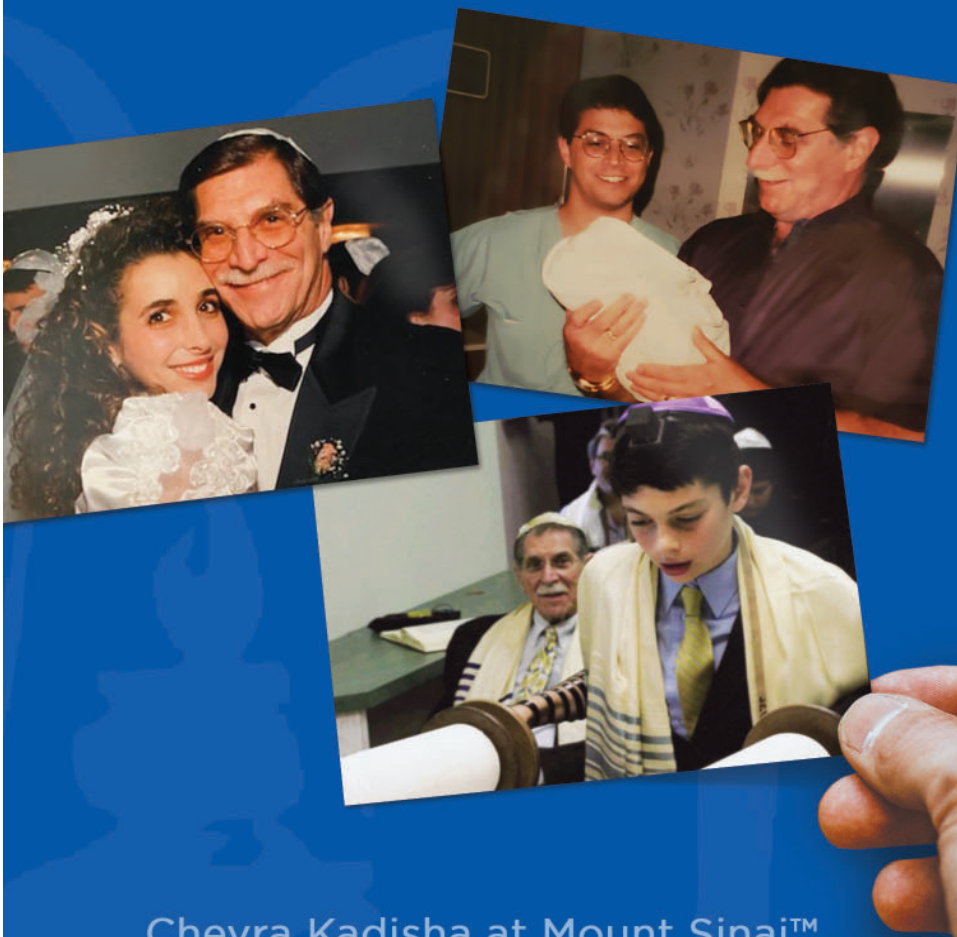
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Marjorie Platt December 24, 1921 - July 11, 2020



Margie and Herman Platt

Los Angeles resident Marjorie Platt passed away on July 11 from complications of COVID-19. She was a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who lived what relatives described as a "grand and glorious" life of 98 years. She was married for 60 years to Herman Platt, raising two daughters of their own, along with Herman's three older children. As a couple, the Platts devoted tremendous time and resources to religious and medical institutions, such as Sinai Temple, Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Vista Del Mar, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, the United Jewish Fund, the Jewish Home for the Aging, the City of Hope, and the UCLA Foundation. Margie was a founder and major fundraiser for the University of Judaism in Los Angeles (now American Jewish University), where they endowed the Marjorie and Herman Platt Art Gallery.

Margie's grandson, Beverly Hills realtor and star of "Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles," Josh Flagg, paid tribute to his grandmother on social media.

"When I was a little boy, I was fortunate enough not only to grow up with amazing parents but also with two sets of incredible, fabulous, and wonderful grandparents," said Flagg.

He likened his grandmother to the character Norma Desmond from the classic Hollywood film *Sunset Boulevard*. "When you would call her in the morning she would pick up the phone and without even knowing who it was (whether it be a family member, a gardener or a solicitor) she would say, 'Good morning darling isn't it just divine outside this morning,'" he shared.



Marjorie and Herman Platt receiving award at event. Pictured (from left) Jack Ostrow, Herman and Marjorie Platt, David Lieber, and Harold Easton



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City is staffing booths this weekend

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Twenty-five of the citations were issued to individuals for not wearing face coverings; two for not social distancing and 16 for businesses out of compliance with safety mandates.

Cited businesses as of July 23 include: Benheart; Caffé Roma; Chef Ming's Kitchen; Estiatorio Louka; Heritage Wines; MCM; Pliny; Prospect Gourmand; Rite Aid; Via Alloro; Blasteran; the Office Building at 340 N Camden; Pauly Solo Fitness; Ocean Prime; Gelato-Go and Frida Cantina Frida Mexican

Cuisine.

The Courier was unable to obtain comments from the cited businesses before press time but will include them in next week's issue.

"All persons shall wear face coverings when they leave their homes or places of residence if that person has potential to come within six feet of another person not a member of their household," wrote Beverly Hills Mayor Lester Friedman in a reminder email sent out on Friday. Face coverings must also be worn by all employees

at businesses and restaurants in the City.

Under the City's Municipal Code, the penalty for individuals cited for not wearing a face covering is \$100 for the first offence, \$200 for the second, and \$500 for the third and subsequent offenses. Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Manhattan Beach, and Calabasas have all announced similar steps in enforcing the safety measures.

Los Angeles County Director of Public Health Dr. Barbara Ferrer issued a sobering statement this week: "Every family that loses a loved one to COVID-19 is left with a void in their lives that they will never be able to fill.

A lax attitude to this virus can be deadly for someone you love. You could be infected, not know it, and pass the infection to someone you love who may not be as lucky as you. Please be caring of those around you, wear a face covering, maintain physical distancing and practice hand hygiene. It can save lives," she said.

Beverly Hills will staff booths throughout the business district and parks on Fridays and Saturdays to answer the public's questions about face coverings and safety measures. ●

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Brian Goldberg Case

While the federal court may have ruled this month in favor of the City with respect to former Beverly Hills Unified School District Board of Education President Brian Goldberg's civil action against the City brought in 2016, it was not without cost. "We did spend a fair amount of money on this case," stated City Attorney Larry Wiener. Over the course of five years, Wiener said the City spent \$308,000 in its efforts to prevail.

Goldberg had claimed that he was falsely arrested and his Constitutional rights violated related to his 2015 arrest on misdemeanor battery charges. At the time of Goldberg's arrest, he had been vocal in his capacity as Board of Education president in tying then Police Chief Dave Snowden to a Conflict of Interest scandal involving private security company Evidence Based, Inc., which had a contract with BHUSD.

More Legal Fees

The Council agreed to authorize a change purchase order to pay an additional \$170,000 to Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak to provide legal services related to the prosecution of municipal code violations. The additional appropriation of funds increases the total amount to be paid to the law firm to \$770,000.

"Due to greater than expected costs of prosecuting municipal code violations in Fiscal Year 2019/2020, primarily as a result of civil cases regarding party houses, AIRBNB-type rentals, unlicensed drug rehabilitation facilities, and lobbyist prosecutions, a change purchase order is required," states the July 21 staff report, which was authored by City Attorney Larry Weiner.

Helping Hotels

The Council unanimously voted to defer payment of the municipal surcharge by hotels, similar to what it previously voted to do with respect to the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) paid by hotels. The municipal surcharge at hotels is in addition to the TOT. The decision was made in an effort to help hotels, which are suffering financially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the July 21 staff report, which was authored by Budget and Revenue Officer Don Harrison and Management Analyst Arlene Veluz, hoteliers originally believed that the municipal surcharge was deferred under the same terms as the TOT.

In voting to adopt the resolution ratifying the Director of Emergency Services Order No. 3, hotels can defer payment of the municipal surcharge for the months of February, March and April in the same

manner as the City Council deferred TOT payments for those three months. In order to qualify for the deferral, the hotel must enter into a written payment agreement with the City as follows: the February 2020 and March 2020 municipal surcharge shall be paid in six equal monthly installment payments by the first of each month beginning Oct. 1 through March 1, 2021. The April municipal surcharge must be paid by Aug. 30.

"The fiscal impact of this item would be a loss of investment revenue of about \$2,000 derived from development agency fees/municipal surcharges for the months of February 2020 and March 2020," states the staff report.

Legislative Support

The Council voted to accept recommendations codified by Policy and Management Analyst Cynthia Owens to take a position on a variety of federal and state legislative bills. The recommendations mirror what was agreed upon by the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison Legislative/Lobby Committee of Vice Mayor Bob Wunderlich and Councilman John Mirisch.

Among the bills the Council voted to support were two dealing specifically with the COVID-19 pandemic, including: Assembly Bill 1436 (Chiu) - Tenancy: Rental Payment Default: State of Emergency: COVID-19; and Senate Bill 1410 (Caballero) - COVID-19 Emergency: Tenancies. With respect to AB 1436, the City would face a potential decrease to business tax revenue from property owners due to potential deferral of rental payments for the duration of the pandemic. SB 1410 would prohibit the landlord from serving a notice terminating the tenancy during the state of emergency.

The Council also voted to take a stand opposing two bills, unless amended, including a bill dealing with housing: Senate Bill 902 (Wiener) - Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Density. The bill would authorize a local government to pass an ordinance, notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified by the local government in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site. "While this bill does not require a local jurisdiction to increase the amount of units that may be built on a residential parcel, it does grant a local jurisdiction the ability to override a voter approved initiative on zoning. This would not necessarily be in the best interest of the City," states the staff report, which was authored by Owens. ●

Dr. Melvin Hyam Present

August 31, 1943 - July 15, 2020



Dr. Melvin Hyam Present was born on August 31, 1943 in Chicago, IL. to his parents, Samuel and Mollye. Upon Samuel's death, Mollye and her sisters, Goldie and Rosalie, raised him. Dr. Present earned his DPM in 1967 from the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University. He then served in the U.S. Army for two years at Fort Hood, TX, and was Honorably Discharged in 1969 to begin his podiatry practice of over 50 years in Beverly Hills. He decided to retire last year so he could enjoy more time with friends and family.

Dr. Present loved the Jewish culture, art, music, travel, business ventures and of course, helping others. He was described by many as "an authentic truth seeker." He was a member of the Chicago Masonic Lodge # 437 for 55 years. He was also a valuable member of the Board at Plaza Towers West Hollywood.

Dr. Present is survived by his cousins Meyer, Steve and Fred S. Sokol, his personal assistant of 26 years, Christina Rivera, as well as countless friends, associates and dedicated patients. He was a man of few words, but his lessons of life and friendship will carry on in the hearts of all he touched. We have lost a great friend and wonderful human being.

His final resting place is Waldheim Cemetery in Forest Park, Il. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Jewish Free Loan Association at www.jfla.org.

(COVID-19 continued from page 1)

Earlier this week, LACDPH announced that the COVID-19 was on pace to become the second leading cause of death in the county, just behind coronary heart disease. More than 3,400 people died from the infection in the first six months of the year, killing more people than Alzheimer's Disease, other kinds of heart disease, stroke and COPD. By comparison, influenza killed 1,521 people during the 2019 flu season from October to May.

According to officials, new cases of the virus continue to be driven by people under the age of 41 years old. On June 22, the seven-day average of new cases was 1,763, now the county is averaging 2,952 new cases a day - almost twice as many cases reported just a month ago. This is higher than at any point this entire pandemic.

In another grim milestone, California surpassed New York this week as the state with the highest number of confirmed infections.

Health officials stress that it is important

if someone thinks they could be positive for COVID-19 and are awaiting testing results, to stay at home and act as if they are positive. This means self-isolating for 10 days and 24 hours after symptoms and fever subside. If a person has a positive lab result for COVID-19, expect a public health specialist from L.A. County Public Health to contact them by phone to interview about possible exposures and to identify others who may have also been exposed to the infection. The information is protected and cannot be shared with others except in emergency situations. A public health specialist will never ask for a social security number, payment or documented status.

Public Health has a dedicated call line for confirmed cases of COVID-19. If someone is positive for COVID-19 and has not yet connected with a public health specialist or needs more information on services, call toll-free at 1-833-540-0473. Residents who do not have COVID-19 should continue to call 211 for resources or more information. ●

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But it's all dependent upon voluntary participation. And it's an automated system that allows you to basically register individual citizens and households, as well as establishments, using a QR coding system.

Each household has a QR code, wherever they frequent they flash the QR code and it gets recorded. Then later on, cross referencing for positive outcomes of COVID-19. And then the automated system sends out the information to anyone that was potentially exposed and gives them directions as to what to do next."

- David Hopp, M.D.

"It's 'see something, say something.' And unfortunately for many of us, we become the bad guy by asking people about their masks. I see the Ambassador's and the police out all the time, especially on the bike patrols now, and it would be really great if they could take a minute to help support what a lot of the citizens are doing. But I think that there may be an opportunity, because if we don't model it and show it as important, people are not necessarily going to think it's a big deal. And this is going to go on for a long time, this isn't going to stop next month, and I think as good optimistic Americans people keep thinking it's going to end really soon, that is in fact not the case."

- Karen Grimley, R.N. Ph.D., Chief Nursing Officer, UCLA Health

What is the level of safety regarding the option of closing streets to encourage people to dine in the street and is that something that this group feels would be good or not?

"There was an establishment that had many people waiting for their reservations. I think that's the sort of gathering situation that Councilmember Bosse was referring to. If there's a way to mitigate those gatherings

by more tables, only reservations, for sure. But people can't wait for a table without masking. There are gatherings even while the streets are open now, of people waiting for reservations. I think that enlarging that opportunity may be problematic. But, at the same time, the establishments are as interested in keeping businesses open safely as anyone else. So, I'm sure that they would be helpful in exerting whatever influence the council decides that would be necessary in order to create a safe environment for everyone."

- David Hopp, M.D.

What is the shortest period of time a vaccine could be available, and from the day a vaccine is available, how long would it take to vaccinate the entire U.S.?

"The best-case scenario is that a vaccine could be available between mid-September and mid-October, and that would take three to six months for a rollout across the U.S. It will be a process to get rid of the virus over time, even with the vaccine, and normalizing the wearing of masks will be important."

-David B. Agus, M.D., Director of the USC Center for Applied Molecular Medicine; Director of the Lawrence J. Ellison Institute for Transformative Medicine of USC; Professor of Medicine and Biomedical Engineering

"There are currently at least 15 different vaccines being tried and tested. Two of those are already in phase one and phase two trials. In the best-case scenario, if one of those two is safe enough, then they go to the phase three trials to prove that they are okay. It's not going to be a perfect vaccine, and it is going to be a very important part of this fight, but we're in this for the long run."

- Rachel Zabner, M.D., Infectious Disease Specialist, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. ●

Protest on Behalf of Laid Off Workers at Chateau Marmont

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On July 23, dozens of neighbors, community allies and former Chateau Marmont employees marched in front of the West Hollywood landmark hotel carrying signs in protest of the management's treatment of workers. The protest was organized by UNITE HERE Local 11, a union that represents over 30,000 hospitality workers. Participants voiced strong objections

to the hotel's treatment of laid off workers. One such worker had been a bellman for 23 years before being terminated and losing his health insurance. The peaceful protesters delivered a letter addressed to owner André Balazs signed by 300 community members, religious leaders, clergy, politicians and more condemning the treatment of Hollywood's "unsung heroes." ●



Protestors at Chateau Marmont July 23

Next stop: more subway.

PURPLE (D LINE) EXTENSION TRANSIT PROJECT
Section 2 – Beverly Hills Update

Wilshire/Rodeo Station Box Construction Underway
Excavation and construction of the Wilshire/Rodeo subway station is underway. Once the excavation is complete, the station box will be approximately 900 ft long, 70 ft wide and 90 ft deep.

TRAFFIC ALERT
Wilshire Bl will be open to at least two lanes of traffic in each direction.

WORK HOURS
Work hours will vary depending on construction activity, more details at metro.net/purple.

Construction is dynamic and is subject to change.

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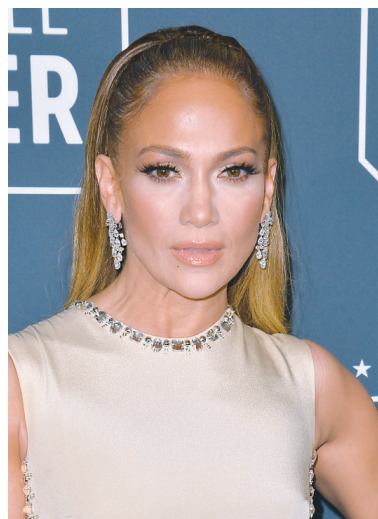


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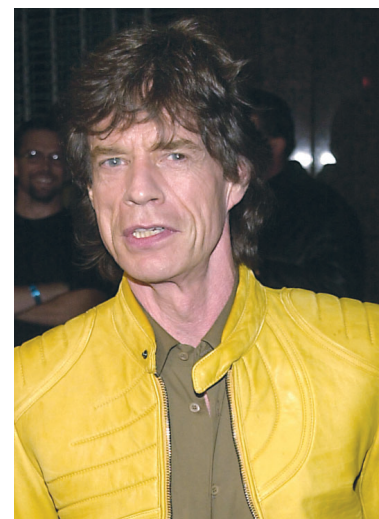
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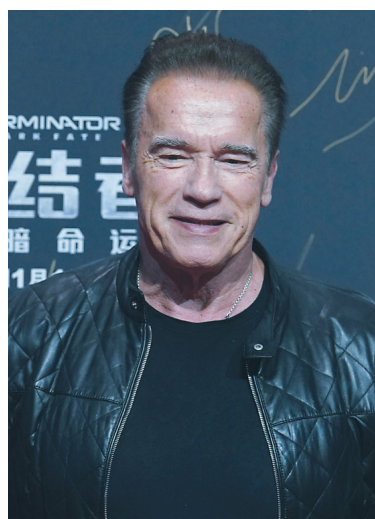
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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The middle ground isn't so easily found. You first have to go to two extremes to touch the outlying boundaries. Be patient with yourself. This is a process, and you're making it up now for the first time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's an art to envisioning your projects. Think of outcomes that are just beyond the reasonable, so that you're sure to keep stretching and growing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's not a whole lot of glory in being in charge right now, but someone has to do it. And because of your strong sense of responsibility, you're the best one for the job.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Things don't have to be hard to correct. "No pain, no gain" is an old way of thinking. Find a painless way and you'll be doing yourself and everyone around you a favor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Set a tone of friendliness and compassion. The more inclusive you are,

the more people you'll know. The more people you know, the easier it is to find the right person to solve a problem.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you distrust yourself, you'll be wise. It's the cocky ones who make mistakes, not you. You'll evade mishaps because you test yourself, double-check your work and question your own answers and motives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Following the protocol will absolutely work. You will have no need to go outside of the established rules and manners. If your etiquette is on-point, your results will be, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Staying humble is the most important aspect of your game plan. The cosmic omens warn against self-satisfaction. Remain focused on what still needs doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This long-term project does have an end, although that is hard for you to see right now. If you can glimpse it, even for a second in your mind's eye, you can and will have it eventually.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Avoid shopping as an emotional outlet. Instead of spending money on things and people, spend time

on them. The rewards will be so much richer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Do you feel like you're being asked to navigate the byzantine inner workings of someone's impossible-to-understand psyche? Perhaps you are, but the choice is yours. Only do it if it interests you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There really are things that turn out better because you don't know what to expect and are utterly unprepared. Bias is usually unavoidable, but a lack of assumptions will work

in your favor.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 24). Your guesses, whims and impulses are so lucky now through mid-August. You've an intuition about who you need to know and you'll confidently put yourself right in the best sorts of social situations and be impressive to the people who can most help you. The best part of the next 12 months is all the love you exchange. Scorpio and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 13, 22, 15 and 4.



Rooney is a 15-year-old Jack Russel Terrier who weighs nine pounds. He was given up after a death in the family. He loves to take walks and is great with other dogs. If you can give Rooney a loving home, please call Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538. www.shelterhopepetshop.org

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DOUBLES PLAY
BY WYNA LIU / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Wyna Liu, of New York City, is an artist and jewelry designer working with magnets and tensegrity. (You can see examples of her craft at wynaliu.com.) She has been solving crosswords for more than 10 years but just started making them recently. Liu says 91-Across is a shout-out to her parents, who own and operate a chain of radio channels. They made up the name Wyna (pronounced "WIN-uh") to mimic radio call letters — "Y 'n' A" for the initials of their names, Yvonne and Arthur, and the starting "W" because they're on the East Coast. — W.S.

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The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$638,001.60.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

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Date: July 10, 2020

Trustee Sale

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BHC Published 07/17/20, 07/24/20, 07/31/20

T.S. No.: SLG-107-SCF Loan No.: 19-107
APN: 5556-026-018
Property Address: 1677 North Crescent Heights Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90069
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/4/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: North Crescent Boulevard, L.P. a California limited liability partnership, as to an undivided 50% interest and Aura Real Property (CA) LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, as to an undivided 50% interest Duly Appointed Trustee: The Singer Law Group Recorded 2/8/2019 as Instrument No. 20190119569 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 8/3/2020 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$2,020,257.62 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1677 North Crescent Heights Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90069 A.P.N.: 5556-026-018 The undersigned Trustee

disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS for the DEMOLITION OF 2323 SOUTH LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD (SAND PIT SITE) Within the City of LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

BIDS – The City of Beverly Hills, CA invites electronic bids for the **Demolition of 2323 South La Cienega Boulevard (Sand Pit Site)** within the City of Los Angeles, California. The City will receive such bids electronically via PlanetBids up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., on **Thursday, August 6, 2020. Bid results** will be sent to all respective bidders via PlanetBids.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING – NON-MANDATORY pre-bid meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020 at 10:00 am online via Zoom. The meeting information is as follows:

Time: Jul 15, 2020 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting ID: 797 8072 7670
Password: 9KyWgR

PROJECT WORK LOCATION: 2323 S. La Cienega Blvd., APN 4301-027-900, City of Los Angeles, CA

SCOPE OF THE WORK - The work to be done shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements and supplies necessary for, or appurtenant to, the construction and completion of the waterline replacement project in accordance with the Specifications prepared for this project.

In general terms, the contract work for this project shall consist of the following items of work:

ITEM NO.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES	DESCRIPTION
1	1 Lump Sum	Mobilization/Demobilization
2	1 Allowance	Permit Allowance
3	1 Lump Sum	Demolition of Entire Site
4	1 Lump Sum	F&I Backfill, Compaction & Grading
5	1 Lump Sum	F&I Chain Link Fencing and Gates
6	1 Lump Sum	Driveway Approach Including Curb & Gutter

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REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION – Any questions regarding any error, omission, ambiguity or conflict in the Specifications and general clarifications, should be submitted to the Project Manager through PlanetBids no later than **12:00PM, Wednesday July 22, 2020.**

CITY CONTACT – General questions can be directed to the project manager, **Tristan D. Malaban, P.E.** at **(310) 285-2512** or **tmalaban@beverlyhills.org.**

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE - The preliminary opinion of probable cost of construction of this Work has been prepared and the said estimate is **\$425,000.**

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PUBLIC NOTICES

APN: 4348-017-008 and 5572-009-014 T.S. No.: 2020-1314 Order No.: 1472543CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/6/2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Will sell at a public auction sale to the highest bidder, payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: VISHAL KAPOOR, TRUSTEE OF THE TOWER ROAD TRUST U/T/A, DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 Duly Appointed Trustee: S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Deed of Trust recorded 3/28/2018 as Instrument No. 20180296268 in book XX, page, XX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 7/23/2020 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other reasonable estimated charges: \$3,971,095.62 Street Address or other common designation of purported real property: 1133 TOWER ROAD BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210 AND 2407 CARMAN CREST DRIVE LOS ANGELES, CA 90068 A.P.N.: 4348-017-008 & 5572-009-014. Parcel 1: The land hereinafter referred to is situated in the City of Beverly Hills, County of Los Angeles, State of CA and is described as follows: Lot 1 of Tract No. 16136, in the City of Beverly Hills, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map recorded in Book 376 Page 50 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Except therefrom all oil, gas, minerals and other hydrocarbon substances, lying below a depth of 500 feet, without the right of surface entry. Parcel 2: The land hereinafter referred to is situated in the City of Los

Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of CA, and is described as follows: Lot 18 of Tract No. 16146, in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map recorded in Book 415, Pages 26 and 27 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855)986-9342, or visit this Internet Web site www.superiordefault.com using the file number assigned to this case 2020-1314. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date 6/17/20. S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION. 31194 La Baya Drive, Suite 106, Westlake Village, California, 91362 (818)991-4600. By: Colleen Irby, Trustee Sale Officer. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020097551 The following is/are doing business as: **LEAH LA MODE**
1245 S. Camden Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035; **Yaron Hazani** 1245 S. Camden Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed May 2020: **Yaron Hazani, President**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: June 22, 2020; Published: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020 **LACC N/C**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 20SMCP00230
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of: **Carole Douglas White**
To all interested person(s):
Petitioner: **Carole Douglas White**
current residence address: **2000 Camden Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025**
filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse,** on **July 16, 2020** for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: **Carole Douglas White**
Proposed Name: **Carrie White**

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
Date: **September 18, 2020**
Time: **8:30am**
Dept: **K**
Room: **A-203**
The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse.**

Reason for name change: **To align my legal name with the professional name that I am known by and which appears on my California Driver's License and US Passport.**
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: **Carole Douglas White**
Judge of the Superior Court
Judge Lawrence H. Cho, Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk, By: Stacey Watson, Deputy Clerk
Dated: **July 16, 2020**
Published: **July 24, 31, August 07, 14, 2020**
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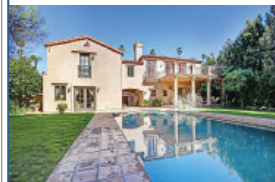
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