Fire displaces families from Alexandria House

Organization seeks support with rebuilding

BY EDWIN FOLVEN

A fire that erupted shortly after midnight on March 19 damaged the interior of one of two nearly 100-year-old Craftsman-style homes used by Alexandria House, a non-profit transitional residence for women and families located at 426 S. Alexandra Ave. in Koreatown.

Five families with 12 children escaped the home unhurt but were displaced and have been relocated to a nearby hotel. The fire was extinguished in 26 minutes and the cause is believed to be accidental, although it remains under fire department review.

Alexandria House is planning to restore the damaged structure, known as the Green Project.

For more information, contact Sunnanon Bongang at 1-800-467-7300.

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BY JOSE HERRERA

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City enforces closures during ‘Safer at Home’ order

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer announced that the city will take "strong" measures to enforce the "Safer at Home" emergency order, which requires people to stay in their residences unless performing essential tasks.

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Protections for renters expanded during crisis

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti issued an emergency order on March 23 strengthening protections for residential tenants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and announced that a moratorium on LADWP shutoffs for non-payment is extended indefinitely.

"Angelinos should be focused on staying healthy, staying safe and staying home during this pandemic," Garcetti said. "If you’re able to take out take-out and delivery. Grocery stores, hardware stores and retailers offering essential supplies are allowed to remain open."

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We believe in the courage and resilience of our community and we will get through this as we get through everything—together.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE ON THE FRONTLINES FOR YOUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO KEEP US SAFE AND HEALTHY.

Caruso
Former Hancock Park resident pleads guilty to alleged City Hall corruption scheme

BY EDWIN FOLVEN

A political fundraiser agreed to plead guilty on March 19 to a federal bribery scheme after he attempted to bribe an unnamed Los Angeles City Councilmember in exchange for help on a major real estate development project, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California announced.

James "Kim" Jangwoo Kim, 53, a longtime fundraiser and consultant who was one of the top fundraisers for the councilmember - identified by federal authorities only as "Councilmember A" - has agreed to plead guilty to one count of federal program bribery. In February or March 2017, Developer C and Jangwoo Kim met at a commercial building in Los Angeles and gave him $400,000 in cash in a paper bag that was intended for Councilmember A, according to the plea agreement. Kim admitted that he had coordinated with a City Staffer A-1 to facilitate the bribe by false and misleading statements to the Steele Building Co., the company that owned the property.

According to his plea agreement, Kim was motivated to help resolve a project that was involved with coordinating a $500,000 cash bribe payment that was intended to be paid to Councilmember A for self-facilitating the bribe payment. Around the same time, City Staffer A-1 informed Kim that Councilmember A had upheld his end of the deal and helped resolve the appeal, the United States Attorney’s Office said.

Kim agreed to plead guilty on March 19 after news of Kim’s agreement was announced.

Metro maintains service with schedule adjustments

Metro buses and trains are operating at reduced levels during the coronavirus public health emergency, and more cleaning and sanitation is occurring to keep staff and the public safe.

Metro announced on March 22 that most riders are required to board and exit buses through rear doors to better conform with social distancing requirements. The front door will remain open to riders in wheelchair and others who need a wheelchair ramp.

Metro is also requiring all bus operators to use a built-in transparent protective barrier to help isolate them from the public. Riders are not expected to use the fare box or TAP validator at the front of the bus, but must have a TAP card with funds loaded on them during travel.

Riders are asked to practice social distancing aboard buses and trains by spreading out and staying at least six feet from other riders. With many people staying home from work, more room is available on buses for social distancing, Metro officials said.

Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington held a briefing on March 20 and 21 to explain that the bus and rail system will continue to operate.

“Metro has adjusted bus and rail schedules in response to the decrease in ridership. On buses, service levels have been reduced 15% to 20% countywide, although planners will strategically make adjustments to service on routes with higher ridership to minimize inconvenience on the busiest lines. All Metro trains, final trips will depart terminals at midnight. To make final train connections, riders are recommended to start their trips no later than 10:30 p.m. Metro Rail will run scheduled weekend service as usual on weekends and holidays. Trains on the Red, Purple, Blue, Expo and Gold lines will run every 12 minutes between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., and every 20 minutes at all other times. Purple Line trains will have four cars and Red Line trains will have six cars to enable riders to better maintain proper social distancing of six feet. We take this responsibility very, very seriously,” Washington said.

“Public transportation service is a lifeline for riders here in the most populous county in the United States, and our customers include critically-important first responders, hospital workers, essential city and county workers, among others. Riders are encouraged to monitor Metro schedules for the latest updates. For information, call (323) GOMETRO, or visit metrolink.net.
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Social distancing in parks remains a challenge

■ Officials in L.A., WeHo, Beverly Hills balance outdoor access with public safety

BY CAMERON KISZLA

All across the country, people are staying indoors as much as possible to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Those looking to stretch their legs in the Los Angeles area, however, have a few options after a weekend of packed trailheads, busy parks and filled beaches led to their closure, as announced by the Los Angeles County. All hiking trails closed on March 23, and the same day, closures were enforced at all parks under the authority of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, which oversees trails, open space, parks and wildlife preserves including locations along the Los Angeles River, overlooks along Mulholland Drive, Runyon Canyon Park in Beverly Hills.

Dash Stolarz, director of public affairs for the MRCA, said while going outside and walking is a great idea for exercise, everyone was doing it at the same time.

"People started coming in hordes to the parks," she said. "There was no way that they could maintain a 6-foot distance from each other for social distancing, and so there was no way we could guarantee that public health was being maintained. It's not possible to be on the trail to make sure people are staying 6 feet apart. We really have no choice."

Instead, Stolarz suggested members of the public take walks on their neighborhood sidewalks, as going outside is a great way to deal with the stress of a pandemic.

"What's important," she added, "is for people to stay 6 feet apart from each other, because if the coronavirus spreads, there are going to be dire consequences."

To close parks is completely with public safety, said the city’s chair of the City Council Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles City Councilman David Ryu, 4th District, proposed that Runyon Canyon Park and Lake Hollywood Park be closed on weekends to prevent large crowds from gathering as they did this past weekend.

"I have been a longstanding champion for parks and open space, and had prioritized park access as chair of the City Council Committee on Parks. However, after discussing the matter with public health experts, I have been told that a complete closure is necessary," Ryu said.

Ryu said on weekdays, the levels of social distancing has been reasonable and has been observed, though if that changes, "the department should review full closure."

On March 25, Ryu tweeted that Runyon Canyon has been closed until further notice in order to adhere to social-distancing recommendations.

In West Hollywood and Beverly Hills, local officials are operating similarly to Los Angeles in that indoor amenities are closed, but outdoor space, especially green space, is open for the public to use, while sports equipment such as tennis courts is off-limits.

"We're using the parks right now as passive areas, to go for a walk or a jog, but not to congregate in one space," said Stephanie Martinez, recreation manager for West Hollywood.

Martinez said the city doesn’t want to see its outdoor amenities packed, as that would allow the disease to spread more easily, and sports like tennis and basketball are off-limits because they are likely to help spread coronavirus among the participants, who can’t wash their hands afterward at the now-closed park bathrooms.

In Los Angeles, playgrounds and recreation centers have been closed as well, though outdoor spaces are still available for people to use, said Rose Watson, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. In addition, restrooms with doors open to the outdoors are available for park visitors to use for maintenance and have been "scheduled cleaning at the parks around the clock," Watson said.

"The whole goal is that even though the order is safer at home," the department still wants to encourage people to enjoy the outdoors. You have to go walking, go to the park, enjoy the fresh air. The site wants to ensure people are practicing safe distancing,

"she said.

"I hope we can assess how we can make sure people aren't congregateing at our beaches and, if necessary, close them altogether. It doesn't mean that it's time to find another place to get together. This is serious; 6 feet matters... your decision to not physically distance yourself may kill someone," Garcetti said in his March 22 coronavirus update.

Martinez added the city is trying to pivot to offering what it can online. For instance, Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, which operates its West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center at Plummer Park, is available by email and phone, and the organization "will be back for remote consultations" once they are cleared to do so.

"The recreation division is looking at some alternative choices we can offer to our residents, things we can take care of virtually," Martinez said. "In the next week or so, we’ll be releasing some information to the community and support them in this time of recreational activities they can do at home."

Jenny Rogers, director of community services for Beverly Hills, said they are also looking to offer what they can online, whether that’s resources from the Beverly Hills Public Library or events like Music in the Mansion, which could be offered as a livestream on Facebook or Zoom.

"Everybody’s now trying to figure out how to bring those services online in a digital format," she said.

Much like in West Hollywood and Los Angeles, Beverly Hills has closed many of its athletic facilities and public indoor spaces, including basketball courts, playgrounds, mini parks and community centers and tennis courts at La Cienega and Roxbury parks. Open green space is still available for people to use, Rogers said, though the city wants park visitors to practice social distancing. Park rangers and recreation staff have handouts advising about social distancing, she added, and they will disperse people to congregating in parks.

"It becomes necessary to close those things, we will, but that is not the intent right now," she said. The city is taking things "day-by-day," Rogers said, and is listening to updates issued by local and national health authorities.

"It’s really for everyone’s safety," she said.
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADVISORY

The City of West Hollywood has proclaimed a local emergency in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). The City recommends social distancing. Seniors 65+ and people with underlying medical conditions should self-isolate. It's essential that we all take action and stay informed. Follow @wehocity on Twitter/Facebook/Instagram and turn on notifications for up-to-date information. Subscribe to the City’s E-Notifications at www.weho.org/email. For regular updates, visit www.weho.org/coronavirus.

BOLETÍN INFORMATIVO DE LA CIUDAD DE WEST HOLLYWOOD

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St. Vincent to reopen for COVID-19 treatment

By Jose Herrera

Gov. Gavin Newsom directed more than $42 million in emergency funding to expand California’s health care infrastructure and secure equipment and services to support the state’s response to coronavirus on Saturday, March 14. Of the $42 million, $30 million will allow the state to lease St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles and Seton Medical Center in Daly City on a three-month basis from the owner, nonprofit Verity Health System of California. St. Vincent Medical Center, located at 2131 W. Third St., closed in January, but the state is readying the facility to begin providing care for up to 366 COVID-19 patients as soon as possible.

Newsom’s action builds on the state’s previous work, in partnership with the city of Los Angeles and LA County to repurpose Community Hospital in Long Beach for the specific purpose of accepting patients from other hospitals in the area. The hospital began lost work because of coronavirus-related cancellations or postponements in recent months to advocate and dynamic community is our top priority,” the organization said in a statement.

Newsom expands vote-by-mail, deadlines for special elections

On March 20, Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order to permit vote-by-mail procedures and deadlines in three upcoming special elections to be held on May 12, protecting public health during the COVID-19 outbreak. The order also extends the deadlines for ballot counting, tabulation and other responsibilities related to the official canvass of California’s presidential primary election that could risk undermining social distancing measures, and suspends the timeframes for public hearings required by political subdivisions that are in the process of changing from an at-large method of election to district elections.

Notable quotes

“Tonight, at a time when the pundits said it was no longer possible, we rose above the weight of our politics. We pushed back on the undue influence of special interests. We didn’t give in to mistrust or to cynicism or to fear. Instead, we proved that we are still a people capable of doing big things and tackling our biggest challenges. We proved that this government — a government of the people and by the people — still works for the people.”

President Barack Obama
March 21, 2010
(Source: an address to the nation on the passage of the Affordable Care Act)

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Christopher Street West delays LA Pride in WeHo

Christopher Street West, the organization that puts on LA Pride in West Hollywood, announced that its 2020 Pride event will be postponed due to COVID-19. CSW will postpone all events related to the 50th anniversary of LA Pride that were scheduled for June 2020. “While the board of directors and staff of Christopher Street West could have never imagined postponing the 50th anniversary of LA Pride in any way, given the uncertain and troubling circumstances the world is facing today, we’ve decided – in accordance with the latest measures put in place by the World Health Organization – to move our celebration to a later date – to be announced soon. After all, the health and safety of our incredible and dynamic community is our top priority,” the organization said in a statement.

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Newsmakers

Schiff, colleagues push for workers in showbusiness

On March 19, U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) and members of Congress from Los Angeles and other entertainment hot-zones around the country sent a letter to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) and Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) urging relief for freelance and contract workers in the entertainment industry who have lost work because of coronavirus-related cancellations or postponements.

“Unique freelance nature of work in film, television, theater and live music means that a large number of the professionals who make these productions possible work only sporadically — often with extended periods between paying jobs — and count on income from each project to make ends meet,” the representatives wrote in the letter. “As a result, many of them can’t qualify for traditional unemployment benefits or paid emergency leave, yet will now be unable to cover their basic expenses due to lost work.”

The representatives urged Congressional leadership to calculate benefits based on verifiable anticipated earnings for a current or future contract that has been canceled, rather than prior wage history.

“As members representing many constituents who work in film, television, theater and live music, we urge you to include protections for those who have lost work due to coronavirus-related cancellations and postponements in the entertainment industry,” the letter continued.

Schiff spoke with SAG-AFTRA President Gabrielle Carteris and National Executive Director David White on March 19 on union priorities focused on the effects of coronavirus on union members. In addition to Schiff, the letter was signed by U.S. Reps. Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles), Julia Brownley (D-Westlake Village), Tony Cárdenas (D-Pasadena), Judy Chu (D-Pasadena), Gilbert Ray Cervantes, Jr. (D-Fullerton), J. Luis Correa (D-Santa Ana), Jimmy Gomez (D-Los Angeles), Ted Lieu (D-Torrance), Alan S. Lowenthal (D-Long Beach), Grace Napolitano (D-Norwalk), Harley Rouda (D-Laguna Beach), Linda T. Sánchez (D-Whittier) and Brad Sherman (D-Sherman Oaks), among others.

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West Hollywood continues to serve its community amid COVID-19 pandemic

BY JOSÉ HERRERA

On Wednesday, March 18, West Hollywood manager Paul Arevalo was notified that Mayor John D’Amico had tested positive for COVID-19. Soon after, Arevalo issued an immediate order for all city staff members to leave work, close city facilities to the public and transition to work-from-home schedules.

“A majority of city staff members have been transitioned to work-at-home schedules in order to keep the business of the city running with minimal interruptions,” Arevalo said. “West Hollywood City Hall and many public facilities are closed as part of the city’s efforts to protect city staff and community members from community spread of the virus, but we’re all hard at work.”

The city of West Hollywood is focused on making sure the community is getting vital information and resources as many people continue to self-isolate, and prepare for the second week of “Safer at Home” orders.

Arevalo said it was distressing to receive news of D’Amico’s positive COVID-19 results, but the city is taking necessary steps to support each other through the pandemic.

“Our focus remains on protecting our community members and on offering vital resources to our most vulnerable,” Arevalo said. “I have been in regular contact with our Mayor John D’Amico and he has publicly reported he is feeling much better, so we are grateful for that good news.”

The biggest challenge for the city is adapting quickly to being connected in a virtual workspace instead of a physical work environment.

“The doors at City Hall are temporar-ily shut, but we are here, we are listening, and every division and department is being responsive to community needs,” Arevalo said.

West Hollywood residents can stay healthy and stay safe by using information and resources by visiting weho.org/coronavirus and by following the city’s social media accounts @wehocity.

The city is providing resources and services for renters, businesses and seniors.

The City Council approved an urgent ordinance on March 16 that protects renters who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with a temporary eviction moratorium.

It applies to nonpayment eviction notices served on or after March 16 and will remain in effect for 60 days unless extended by the city. Tenants must notify through writing, text or email within 30 days of the rental due date of their inability to pay rent, list ways in which they have been financially impacted by COVID-19 and provide documentation to be covered under the ordinance.

The ordinance states that land-lords are not allowed to evict a tenant for nonpayment of rent if the tenant demonstrates inability to pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, and landlords are unable to charge a late fee on rent.

However, tenants must eventual-ly pay rent, which will be due in six months after the expiration of the local emergency.

The city of West Hollywood has listed many organizations that assist community members with housing resources, aid for AIDS, and the National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles offer limited rental assistance, and LA Legal Services, Coalition for Economic Survival, Eviction Defense Network, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Disability Rights California and Housing Rights Center offer free of low-cost legal resources.

There are also specific resources for older adult community mem-bers. According to information released by the city, the following community organizations provide social services to older adults in West Hollywood: Los Angeles LGBT Center, Los Angeles Development Authority housing buildings and Jewish Family Services.

Additionally, grocery and retail outlets are providing hours and accommodations for older adults.

The stores include Gelson’s, located at 8330 Santa Monica Blvd.; Ralphs, located at 1233 N. La Brea Ave.; Target, located at 7100 Santa Monica Blvd.; Trader Joe’s, located at 7310 Santa Monica Blvd. and 8611 Santa Monica Blvd.; Whole Foods, located at 7871 Santa Monica Blvd.; near the intersection of La Brea Avenue; Trader Joe’s, located at 7310 Santa Monica Blvd. and 8611 Santa Monica Blvd.; Whole Foods, located at 7871 Santa Monica Blvd.; near the intersection of Fairfax Avenue; Smart and Final, located at 1041 N. Fuller Ave.; and Yummy Neighborhood Market, located at 7141 Santa Monica Blvd.

Transit services are available for seniors and disabled residents through Dial-A-Ride/TLC, WeHo On-Call Transportation and Cityline. Participants of the city’s On-Call Transportation program have received an additional $50 credit for monthly services.

“We’re doing everything we can to get the word out with a citywide mailing, with phone and web infor-mation, with email blasts, with posters and digital billboards in English, Russian and Spanish, and more,” Arevalo said.

City staff members and city part-ners from community organiza-tions, nonprofits, hospitals and agencies are working around the clock during a critical time, he added.

“West Hollywood is an incredi-ble community full of passion, and we’re always eager to take action to overcome,” he said. For information, visit weho.org/coronavirus.

The city of West Hollywood closed city facilities and has ordered staff to work from home. However, the city continues to serve and provide resources for the community during the coronavirus pandemic.
Cedars-Sinai calls for blood donations

BY JENNIFER WALTERS

It has been approximately a week since state and Los Angeles county officials have issued orders to shelter in place and self-isolate to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Families and individuals with children might find it difficult to entertain their children amid the coronavirus pandemic. However, Los Angeles-based JohnHart Real Estate has organized a tote bag contest to give kids an activity during this stressful time.

The company, which was established in 2013 and is planning to open a new office near Wilshire Boulevard and La Brea Avenue, prides itself on its community connections, said Harout Keurghian, CEO and founder of JohnHart.

“The company is doing something we thought about a couple of weeks ago,” Keurghian said. “It’s to help kids and give parents a break.”

Children are allowed to draw their own tote bags with a creative and colorful way they see fit such as glitter, sharpie, paint, stickers, pins or any other items. The tote bags are free and will be handled and delivered by employees or by mail to every child who requests them by emailing their address to JHCares@johnhart.com.

“The email should list the name, address and phone number of the person requesting tote bags. The contest will end on Friday, April 3, at 6 p.m. The contest is only open to children ages 12 and under. Participants must post a photograph of the decorated tote bag on Facebook and tag JohnHart Real Estate. Additionally, participants must comment the word ‘done’ on a post that is pinned to the company’s Facebook page.

After the contest deadline, the company will choose the best designs and award participants with a $1,000, a second-place prize of $700 and a third-place prize of $300.

JohnHart Real Estate has done very well throughout the years, and it’s important for the company to step up and give back to the community, especially during such difficult times. Keurghian said “For the love of a lot of negativity out in the world,” Keurghian said. “The community has come forth with my 3-year-old daughter, and we passed this man who had caught, and she panicked. [Children] are young, they still see and understand what’s going on, so the contest is about getting a smile out.”

Lisa Delma, a mother of two children, resides along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, and has been participating in the contest, said everyone involved with distributing the tote bags is handling them with care and following safety protocols such as washing their hands, and wearing gloves and masks.

“Everyone can use a tote bag, and it serves as memorabilia from childhood,” Wallace said. “People are doing it for free, so why not participate? It’s a win-win situation even if you don’t win the prize money.”

For information, visit johnhartrealestate.com.
Metro to hold webinar on subway construction

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A webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 1, from noon to 1 p.m., to provide updates on the work. The webinar will provide a project overview and information on subway station construction. To participate, call (661)749-3122 and use the access code 906-703-589.

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Kimberly Moore, L.A. city councilmember, has said the plan for Larchmont Boulevard without sidewalks will continue to be squashed and suddenly “promises” to be reconsidered.

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GROCERIES and prepared meals to go are available at many merchants, including fried chicken at Frita Cooper and old-school original corned beef sandwiches, hand carved pastrami and French dip sandwiches at Magee’s Kitchen. Parking is free, and the new hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. farmersmarketla.com 6333 W. Third St., (323)933-9211.

Du-par’s Restaurant

A Farmers Market staple since 1938, Du-par’s is serving blue plate dinners for four people for $40. Specials include comforting classics like chicken pot pie, turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and a macaroni and cheese casserole. Most specials come with a choice of one whole fruit pie or a full stack of hotcakes. They are available for takeout or curb-side pick-up. Delivery is available at eat.chownow.com/discover/restaurants/19696. 6333 W. Third St., (323)933-5050.

Pizza, pasta and paninis at La Piazza

La Piazza at The Grove is open exclusively to nurses, doctors, first responders, LAPD and LAFD. Takeaway meals are available Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. Pizza, pasta and paninis, will be offered while supplies last. lapizzareathegrove.com 189 The Grove Drive, (310)859-3500.

Open at The Grove

The Grove remains accessible for those in need of respite and fresh air while maintaining strict adherence to social distancing. Go to their website to order for pickup and delivery. The following restaurateurs are operating take-away service: Dominique Ansill Bakery-domainspecial.com; Maggiano’s Little Italy, maggianos.com; Sprinkles Cupcakes, sprinkles.com; The Cheesecake Factory, thecheesecakefactory.com; and Umami Burger, umamiburger.com.

BEVERLY HILLS

Maque market

The dining room is transformed into a marketplace to serve guests and Beverly Hills neighbors. The new format will feature housemade baked goods such as cookies brownies, pain de mie and focaccia from pastry chef Yessenia Cruz. Prepared soups, salads and daily specials are made by executive chef Chris Flint. The market at Maude will also offer selections of pantry staples such as eggs, milk, butter, fresh pasta and produce in addition to selections from the butcher shop at their sister restaurant, Gwen. Delivery orders open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 212 S. Beverly Drive, (310)859-3418.

Jean-Georges Beverly Hills

To-go options are available at the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills. See their curbside dining menu on their website. Items include the popular tuna tartare, truffle cheeseburger, pepperoni crusted wagyan beef and warm chocolate cake. Pick-up at the valet from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. waldorfastilherveylhills.com/dining/jen-georges. 9850 Wilshire Blvd., (310)860-6177.

Lawry’s the Prime Rib

Order from a special a la carte menu available for curbside pick-up and delivery, on Tuesday through Sunday from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Call Lawry’s directly for their famous original spinning bowl salad, salmon Rockefeller, crispy roasted Idaho chicken and Lawry’s classic prime rib with the traditional sides. They are also offering kids’ entrees, house wines and family-style prime rib dinners, serving six to eight people or 12 to 15 people, until March 31. Customers will receive 15% off all free local delivery orders ($50 minimum) and 20% off all curbside pickup orders. 100 La Cienega Blvd., (310)360-6281.

DOWNTOWN L.A.

Nick + Stef’s specials

Pretina Restaurant Group remains committed to serving Angelenos in these difficult times. For every takeout order of $100 or more, guests will receive a $25 Nick + Stef’s gift card. Visit their website to preview the menu, call in your order and the staff will bring it curbside for pick-up. nickandstefsevens@patina-group.com. 330 S. Hope St., (213)600-6330.

HOLLYWOOD

APL

Chef-restaurateur Adam Perry Lang is cooking off-menu comfort food for the soul and offering curbside pickup, and contact-free delivery within a one-block radius. Lang will create dishes on the fly with whatever is available to him in the restaurant pantry, and the menu will be rotated daily, including pan-roasted lemon chicken with a honey glaze, braised beef stew in red wine with buttery mashed potatoes, fried chicken sandwich with homemade slaw, braised oxtail in red wine with buttery mashed potatoes, and his legendary matzoh ball soup, also known as Jewish penicillin. Delivery is also available on Postmates and Grubhub. 1680 Vine St., (323)416-1280.

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Panera Bread

To show how grateful Panera Bread is for their guests and communities they serve, they are offering free delivery now through March 31. Order online and enter code FREEDELIVERY at checkout. panerabread.com/en-us/home. 10990 Jefferson Blvd., (310)390-5763.

Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams

Even though the scoop shops at the three locations in Los Angeles are temporarily closed for dine-in and cartony orders, Jeni’s Splendid Ice Cream is still offering local delivery. Order Jeni’s online, localdelivery.com. Order four pints of your favorite flavors and your delivery is free.

Chado afternoon tea to-go

Chado Tea has its Pasadena and Torrance locations open from noon to 4 p.m., for afternoon tea to-go, offering their full menu in addition to their retail tea shop. Orders can be placed online, by calling their three locations, with delivery of tea to-go, offering their full menu in addition to their retail tea shop. Orders can be placed online, by calling their three locations, with delivery of tea to-go, offering their full menu in addition to their retail tea shop. Orders can be placed online, by calling their three locations, with delivery of tea to-go, offering their full menu in addition to their retail tea shop. Orders can be placed online, by calling their three locations, with delivery of tea to-go, offering their full menu in addition to their retail tea shop.
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Choice of soup du jour (cups)
Choice of white trash pie or full Stack Hotcakes

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The Great American Takeout

The restaurant industry encourages Angelenos to support local restaurants by joining TheGreatAmericanTakeout. A coalition of restaurants – including Panera Bread, Noodles & Company, Veggie Grill, El Torio, Jason’s Deli, the Habit Burger Grill, Lemonade, Modern Market and Chevys Fresh Mex – are asking customers to order delivery or pick-up to help support restaurant workers. “This is no longer about the survival of individual restaurants,” said Russ Bendel, CEO of the Habit Burger Grill. “It’s about the future of our industry. And time has run out. Together, we must act to support each other and our communities in unprecedented ways.” According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration, there is little evidence for organizations on the frontlines of the coronavirus response. The mission of the Dunkin’ Joy in Childhood Foundation is to bring joy to kids battling hunger or illness, and many of the foundation’s grantees are health and hunger-relief organizations at the heart of the relief effort. For people looking for additional ways to help, visit a Dunkin’ for pick-up, drive-thru or order GrabHub and other delivery partners where available. You can also donate to the Dunkin’ Joy in Childhood Foundation’s COVID-19 relief fund on their website at joyinchildhoodfoundation.org/dunkindonuts.com.

PizzaRev specials

Craft your pizza the way you want it at nine locations in SoCal. PizzaRev is offering 30% off all online orders until further notice. Pizzas, calzones, salads and desserts are available at pizzarev.com. 4550 W. Pico Blvd., (323)549-9090.

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Zack Rosebrugh wins nationwide PBR can design contest

BY CAMERON KSZLA
Zack Rosebrugh, a 26-year-old digital artist, moved to Los Angeles in February 2019 and has since found a community of fellow artists.

The Baltimore native came to the Koreatown and East Hollywood areas by way of Arizona, where he lived for approximately 10 years. Though L.A. can sometimes be an “alienating place,” he said, “Everything is spread apart and everyone is in their cars.” Rosebrugh said he connected with a few other artists, and “you can’t beat the weather,” he added.

“It’s a pretty nice place. I like it here,” Rosebrugh said.

Since coming to L.A., Rosebrugh has also found professional success through Instagram. His account, @zackrosebrugh, shows some of his recent successes, like when his art graced the cover of the Washington Post’s spring arts preview.

It was through Instagram that led him to his most recent achievement. One of his followers suggested he enter Pabst Blue Ribbon’s 2020 Art Can Contest. He did, and earlier this month, it was announced that Rosebrugh took the top prize. His design will be featured on 100 million PBR cans this fall, and he’ll receive $10,000.

Rosebrugh said he was “pretty surprised” to find out that he’d won, as it was the first time he entered the contest, which has been held since 2014. “I don’t know if shocked is the right word, but taken aback. It was certainly unexpected just because there were so many entries. I feel like PBR had established a certain aesthetic with the past winners that I didn’t fit super neatly into. I was happy to hear that they liked what I did,” he said.

In a statement, Andrew Heard, brand manager for PBR, said the decision was made by PBR, Juxtapost Art & Culture magazine, past winners of the contest and more than 7,000 public votes.

“Zack came through with an eye-catching design that was not only vibrant but a fresh look for Pabst,” Heard said.

I liked [Rosebrugh’s design] because the logo is so clear and the composition is nicely centered. You know you are looking at a PBR can without being interrupted. It’s just a fun, clean style,” added Evan Pricco, editor in chief of Juxtapoz.

Rosebrugh said his design was intended to capture what he sees as PBR’s “old-school kind of feel.” “I wanted to do something that was simple, eye-catching, had a sense of humor about it and felt kind of classic and vintage in a way,” Rosebrugh said.

Rosebrugh has been creating art for about four and a half years now, and it became his full-time job about a year in a half ago. With this contest win on his resume, he said he hopes more job opportunities come his way.

“I haven’t really been seeking out other art contests, but I do hope this gives me some exposure and brings other fun projects,” he said.

With the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, Rosebrugh said he plans to continue working on the jobs he’d already scheduled. For other artists who plan to explore new projects, as well as those looking to get started now that they have more time on their hands, Rosebrugh advised them to make art that they think is fun, not something designed for others to enjoy.

“I’ve never been super good at adapting to other styles. I have one thing and I keep doing it until I get better at it, and I hope other people like it,” he said.
March 20
An unknown suspect committed a burglary near the corner of Hollywood and Argyle.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 700 block of S. Hollywood and Argyle.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 700 block of Sunset.

At 1 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 600 block of Sunset.

At 5 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Hollywood and Vine.

At 9 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 8200 block of W. Third.

An unknown suspect commited a petty theft near the corner of S. Loma and Cahuenga.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 100 block of N. Sycamore at 4:30 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 100 block of S. Hayworth.

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At 1:11 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a theft in the 600 block of Sunset.

At 11 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a theft near the corner of Fountain and Van Ness.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Van Ness and Franklin at 1:15 p.m.

At 3 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Rodeo and Vine.

An unknown suspect committed a theft in the 1200 block of N. Wilton.

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MJ’s Spaghetti Bolognese

by Emily Jilg
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This is my husband Michael Jilg’s (MJ) favorite pasta dish - hence the name!

3 strips of bacon - chopped into small pieces
1 onion - finely diced
2 stalks of celery - finely diced
2 carrots - finely diced
2 teaspoons In Emily's Kitchen Signature Spice
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons pepper
1 lb. ground sirloin
1 tablespoon olive oil (optional)
4 cloves of garlic - finely diced
3/4 cup white wine
2 tablespoons tomato paste
3/4 cup whole milk
1 16 oz. can of whole San Marzano tomatoes
1 1/2 cups of beef or chicken broth
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1 lb. spaghetti
Parmesan cheese for topping

In a large Dutch oven, add pieces of bacon. Cook on low heat for 15 minutes rendering out all the fat. Using a slotted spoon, remove the bacon and set aside on a plate with a paper towel. Turn heat to medium and add the onions, celery and carrots to the Dutch oven. Season with In Emily’s Kitchen Signature Spice, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon pepper. Cook on medium low heat for 30-40 minutes, stirring every few minutes. You want to let these veggies really develop in flavor and brown. After a minimum of 30 minutes, add the ground sirloin to the Dutch oven. Season the meat with a teaspoon of salt and pepper. Brown the meat breaking it up with a wooden spoon. Add the diced garlic. Continue cooking the meat for 20 minutes on medium heat.

Add the tomato paste and cook for another 5 minutes. Next, deglaze the pan with the white wine. Cook on medium for 3-4 minutes. Add in the can of tomatoes, milk and the beef or chicken broth. Give it a good stir and simmer on low heat for at least 1 hour with the lid ajar.

After an hour, add the red wine vinegar. Give it a good stir, taste and add more salt and pepper, if necessary.

Boil pasta until al dente. Using a slotted spoon, add the noodles directly to the pot of bolognese sauce. Add about ½-1 cup of pasta water to help coat the pasta with the sauce. Finish it off with parmesan cheese. Serve and enjoy!

To purchase In Emily's Kitchen Signature Spice Blend, visit https://shop.inemilyskitchen.com

Farmers Market open for groceries, prepared food pick-up and delivery

The Original Farmers Market remains open and will continue serving customers with fresh groceries and prepared meals. Many market favorites are available to go including freshly-baked doughnuts, hand-tossed pizza, hamburgers, gourmet pickles, English toffees and more. Select restaurants remain open for pick-up and delivery, and the Farmers Market Post Office and Newswest is open as well. All market entry gates and the parking lots are open and parking is free during current operating hours, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“We are all in this together and we wish to thank everyone for their support of our local small businesses,” read a statement from the Original Farmers Market. “The health and well-being of our customers, merchants and employees is our number one priority and we are pleased to serve as a vital resource for the community.”

Du-par’s is offering Blue Plate Specials, with four dinners for $40. Dinner selections include chicken pot pie, meatloaf, turkey, macaroni and cheese casserole, and buttermilk hotcakes with scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon or sausage and coffee. The chicken pot pie, meatloaf, turkey and macaroni and cheese casserole dinners include sides and choice of a fruit pie or full stack of hotcakes. Take out and curbside pickup is available. To place an order, call (323)933-8446 or (323)933-8440, or visit dupars.net.

Magee’s Kitchen is offering take-home taco and enchilada packs that feed three to four people for $29.95 per pack. Customers can place an order by calling (323)938-4127. Fritzi Coop is offering an Easy Pickup Menu. The homemade chicken bolognese with elbow pasta serves three to four people and is $25. The bucket of eight classic chicken tenders meal feeds four people and is served with two large curly fries or tots, one large macaroni and cheese or roasted corn, one large coleslaw and three sauces, for $35.50. The two bucket classic chicken tenders meal feeds six to eight people and includes four large curly fries or tots, one large macaroni and cheese and one large roasted corn, one large coleslaw and six sauces, for $65.50. To place an order, call (323)936-9436, or visit fritzicoop.com.

Nonna’s Emanpanadas is offering sweet and savory baked empanadas including nutella, pepperoni, macaroni and cheese and many other varieties. Nonna’s also sells ready-to-bake empanadas that can be frozen and enjoyed at home. To place an order, call (323)934-8724, or visit nonnasempanadas.com.

The Original Farmers Market is located at 6333 W. Third St. Visit farmersmarketla.com.
Crossword Puzzle by Myles Mellor

Across
1. Blood group system
2. Keats' creations
3. Across
4. Prefix with pad
5. Time for resolutions
6. Open-mouthed
7. Time for jokes
8. Flamboyance
9. Middle-eastern king
10. Decked out
11. "_life!"
12. From Okla. to
13. Courtroom figs.
14. Time for resolutions
15. Prefix with pad
16. Grammy-winning
17. Que. neighbor
18. Western States
19. Halts
20. Halftime performers
21. Buddy
22. Buddy
23. Much may follow it

Down
1. Energy type
2. Fruity Republic?
3. Won the race
4. "Oops!"
5. Kutcher's wife
6. Flamboyance
7. Entertain, in a way
8. Getaway keyboard key
9. Smallest of small
10. Decked out
11. Dame Myra
12. From Okla. to
13. Courtroom figs.
14. Austin time
15. Hall
16. Tejano singer
17. "_so fast!"
18. "_lucky?"
20. Superlative add on
21. Bible verb ending
22. Buddy
23. "_life!"
24. Fruity Republic?
25. Piece of news
26. Bibliophilic suffix
27. Rocky peak
28. "_life!"
29. Where St. Pete is
30. Dwarf in "The Hobbit"
31. Neanderthal's name
32. Meas. for diamonds
33. "_so fast!"
34. Questionnaire
35. Fine Touch
36. "_life!"
37. Time for resolutions
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40. "Gross!"
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43. Where St. Pete is
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For information, visit nhmlac.org/connects.

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The Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust is keeping the public con- nected by offering virtual programs online. LAMOTH will present “Symbols of Hate: Nazi Terror and Deception” today, March 26, at 1 p.m. in a livestream format on Facebook. The event includes a conversation with Jordanna Gessler, vice president of education and exhibits for LAMOTH.

The swastika, the Heil Hitler salute and the SS skull and crossbones are symbols of hate that were used by the Nazis to support racist ideology, pro- mote anti-Semitism and ostracize Jews and others. To better understand how the Nazis used the symbols, Gessler will offer a virtual tour of the “Symbols of Hate” exhibit.

Students asked to prepare for online instruction at community colleges

All Los Angeles Community College District students are advised to familiarize themselves as soon as possible with the Canvas learning platform before the online classes start on March 23. LA CCD and its local campuses, Los Angeles City College, are shifting as many classes and support services as possible online to provide students continuity of learning.

Students should prepare by visiting community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-18858-getting-started-with-canvas-as-a-student. Students should also visit the “Distance Learning” web- site on the Los Angeles Community College District website.

On March 31, Beverly Hills Unified School District Superintendent Michael Bregy advised the BHUSD community, parents, students and teachers about the district’s steps to adapt to the evolving situation regarding the coronavirus pandemic.

Over the recent spring break, the district thoroughly cleaned all schools, Bregy said.

“Please continue social distant- ing and all government agency rec- ommendations. This is not a time to be lax. The health of our communi- ty, state, nation and world depend on it,” Bregy said.

Bregy added that while “our staff is expertly trained to handle crisis situations at school,” the pandem- ic’s effects extend beyond the school doors, impacting everyone “personally, physically and emo- tionally.”

“It is a new reality to be thinking about online teaching, and for many of our teachers this will be the very first time they deliver curriculum and instruction in this way,” Bregy said.

“With that said, our entire staff have embraced our district motto – Education Reimagined – with innova- tion, enthusiasm and willingness, and I am grateful for all of their hard work.”

Teachers are using Google Classroom, though there is no easily accessible program for home learning, which began on March 24.

“Home learning is each individ- ual teacher changing the delivery of their instruction to a digital experi- ence. Google Classroom is an incredibly robust platform, but methods of teaching and the nature of assignments is up to individual teachers,” he said.

Any device, even those that are not BHUSD-issued, can be used as long as they can use WiFi or have access to the internet. Students without WiFi’s access at home should contact David Damico, interim executive director of Technology, at ddamico@bhusd.org.

Communication to students regarding work and assignments including all other third-party appli- cations (e.g. Flip Grid) will be com- municated through Seesaw, com- surables (workbooks) and parent email for grades TK-2. All other grades will use Google Classroom, BHUSD Gmail and Google Hangouts and Google Meet. Due to the passage of Senate Bill 117, school sessions will need to be extended into summer.

Attendance will be based on stu- dent work completed. If students are not completing assignments and meeting the virtual meeting times and collaborations, it must be docu- mented.

For immediate technological support, click on the tech support blue box on the homepage of each school’s website from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Email tech@bhusd.org for troubleshoot- ing technology issues.

Employmenst who are diagnosed, or parents of children who are diag- nosed with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should report it to Student Services (Phil Wenker, pwenger@sbusd.org) and their principal or direct supervisor.

BHHS Students will still be able to access the Normen Aid Student Support Center by scheduling a vir- tual counseling session.

For information, visit bhhs.bhusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=171604&tpy=1&EC_ID=367218.
I give you permission to soak up CW’s many binge-worthy series

Isolation does weird things to the mind, and since the streaming giants only feature random episodes of “Jeopardy!” how are we supposed to find media that make us think? “Game of Thrones” might do the trick, with all its subplots and family histories to track, but we have many more days of staying home ahead, too many. The easy remedy includes cop shows, medical dramas and baking competitions, but they do little to stimulate the mind. Only one option remains, but before I tell you, I must set the stage.

Steven Johnson’s quite readable “Everything Bad Is Good for You” makes a rather simple claim: pop culture has gradually gotten more complex and intelligent over the years. Even reality TV is more intricate than its predecessors in the early ‘90s. For my streaming dollars, The CW provides the best of both worlds.

The CW require the “Lost” closure. Unlike most major networks, is more than any other network, is the largest free-to-air networks. You might think that’s a dig, but complex and smart doesn’t always rake in big ratings right away. But “Crazy” finished on its own terms without an AHCD Registry.  Should you become a little known remake of “Le Femme Nikita,” simply called “Nikita,” or an Elizabethan series featuring a modern soundtrack, “Reign.” The CW drops content that sticks way more than any predictable episode of “CSI,” “NCIS,” “CSI: Miami,” “SWAT,” “911” and anything else Steven Johnson would dis for dumbing down viewers’ TV viewing habits. But we have many more days of staying home ahead, too many.

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For information, visit www.kramerdresben.com

Disney Concert Hall goes silent

In accordance with “Safer at Home” orders, the Los Angeles Philharmonic is doing its part in mitigating the spread of coronavirus by canceling March, April and early May performances. The Phil announced performances at Walt Disney Concert Hall are canceled from Friday, March 13 until Sunday, May 10. Ticketholders can donate their series back to LA Phil, which is 100% tax deductible, receive credit for a future event in the current or following season at Walt Disney Concert Hall or upcoming Hollywood Bowl season, or receive a refund. The organization will email ticket holders with details on how to manage canceled tickets. Ticket Holders can contact LA Phil by sending an email to information@laphil.org; however, due to high demand and staff shortages, responses may be slow.

The Hollywood Bowl and John Anson Ford Amphitheatre are closed as part of their off-season. “We look forward to inviting you back to experience music soon,” the organization said in a press release. Walt Disney Music Hall is located at 111 South Grand Ave. For information, visit laphil.com.

On Screen with Tim Posada

While kids go full “Lord of the Flies,” that ends quickly, replaced by a complex anthropological web that invokes the best of “Mad Max,” “Terminator” and all the other dystopian greatest hits. Season seven will return later this year, but there’s plenty to binge on Netflix right now.

Fret not, sci-fi haters. You and I might disagree on nerdy media, but we have many more days of staying home ahead, too many. The CW has plenty of teen drama. From “Gossip Girl” to “One Tree Hill,” the self-importance of high school reigns supreme. The stakes are never higher than “The Vampire Diaries,” along with spin-offs “The Originals” and “Legacies,” which wraps its second season tonight.

Those first two bathe in moral ambiguity, featuring vamps, werewolves and witches (and hybrids) killing one week, regaining their humanity the next. “Legacies” favors more campy sensibilities, though it’s a fun ride nonetheless. If you want something a bit heavier, the remake of “Charmed” transformed in season two. Replacing all those homages to the original series, its sophomore outing burned it all down and restarted, creating something shockingly on point.

Fine, you don’t want sci-fi or fantasy. Can I interest you in a musical series? Think “Glee” but actually funny. “Crazy Ex-Girlfriend” made headlines as the least watched series on the five largest free-to-air networks. You might think that’s a dig, but complex and smart doesn’t always rake in big ratings right away. But “Crazy” finished on its own terms with a solid four seasons.

This is the time for hidden gems, and the pilot alone has several bust-your-gut laughs, including an opening number all about the magical Cali city west Covina, and another hilarious one, “The Sexy Getting Ready Song,” exposing the horror story of a woman’s preparation for a date. The rest of the show follows suit.

One thing you get from The CW, more than any other network, is closure. Unlike most major networks, The CW allows series to finish what they start, whether it’s a little known remake of “Le Femme Nikita,” simply called “Nikita,” or an Elizabethan series featuring a modern soundtrack, “Reign.” The CW drops content that sticks way more than any predictable episode of “CSI,” “NCIS,” “CSI: Miami,” “SWAT,” “911” and anything else Steven Johnson would dis for dumbing down viewers’ TV viewing habits. But we have many more days of staying home ahead, too many.

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ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE

National, state and community organizations are leading a massive effort to highlight the importance of Advance Healthcare decision-making. In California, the growing importance of every adult having an Advance Health Care Directive (AHC) has been addressed by the Secretary of State who has established a state-wide AHC Registry. Should you become injured, ill, or otherwise unable to speak for yourself, your healthcare provider or legal representative may request information from the state-wide registry regarding your healthcare.

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The Grammy Museum features artists in newly released public programs

The Grammy Museum will debut never-before-released digital public programs from their archive amid the coronavirus pandemic. In accordance with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti’s “Safer at Home” order and recommendation to postpone or cancel events that attract more than 10 people, the Grammy Museum made the decision to postpone through Sunday, March 31.

However, Michael Sticka, president of the Grammy Museum, said “music has the power to bring us together, strengthen our sense of community and drive us forward – especially in times when it feels like we are being pulled apart.”

As part of its effort to connect the community through music, the museum released and will continue to release a digital series featuring intimate sit-down interviews with artists and musicians in its 200-seat Clive Davis Theater from previous programs.

The first round of artists to be featured in the digital Public Program series include Billie Eilish and Finneas, Bob Newhart, Brandi Carlile, Greta Van Fleet, Kool and the Gang, Larkin Poe, Scarypoolparty, X Ambassadors and the artist Yola.

The Grammy Museum released its digital Public Programs on Scarypoolparty’s Yola, Bob Newhart and Larkin Poe on March 18, March 21, March 23 and March 25, respectively. The museum will release a new program each week through April 19 and extend its closure to April 19 if it closely monitors the coronavirus situation.

While the zoo is closed to the public, the L.A. Zoo and Botanical Gardens closed its doors on March 13 and extended its closure to April 19 as it closely monitors the coronavirus situation.

Owner Kenny Tashman said the store has been restocked with products for COVID-19 protection needs. Antibacterial soaps, disinfectant spray, cleaner, body suits and shoe covers are also available.

Updated store hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday.

Tashman Home Center will continue to adapt store policies and hours as the public health emergency evolves and is taking all possible steps to ensure the safety of staff and customers, Tashman said.

Tashman Home Center is located at 7769 Santa Monica Blvd. For information, call (323)248-0840, or visit tashmans.com.

Explore the Getty museums online from home

The Gettys细微 museum created a roundup of art books, online exhibitions, podcasts and videos online at Getty Iris to help keep artistic spurs up.

The Getty Center, Getty Villa and Getty Library are temporarily closed, but are bringing the museum to you. The Getty has made the decision to postpone in-person events through the end of the month. The museum will also release its digital Public Programs on Scarypoolparty’s Yola, Bob Newhart and Larkin Poe on March 18, March 21, March 23 and March 25, respectively. The museum will release a new program each week through April 19 and extend its closure to April 19 if it closely monitors the coronavirus situation.

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However, the Getty museums offer many resources online for people at home to continue experiencing and exploring art. In an effort to narrow down the search, Getty staff compiled a blog post, “How to Explore Art While the Getty Galleries are Closed,” on Getty Iris to guide people at home.

People can experience three of the Getty’s most current and popular exhibitions online such as “Michelangelo: Mind of the Master,” “Assyria: Palace Art of Ancient Iraq” and “Käthe Kollwitz: Prints, Process, Politics.”

Michelangelo’s exhibit highlights a selection of preparatory drawings, from compositional sketches to detailed figurative studies. People can explore an overview of his work and explore his drawings online with a free audio tour provided by the Getty.

In a blog post by Sara Cole, an exhibition curator for “Assyria: Palace Art of Ancient Iraq,” she informs readers about relief sculptures that depict warfare, rituals, mythology, hunting and court life. These sculptures decorated the palaces of Assyrian kings in the ninth to seventh centuries BC.

She examines the different ways the sculptures were created and some techniques described in comic books.

The last exhibit features the life and work of graphic artist Käthe Kollwitz and also presents her portrayals of the hardships of war, poverty and injustice during the 20th century. People can see highlights of the exhibition, delve into her printmaking techniques and explore how her images were used for social campaigns online through videos and photos.

The Getty included a section for art history and research. On Getty Iris, this section highlights “Bauhaus: Building the New World” and “The Legacy of Ancient Palmyra,” which discuss the German school Bauhaus’ impact on art and design, and the cosmopolitan ancient city of Palmyra, respectively.

People who are interested in reading art books or conducting research can access Getty Publications or the Getty Library too. Yet, people who prefer to listen to content, The Getty produces two podcasts, “Arts + Ideas” and “Recording Artists: Radical Women.”

Jim Cuno, president of the J. Paul Getty Trust, hosts “Arts + Ideas” and speaks to artists, writers, curators and scholars about their work in the art industry. Helen Molesworth hosts “Recording Artists: Radical Women” which explores the lives of six women artists: Alice Neel, Lee Krasner, Betye Saar, Frankenthaler, Yoko Ono and Eva Hesse.

Molesworth also interviews contemporary and temporary art historians to understand what it meant and still means to be a woman and an artist.

In the following days and weeks to come, the Getty will continue to update its online content.

The Getty Museum is located at 1200 Getty Center Drive. For information, visit getty.edu.
Green House fix will take two or three months

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Green House after the color of its exterior, but work, will require at least two to three months.

“The main thing is they were all able to stay safely and finally,” said Judy Vaughan, founding director of Alexandria House. “The house used to be a really dark and lonely building, but every floor has significant fire damage or smoke damage. People had their life’s belongings in those rooms. We are just hoping to stay positive and help each other.”

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Vagh-an said Alexandria House is asking for donations and support. People can visit alexandriahouse.org for ways to help. Plans are currently being made to relocate the residents to a site where they are temporarily staying by Friday, but the hope is to keep them together because they had been living in the Green House for months.

The plan is for them to stay in an Airbnb-type rental. Vaughan said. Many people have donated and contributed to the effort, but Alexandria House still needs additional help moving forward.

“It’s a huge hardship; it’s a heartache,” Vaughan said. “We were doing fairly well considering the coronavirus and all the restrictions. But this makes it really difficult for us.”

Alexandria House serves other families next door in its Yellow House, which also houses staff. The nonprofit has been serving meals to the families there and is holding educational activities for the children, who are home from school because of coronavirus restrictions.

“We are committed to ensuring people never end up homeless,” Vaughan added. “We work with women and their families and have had 200 families come through our program since 1996. We have folks waiting with Section 8 vouchers who are having difficulty finding other places.”

Vaughan was encouraged by the fact that the families who were displaced had been receiving support for months, were saving money and were nearing the point where they could transition into permanent housing. She expects they will be able to find housing within two to three months, but need help because of many uncertainties with the situation.

“There are lots of pieces that need to be put back together right now,” Vaughan said. “It people want to help, it’s great. On our web site, we have an Amazon wish list. The focus will be on replacing all the belongings in their rooms.”

For information, visit alexandriahouse.org.

Five families with 12 children were displaced by the fire in Alexandria House’s Green House.

Didi Hirsch offers mental health tips for pandemic

On March 19, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services, a lead- ing provider of mental health care, announced that it has provided free mental health, substance use and suicide pre-vention services for more than 25 years and is the home of the nation’s first suicide prevention center, released a statement with advice for improving mental health during the coronavirus pandemic.

The rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic has caused a public health crisis unlike any we’ve seen in 100 years,” the statement said. “Widespread cancellations of sporting events, concerts and other festivities – outings that bring joy to many – can cause disappointment, stress and loneliness, anxiety and depression in those who already live with mental health conditions.”

During this time, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services has mobilized all the technology needed for its staff to stay in touch with clients through telemedicine and tele-therapy, and also has limited staff at each of its sites for current clients in crisis who urgently need in-person care.

“For many of our clients, the cancellation of socializing, and the isolation that comes with it, is exacerbating their symptoms of depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation,” said Dr. Michael Reinsel, chief operating officer of Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services.

Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services offered several suggestions.

“People rely on trusted primary sources for news, the nonprofit said, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. They should also consider limiting their exposure to news to a few times per day and avoid watching or listening to reports about the crisis right before bedtime.

People should also stay in touch with friends, neighbors and loved ones by phone, text or email; make the most of family time, whether walking the family dog, doing a jigsaw puzzle or cooking together; and consult with a trusted financial advisor before making any drastic decisions about finances.

CDC guidelines on handwashing and other hygiene matters should be followed, and people should eat well, exercise and get enough sleep. To pass the time, people can read a novel they’ve set aside, renew a hobby or do a fun activity.

If you or someone you know is feeling suicidal, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800)273-8255.

For information, visit didi-hirsch.org.

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JF Lal offers help for those in need

On March 16, Rachel Grose, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, released a statement letting the community know that “JF Lal is operating at full capacity, servicing our clients and making loans as usual.”

“As we have done since our founding in 1904, JF Lal is here to ensure that hardworking people get the help they so desper-ately need in times of crisis,” Grose said. “We are proud to be offering interest-free loans to those who have been affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

“Our staff will be working remotely to do our part in slow- ing the spread of the virus, but all are reachable via email and will respond to you as soon as possible.”

For information, email info@jfla.org, or visit jfla.org.

Twerdun, managing director of the developer, LeFrak. “The building has been modified several times over many decades and doesn’t look as good as it could and doesn’t look as good as it did when it was originally designed. We want to bring it back to that past glory.”

LeFrak also plans to build a mixed-use structure just south of the Attie Building. The 15-story building, which will face Wilcox Avenue, will total nearly 280,000 square feet, including 260 resi- dential units, up to 10% of which will be set aside for affordable workforce housing.

Twerdun said this mixed-use project is different from many others currently in the develop-ment pipeline in the market it seeks to attract.

“In this specific location, it’s one of the few places where peo- ple will actually be able to live, rather than tourists coming in to visit Hollywood and stay in hotels,” he said.

It will also be certified LEED gold and be greenhouse-gas neutral, Twerdun added.

Though residents will be able to use public transit – the Attie Building is a short walk from the Hollywood/Vine subway station, which will include 420 parking spaces. The complex will also feature nearly 14,000 square feet of outdoor space, such as courtyards for the public and for residents, rooftop terraces and a pool deck.

In addition, the Hollywood and Wilcox project plans to include more than 11,000 square feet for retail, more than 3,500 square feet of restaurant space and 260 community spaces.

“There’s many different uses right there in that corner,” Twerdun said.

Some of the retail space will be in a two-story building that will be constructed just to the east of the Attie Building. Kristopher Larson, president and CEO of the Hollywood Property Owners Alliance, which oversees the Hollywood Business Improvement District, praised LeFrak for limiting the height of the Hollywood Boulevard-facing building, as the Attie Building and the adjacent structure are within the Hollywood Historic District’s boundaries. The 15- story building will be just south of the historic buildings.

“Even as expensive as Hollywood is to develop within, they’re developing that building at only two stories to match the height of the adjacent building to really ensure that it fits in within the context and scale of Hollywood Boulevard on that block,” he said.

The project is currently in the draft environmental impact report phase of development, and the public can view it starting after the project until April 13, when the 45-day comment period ends. After that, the final envir- onmental impact report will be pre- pared, and the project will go through the city’s approval process, which will include the Los Angeles City Planning Commission, the Hollywood Neighborhood Council’s Planning and Land Use Management Committee before the full City Council makes the final decision.

Twerdun said if there are no major delays, the developers are hoping for City Council approval by the end of the year, and con- struction could start soon thereafter. However, with the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, that timeline may be subject to change.

“We’re hopeful that the world will start to become normalized in a few weeks to several weeks, but that won’t stop us from receiving comments that the city provided for the last EIR,” Twerdun said.

The developers are working from home and may have to make any necessary changes and respond to the comments from the city before the final EIR.

Twerdun added.

“We’re hoping we can stick to the Netflix and some of the other streaming services. The coronavirus outbreak lasts many, many months, that might be a different situation, but if it only lasts a few weeks, we’ll stick to the same schedule,” he said.

Larson said the HPOA is supportive of what the project aims to do, as it is community at large to the best of his knowledge.

“This is a project that really checks all the boxes. It really respects the historic density of Hollywood, it creates affordable housing. It helps to clean up some vacant and blighted storefronts. In our book, this is what a great infill development project looks like,” Larson said.

Twerdun was similarly effu- sive in his praise for the project and its new neighbors.

“We have that great loca- tion,” Twerdun said. “We’re big believers in Hollywood. … It’s a great location, a lot of people want to be in Hollywood with office development from Netflix and some of the other studios. There’s a lot of good activ-ity in Hollywood.”

Mural from ‘La La Land’ to remain on Wilcox Ave.

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Red Cross beds will allow more shelters

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“The April 10 property tax deadline is approaching, and with uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, many property owners are unsure of what to do regarding property tax payments. "I understand that this is a very stressful time for many people, and that's why we're not going to allow late penalties," said Los Angeles County property owners affected by the COVID-19 virus may have late penalties cancelled if they are unable to pay their property taxes by the April 10 deadline. "We have no authority to extend the April 10 deadline," said state law. However, beginning on April 11, the day after property taxes are due, people unable to pay on time for reasons related to COVID-19 may submit a request for penalty cancellations online. The department has set up a special team to process these requests for those who demonstrate they were affected by the outbreak. We encourage all property owners to stay in touch with their taxes on time to do so. This revenue helps keep the government running and providing vital services that the public relies on, especially in times like these. "Since county buildings are currently closed to the public during this emergency, there will be no in-person payments. Instead, tax-payers can pay online, via telephone or by mail. There is no cost for e-check payments online. For online credit/debit card transactions, our card payment processor charges a 2.25% service fee," said Knox. For information, visit the la county tax collected in the previous quarter. For information, email planning info@lacity.org.
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