WeHo officials work to keep community informed

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BY JOSE HERRERA

People listen to each other when they need advice or help in solving a problem, but during an emergency, such as the coronavirus pandemic, it’s vital to obtain the right information from trusted sources.

In the city of West Hollywood, Mayor Pro Tempore Lindsey Horvath will be participating in Israel-American Civic Action Network’s Virtual Town Hall Series tonight, April 2, at 7 p.m. to discuss the city’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on West Hollywood.

The city is partnered with Congregation Kol Ami, located at 200 N. La Brea Ave., and the two organizations will ask Horvath questions about the city’s efforts and responses to the virus. The virtual meeting is open to the public by registering at israelusa.org/events.

For those who are unable to participate, updates and information on West Hollywood’s response to the coronavirus can be found by visiting weho.org/city-government/emergency-information-in-English, Spanish and Russian.

As part of the emergency response, the city organized an emergency supply drive at Plummers on April 2.

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Fire officials said the incident is unrelated to the Woolsey Fire, which burned in Los Angeles County in November and December 2018. The Woolsey Fire caused more than $2 billion in damages and resulted in the deaths of three people.

The LA County Fire Department said the blaze on Highland Avenue started at approximately 1:55 a.m. and left car parts and debris scattered across Highland Avenue south to Clinton Street. The vehicles, two BMW sedans, were traveling at a "very high rate of speed," said Officer Joel Twycross, with the Los Angeles Police Department’s West Traffic Division. Two men were pronounced dead at the scene and a third was taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he died. A 21-year-old female passenger in one of the cars sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was treated at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Twycross said.

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**BY EDWIN FOLVEN**

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Beverly Hills continues coronavirus response

City Council offers more help for renters, threatens fines for gatherings by CAMERON KISZLA

As the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic continue to be felt, the Beverly Hills City Council took a series of actions on March 31 to protect public safety and alleviate some of the financial concerns of residents and businesses in the city.

The council amended the urgency ordinance that was passed on March 16 to prevent the evictions of commercial and residential tenants. Among several new changes, the council explicitly included a moratorium on evictions based on the Ellis Act—which landlords evict their tenants in order to leave the rental business—and placed a moratorium on rent increases, clarified that the only reason to not pay rent is because of substantial financial impacts due to the coronavirus and required missed rents to be repaid within one year, as opposed to the six-month deadline included in the urgency ordinance.

In addition, the city chose a form for renters to fill out when they are unable to pay. That form will be filed with the city, and disputes between residential renters and landlords will be decided by the city. First, city staff will attempt to resolve the disputes. If those discussions are unsuccessful, the matter will be heard by a City Council ad hoc committee or the city’s Rent Stabilization Commission. The council decided that disputes over commercial rent should be handled by the courts.

The term “substantial” was a point of debate between council members, as it was initially defined as a 20% drop in income. Councilman Julian Gold argued that the term was too subjective and some people might try to take advantage of the crisis and withhold their rent payments unnecessarily. “That has to be a truthful change. If we have no language at all indicating it goes beyond a trivial change [in income], there’s no indication that it should be a meaningful drop,” Vice Mayor Robert Wulff said.

Some council members also said they’d like to find a way to differentiate between large rental companies and smaller property owners, as forgoing rent in the near future will impact them differently. “Our goal here is really to support the most vulnerable, but … there are people who don’t need help who could easily pay the rent, and I think they should,” Gold said. “That has to be adjudicated somehow, and if that’s not available, we’re going to see a lot of this in the front of the commission.”

With concerns about making the process too difficult on renters who are already in a tough situation, the council decided to use the word substantial, but remove the 20% definition. “I think the intent of this ordinance is that it not be a trivial change. If we have no language at all indicating it goes beyond a trivial change [in income], there’s no indication that it should be a meaningful drop,” Vice Mayor Robert Wulff said.

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“The mayor’s action will save thousands of renters and working families in Los Angeles from a rent increase that is unfair, unjust and unconscionable during this pandemic.” -Los Angeles City Councilman David Ryu, 4th District

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Runoff will be held on Nov. 3

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Incumbent Los Angeles City Councilman David Ryu will face challenger Nithya Raman in a runoff election for the 4th Council District seat on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

On March 27, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean C. Logan announced the certified results of the March 3 primary election. Ryu received 34,298 votes, 44.7% of ballots cast, and Raman garnered 31,502 votes, 41% of the total vote. Candidate Sarah Kate Levy finished in third-place with 3,698 votes, 12.5% of the total.

In a statement provided after the final vote certification, Ryu’s campaign spokesman Daniel Eyal said Ryu remains focused on the city’s response to the COVID-19 emergency and has temporarily suspended campaigning.

“Councilmember Ryu is proud of earning the most votes in the March 3 primary for CD4 and for building a powerful coalition, including neighborhood leaders, tenant activists, labor leaders and the Democratic Party. Councilmember Ryu’s broad support reflects his strong record of fighting for working families,” the statement read.

“Currently, Councilmember Ryu has suspended campaign activities for the November general election as he works with city, county and state leaders to address the unique needs of the city’s most vulnerable during the coronavirus pandemic.”

Raman also issued a statement about the certification of primary election votes.

“At this moment, our city faces a pandemic that has driven so many Angelenos into financial precarity, and devastated so many more who were already barely surviving,” Raman said. “The message at the core of our campaign – the need for basic rights and protections for every resident of L.A. – is more vital and urgent now than ever before. In the coming days, I’ll be sharing ideas for how we cannot just help L.A. recover from this crisis, but emerge from it a healthier, safer, more-just city.”

Raman, an urban planner and homeless advocate who co-founded the S.I.L.A.H. Neighborhood Homeless Coalition, credited her second-place showing to a grassroots campaign that brought people together throughout the district. She said 700 volunteers knocked on 80,000 doors, some twice, to reach voters in the weeks leading up to the election.

“I hope to continue building the incredible momentum we already saw in the primary,” Raman said. “I want to fight for a vision many people are excited about.”

WHCHC takes action on coronavirus

On March 19, Jesse Slansky, president and CEO of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, released a statement regarding the WHCHC’s response to the coronavirus pandemic.

“As we navigate through these uncharted waters, the health and well-being of our residents, staff and community remains our top priority... In the wake of the worldwide spread of the novel coronavirus, West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation followed the lead and advice of the state, county and cities of Los Angeles and West Hollywood, and enacted a number of measures to protect and support our community during this global health crisis,” Slansky said.

“WHCHC offices have been closed and all employees have transitioned to working remotely. Our resident population of nearly 900 low-income people includes many of the most vulnerable community members, including seniors and the immunocompromised. To prevent the spread of the virus, WHCHC suspended all on-site services and programs at our 17 apartment affordable apartment communities. We have restricted access to all common areas and are encouraging our residents to practice social distancing and shelter-in-place. WHCHC Resident Services staff is continuing regular wellness checks by phone, with a focus on our most fragile and isolated residents. We are working with our food and nutrition partners and our residents on a case-by-case basis to make sure everyone has access to food and essential medication.

For information, visit whchc.org.

Du-par’s Bakery & Pie Shop has been a Farmers Market favorite since 1938. Every day they make fresh and delicious bakery treats including pies, muffins, doughnuts and much more.
As the city of Beverly Hills follows the “Safer at Home” order due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the city’s Department of Community Services has created a virtual community services website, communitylife.lh.org, that offers a multitude of online programs, services, activities and resources to keep people active and nourished physically, mentally and spiritually at home.

Visitors to the “Artsmake, Recreate & Library in Place” website will find fun, interesting educational and interactive online resources for arts and culture, recreation and learning, library and social services, the city’s virtual farmer’s market and farm-to-home delivery, and more.

Under art and soul, visitors will find inspiring music, dance, live performance and acts of human kindness to bring comfort. In arts and culture, people can enjoy the Broad Stage at Home, artistic short films on Vimeo and “Van Gogh Up Close.” In recreation, visitors will have access to the activities, rainwater crafts, a virtual “Harry Potter” escape room, and adult and senior health, wellness, yoga and fitness classes.

In the virtual farmers’ market, people will find a list and contact information for farmers and vendors who are providing products through delivery or shipping. Library services offers a virtual Beverly Hills Library, as well as other online activities like Kanopy for movie streaming, Hoopla for digital movies, music and e-books; mind games for seniors and story time from space.

Those in need can find help as part of the city’s human services and tax safety net for the most vulnerable residents, as well as information on mental health, homelessness services.

“The city’s Community Services Department has been among the first to create ways to provide the community with critical and essential services and programs,” said Jenny Rogers, community services director. “As part of the effort to fight the spread of COVID-19, we are inviting community folks to ‘Artsmake, Recreate & Library in Place’ providing our community with an array of resources to support the emotional and spiritual health of our residents.”

Los Angeles City Councilman David Ryu, 4th District, urged state leaders to consider extending the deadline even further to provide more protections and support for California taxpayers.

Earlier this month, the Internal Revenue Service extended the deadline for tax filing to July 15. In a letter sent to state leaders, Ryu stated that unprecedented economic hardship demands more time and more protections for California tax payers.

“When this crisis is behind us and we need to rebuild our state’s economy, we would be in a much better position to do so with individual and communities who aren’t buried in debt or insolvency. Protecting folks from this pandemic includes doing all we can to meet their new economic reality and mitigate the economic impacts as much as possible,” Ryu said. “We need to provide relief to working people so they can focus on the priorities that matter now: taking care of their families and putting food on the table.”

The letter was sent to Gov. Gavin Newsom, state Sen. Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg), chair of the state Senate’s Governance and Finance Committee, and Assemblywoman Autumn Burke (D-Inglewood), chair of the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

Ryu is asking Newsom to extend the filing deadline for property owners to July 15. Once the state Legislature reconvenes, Ryu is asking leaders to consider extending the deadline even further to provide more protections and support for California taxpayers.

“We know that this crisis will be tough on our state’s budget,” Ryu said. “But we must remember that California’s incredible economy is driven by working Californians, and we must first start with protecting their financial solvency.”

For information, visit davydui.lacounty.gov.

**Letters to the Editor**

**WeiHo resident Tai Sunnanon is inspirational**

Re “WeiHo resident does good during pandemic,” March 26 report.

These are the kind of people we need during times of crisis. People with a strong head on their shoulders who see the bigger picture.

My routines have had to change, so I’m learning to adapt and this piece is a good reminder of how much is actually in my control.

*Tim Murphy*

What a terrific article on such a great person. Tai [Sunnanon] has been an active leader in the community and this is no surprise that he’s helping, yet again, during our time of need.

*Lauryn Johnson*

**Beverly Hills makes it easy for people to recreate in place**

As the city of Beverly Hills follows the “Safer at Home” order due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the city’s Department of Community Services has created a virtual community services website, communitylife.lh.org, that offers a multitude of online programs, services, activities and resources to keep people active and nourished physically, mentally and spiritually at home.

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**Ryu calls for state to extend deadline for filing taxes**

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The letter was sent to Gov. Gavin Newsom, state Sen. Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg), chair of the state Senate’s Governance and Finance Committee, and Assemblywoman Autumn Burke (D-Inglewood), chair of the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

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“We know that this crisis will be tough on our state’s budget,” Ryu said. “But we must remember that California’s incredible economy is driven by working Californians, and we must first start with protecting their financial solvency.”

For information, visit davydui.lacounty.gov.

**Subway work progresses along Wilshire Boulevard**

Construction on the Purple Line Extension continues as the city and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has provided updates about work in April.

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Luxury hotel to replace Paley Center in Beverly Hills

BY CAMERON KISZLA

The former site of the Paley Center for Media in Beverly Hills will be part of a luxury hotel project from LVMH, the French conglomerate that includes high-end brands like Louis Vuitton, Moët & Chandon and Christian Dior. The hotel, Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills, will be the first American branch of the chain that includes hotels in locations like St. Tropez and the Maldives. Other forthcoming Cheval Blanc locations include Paris, London and the Seychelles.

The Beverly Hills location will be built on four parcels of land, one of which was the Paley Center building at 465 N. Beverly Drive, and the hotel will be located on Rodeo Drive, Beverly Drive and South Santa Monica Boulevard, said Anish Melwani, chairman and CEO of LVMH in the United States, in an email. The existing buildings will be demolished to make room for the 115-room hotel.

“This renowned location is associated throughout the world with exceptional luxury and quality, making it an ideal site for the first Cheval Blanc in the United States,” Melwani said. “The project also extends LVMH’s long-standing partnership with Beverly Hills, where it currently owns or leases 18 properties for many of the world’s leading brands.”

Bernard Arnault, chairman and CEO of LVMH, said in a statement that it would be “a long and successful presence on Rodeo Drive.”

“We look forward to expanding our role in the city with this exceptional new destination,” Arnault said.

Melwani added that the hotel will bring more foot traffic to Rodeo Drive and will accentuate BOLD – Beverly Hills Open Later Days – which encourages business- es to stay open for longer hours during the summer and the winter holiday season.

Melwani also praised the design by architect Peter Marino as “exceptional” and an addition to “the Golden Triangle’s rich portfolio of extraordinary architecture.”

Arnault added that the hotel will “enhance Rodeo Drive’s reputation as an unparalleled luxury destination.”

“Peter Marino has designed a magnificent hotel that will offer unrivaled hospitality, as well as dining and retail locations,” Arnault added.

In a statement, Marino, who also designed the Fendi store on Rodeo Drive, said the hotel was designed to be “a vibrant addition to the city of Beverly Hills and a new icon for both the city and Cheval Blanc.”

“Our approach started with the location and context of Beverly Hills, resulting in an innovative, modern, Southern California design,” Marino said. “Working with artists is an essential aspect of my work, and site-specific works are being commissioned for the new hotel, both inside and out.”

While the restaurant and retail space will be available to the public, the hotel will not offer group business or event, conference or banquet space, adding to what Melwani called its “residential, personalized feel” that “delivers the highest degree of comfort, service and exclusive privacy.”

LVMH expects the hotel to open in 2025, and the ongoing coronavirus pandemic is not expected to affect the construction schedule, Melwani said.

“We are just beginning the city of Beverly Hills’ public review and approval process, expected to last approximately 18 months. This will be an open, transparent and inclusive process that includes energetic outreach to a broad range of stakeholders in the city. Once approved, the project will then move to the construction phase,” Melwani said.

Melwani added that, once opened, the “one-of-a-kind hotel” will be a “landmark hospitality destination as well as a long-term significant economic driver for Beverly Hills.”

“We look forward to continuing our long-standing role as a great neighbor and community member in Beverly Hills,” Melwani said.

State takes extra steps to protect seniors during health emergency

To help seniors during the COVID-19 public health emergency, Gov. Gavin Newsom has created the “Stay Home, Save Lives: Check In.” campaign urging Californians to help them obtain basic necessities like groceries and prescriptions, Newsom said.

“The most important way for older Californians to stay safe is to stay at home,” Newsom added. “No older Californian should be forced to go outside to get groceries or their medication. It’s on all of us across the country to check on the older adults in our lives – our friends, family and neighbors – to help them during this emergency. Each and every one of us must reach out in a safe way to make sure our older neighbor has what they need to talk to and have enough food to eat during these difficult times.”

The campaign urges people to check on older neighbors by calling, texting or in person, as long as social distancing is practiced. The state is urging local nonprofits and faith-based organizations to also participate in the program.

Newsom announced a statewide hotline, (833)544-2374, for people to call with questions about assistance during this coronavirus crisis. In partnership with AARP, the state will send a mailer to residents 65 and older with information on resources that can help during the stay-at-home order.

“Social isolation can be difficult for older Californians even in the best of times,” said Kim McCoy Wade, director of the California Department of Aging. “We have to help aging Californians feel connected, and we must ensure we all have access to any needed services right now. This work will save lives.”

State authorities are also working with local Community Emergency Response Teams with volunteers, who have at least 20 hours of FEMA preparedness training for welfare checks on seniors and distributing essential food and supplies.

For information, visit gov.ca.gov.

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The temple wishes everyone safety and good health. We continue to pray for our well-being and that all of our fellow citizens during this time of crisis.

We are stronger together!
Now that restaurants are able to sell groceries, beer, wine and cocktails for off-premise consumption, thanks to newly relaxed California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control regulations, here are some places offering pre-batched cocktails for take-away to pair with your food. This service will boost sales and revenue as these restaurants are currently closed for dine-in service.

**Beverly Grove**

**Petty Cash Taqueria pick-up**

Chefs Walter and Margarita Manzke are keeping Petty Cash open daily from 4 to 9 p.m. through April 19 for pick-up and delivery on Postmates, GrubHub and Caviar. They are preparing taco dinners for two with margaritas for $29 on Tock. A la carte items and signature cocktails are available for purchase. 7360 Beverly Blvd., (323)933-5300.

**Republique chicken dinners**

Now available on Tock, pre-order chicken dinners that serve up to three people for $65. This special is available daily from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Order from a list of wines by the bottle and packaged cocktails to pair with the chicken dinner. 624 S. La Brea Ave., (310)362-6115.

**Ray’s + Stark Bar offers takeout and delivery**

The eatery is offering pizzas and salads, plus wine and cocktails for the neighborhood for those who want take-out. Pizzas are fully prepared, or as a DIY kit for baking at home.

By Jill Weinlein

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Beverly Hills
Via Allooro food and wine pickup

To support the community stay-at-home needs, Via Allooro is offering a special takeout menu for both lunch and dinner. The slightly reduced version of their traditional takeout menu includes appetizers, pizzas, pastas, main courses and desserts. They also offer family meals for up to six people, plus vegetarian and pescatarian options. Grocery items available include pasta, pasta sauce, Drago olive oil, balsamic, Sicilian salt and bread. Enjoy your food with one or more of their wines by the bottle from their award-winning wine list, available for take-out and delivery. Call the restaurant directly and their award-winning wine list, Drago’s signature wines, which includes Tortillas, organic corn, salsa verde, nopal or chile relleno salsa verde, roasted serrano chile, tomatillo, avocado, pickled cabbage, charred green peas, potatoes and gravy.

Culver City
Drago Bakery

Owner and executive chef Celestino Drago has created a special takeout menu that features fresh baked and freezeable essentials that guests can pick up and prepare at home. Items are available to the public, as well as to their staff and continue their health benefits by handling take-out and delivery in-house as much as possible, and offering take-away family meals for all staff, even on days they are not scheduled to work. Seasonal and scrumptious dishes are available to the public, as well as flour, eggs, milk, wine, beer and more. Call the restaurant directly and visit manuela-la.com or call directly on Mondays from 5 to 9 p.m., and Tuesday’s through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 907 E. Third St., (323)849-0480.

Broken Spanish curbside pick-up

Order the family-style menu that includes tortillas, organic corn, roasted squashes, brussels sprouts, hibiscus pickled onion, pepita pesto achiote roasted chicken, pork belly chicharron or chile relleno salsa verde, roasted serrano chile, tomatillo, avocado, pickled cabbage, charred red cabbage, Coneyhead cabbage, cilantro arbol con leche, Carneol rice, canela and brown butter rassian. Prepaid pickup for parties of one to six people is $12.50 per person, plus add-ons. Broken Spanish is offering batched cocktails that serve three. The restaurant’s signature cocktails are available to the public, as well as to their staff and continue their health benefits by handling take-out and delivery in-house as much as possible, and offering take-away family meals for all staff, even on days they are not scheduled to work. Seasonal and scrumptious dishes are available to the public, as well as flour, eggs, milk, wine, beer and more. Call the restaurant directly and visit manuela-la.com or call directly on Mondays from 5 to 9 p.m., and Tuesday’s through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 907 E. Third St., (323)849-0480.

Highland Park
Mr. Holmes Bakehouse open

The owner and CEO of Mr. Holmes Bakehouse, Aaron Cadel, has turned the bakery into an emergency commissary and grocery shop. The store is selling dry goods, meat, milk, eggs and toilet paper. See Restaurant News page 12
Dutch oven olive rosemary bread

by Emily Jilg
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This is such a simple, easy and elegant bread. It does take time but it is fool proof! You really can’t mess it up - and everyone will be so impressed that you baked your very own BREAD!

3 cups of bread flour- use the brand Gold Medal
1 1/2 cups of water at 100-110 degrees
1 tsp active dry yeast- not the fast acting one
3 tsp kosher salt
1/2 cup of chopped kalamata olives
3 tsp chopped rosemary
Olive oil
Maldon salt for topping

First, mix together the warm water, salt, yeast and flour in a large glass bowl until just combined, but don’t over mix.

Cover with plastic and place in a warm place for 16 hours. The dough should double in size and almost smell like a little alcohol, but in a good way!

Oil your hands and roll the dough out onto a floured wooden cutting board. Push dough into a rectangle and add in the olives and rosemary and gently knead together until evenly distributed.

Cover the dough with a towel for one more hour to let rise in a warm place.

Meanwhile, heat the oven to 450 degrees and put your Dutch oven in the oven to get nice and hot. Just before placing the dough into the Dutch oven, put 2 tablespoons of olive oil into the bottom of the pan.

Sprinkle a good amount of Maldon salt on top of the bread and then drop the dough into the hot Dutch oven.

Bake the bread covered for 35 minutes and then finish uncovered for 20 minutes or until its golden brown and crispy on top.

Let it cool for 10 minutes or so and slice and enjoy! Perfect topped with a little olive oil, balsamic vinegar, goat cheese and…

With love + salt
Emily

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He is offering a “pay what you can” section for those most in need. He has created a bread starter kit for sale online with nationwide shipping. All that is needed to add is flour and water, and purchasers can continue feeding this starter and make their own bread at home indefinitely. Mr. Holmes Bakehouse also has ready-to-bake cookies and other kits available including a jam kit, so people can also make their own jam at home. Delivery is available via Postmates. 111 S. Ave. 59. (323)379-047.

Loqui Fiesta Kit

Both delivery and pick-up is via Postmates and Chownow.

Ike’s Love & Sandwiches

Now through April 15, kids meals are $5 each when you order a regular Ike’s sandwich. Kids meals range from turkey sandwich es, vegan chicken nuggets, grilled cheeses and meatball subs. This discount is automatically applied at check out on the Ike’s app or in stores for takeout orders. loveanddunkin.com. 6041 Hollywood Blvd., (323)536-9220; 3300 Washington Blvd., (424)835-4096, 614 S. Crenshaw Blvd., (323)641-7445.

Bellwether Farms Cheese Party

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Bellwether Farms is shipping Jersey cow and sheep milk cheese, yogurt, creme fraiche and ricotta to safer-at-home households. Established as the first sheep dairy west of the Rockies, sheep milk offers more protein than goat or cow milk and contains heart healthy fats. Sheep and cow yogurt flavors include spiced apple, strawberry, vanilla, blackberry, blueberry and plain. bellwetherfarms.com. (707)763-0993.

Tocaya Taco Party for one

Order two tacos, one side and a beer of your choice for $13.95 for pickup or delivery. Go to tocayaorganica.com or call in your order. 8560 Beverly Blvd, (424)288-4871; 801 S. Olive St., (213)262-1805; 1122 Gayley Ave., (424)244-3770.
BHUSD online teaching extended

On March 27, Beverly Hills Unified School District Superintendent Michael Bregy released a statement announcing that, in accordance with a recommendation from the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the district’s physical shutdown would be extended until May 4 for staff and May 5 for students. Holidays scheduled online will remain as shutdown – including a staff development day on April 1 and local holidays on April 9 and 10 – will be observed, and no student work will be provided on those days.

“We are starting to think about a philosophy of flexibility during this time,” Bregy said. “When we announced the physical shutdown, it was for 10 days. We created an initial home learning plan based on a 10-day period of time not knowing the full extent of COVID-19. Now that we are extending the physical shutdown, it is important for our science community that we significantly change this plan.”

Starting April 2, BHUSD students will experience “blended learning opportunities,” Bregy said, and the delivery of instruction will vary from student to student.

“We are providing these definitions because we will never be able to replicate a true in person classroom environment through home learning,” he said.

Students will learn through a variety of methods, from online face-to-face instruction through Google Hangouts Meet and Zoom, watching prerecorded videos, other online resources, workbooks, and independent and group work. Students are also recommended to do independent reading, at least 30 to 45 minutes per day for elementary students and 45 to 60 minutes for middle and high school students.

Beverly Hills High School and Beverly Vista Middle School students will be provided with 240 minutes per week of curriculum delivery. Students are also recommended to complete outside of this schedule.

Students will be given a minimum of two opportunities each week to receive live instruction and/or meet with staff via Google Hangouts Meet and Zoom. The teacher will communicate with the student directly on what time and day the instruction will be delivered.

Live instruction or meetings are not to be recorded in any way by anyone, including staff, students or parents, per state Education Code 51512.

For elementary students, teachers will provide students with 120 minutes per week of curriculum delivery in math, English, science, social studies. Students must be given a minimum of two opportunities each week to receive live instruction from their home room teachers or meet with staff via Seesaw, Google Hangouts Meet and/or Zoom. Students will also spend up to 60 minutes per week on MakerSpace, art, vocal music, instrumental music, science and physical education.

For information, visit bhbsd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?_id=1862719&type=d&pKCC_1d=14616615.

LAUSD provides 100,000 N-95 masks to local hospitals

The Los Angeles Unified School District is providing 100,000 N-95 masks to support local hospitals for use by hospital personnel throughout the communities it serves.

As part of its planning for emergencies like this, the school district had purchased personal protective equipment, including N-95 masks, to use for other emergencies, including fires.

“We’re all in this together, and we will do everything we can to help the communities we serve in times of need,” Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Austin Beutner said.

District employees and volunteers are using a portion of these masks for staff at the Grab & Go Food Centers it is operating to provide meals to students and families in need. On March 27, the district’s 64 centers provided 430,872 meals, and Los Angeles Unified also provided 1,503 meals to people in temporary homeless shelters.

Hospitals include Adventist Health White Memorial, Community Hospital of Huntington Park, LAC+USC Medical Center, Olive View – UCLA Medical Center, Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital, Memorial Hospital of Gardena, Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, St. John’s Health Center, Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center, Valley Presbyterian Hospital and UCLA Medical Center.

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Rhodes School of Music offers online lessons

Rhodes School of Music in Larchmont Village is offering more opportunities to learn a musical instrument using new online lessons. Using the Zoom platform, students can join a lesson with a teacher who specializes in the instrument of the student’s choice. Lessons are one-on-one and are scheduled at the same time every week with the same teacher.

To help families and the community get through the public health emergency, Rhodes School of Music is also offering additional free group classes on Zoom for children and adults. Additionally, the school is hosting free faculty concerts on Zoom.

For information, call (323) 522-4888, or visit rhodesschoolofmusic.com.

LAMOTH hosts book talk on Facebook Live

The Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust is hosting a Facebook Live discussion today at 4 p.m. with Jewish Journal book editor Jonathan Kirsch and author Tom Teicholz about his new book “Ivan of the Extermination Camp: John Demjanjuk.”

Demjanjuk was a retired Cleveland auto worker when his past as a Nazi death camp guard was uncovered. Teicholz covered Demjanjuk’s trial in Jerusalem in 1987 and is a comprehensive account of Demjanjuk’s trials and denials over a 30-year period in the United States, Israel and Germany. Teicholz was featured in the Netflix documentary about Demjanjuk called “The Devil Next Door.”

On the Facebook Live event, Kirsch and Teicholz will discuss the book, remaining questions about Demjanjuk’s Nazi service and talk about a fund- raiser they’ve planned: how could someone who was a husband, father, church goer and a good citizen have been a Nazi death camp murderer?

For information, visit lamoth.org.

Hollywood Temple launches virtual Shabbat community

Rabbi Norbert Weinberg has announced the Hollywood Temple Beth El will host prayer sessions online through Zoom every Saturday morning through April from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

These sessions are meant to celebrate Shabbat in song and study. Prayer books and Torah texts are available online in Hebrew, English and transliteration, so people can feel free to join in and be heard too.

Worshippers are invited to visit the website at zoom.us/j/439074743 to connect to the Saturday prayer sessions. The previous March 28 service is available by visiting youTube.1Y2VKpKx8eQ.

For information, visit rabbnorbert.com.
LA Phil presents ‘At Home with Gustavo’ on the radio

Gustavo Dudamel, music and artistic director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, has teamed up with Classical KUSC and Classical KDFC in L.A. and San Francisco, respectively, to remotely present “At Home with Gustavo.”

The show was created in response to the coronavirus pandemic and the temporary closure of cultural venues. “At Home with Gustavo” will broadcast different episodes in English four times a week and in Spanish once a week. The limited-run series airs locally and is syndicated nationally through a partnership with PRX, a public media organization, and streamed internationally online.

“At Home with Gustavo” offers Dudamel’s curated musical selections along with his personal reflections on the music. It also features KUSC’s Brian Luritzten interviewing Dudamel about his life and career in music. The Spanish-language programs are the first to air on KUSC and KDFC since the 1970s, and highlight Dudamel’s connection to the Hispanic culture in L.A. It is also represents the stations, LA Phil and Dudamel’s commitment to ensure that both music and messages of the series are heard by as many communities as possible.

“For me, and I imagine for a lot of you, music has been the thing that brings people together, even when we are apart,” Dudamel said. “It’s important, maybe now more than ever, that we find ways to connect and find comfort and inspiration.”

“At Home with Gustavo” can be heard Tuesday through Friday, 6-7 p.m. on KUSC and KDFC, with the additional Spanish-language broadcast on KUSC on Sundays from 7-8 p.m. and on KDFC from 6-7 p.m. It can be streamed live on kusc.org and on the free iOS and Android apps, and via smart speaker.

“Let’s go to talk directly to you about why I love this music and why I think you will, too. Some shows will be in English, some in Spanish, but the music needs no translation,” Dudamel said.

For information, visit laphil.com/athomewithgustavo.

Crossword puzzle by Myles Mellor

Across
1. Latte locale
5. Vaquero’s neckwear
9. Witch’s place
14. Troubles
15. Sufy. for an M.B.A.
16. Comes closer
17. Encircle
18. Dash
19. Ledger entry
20. Sci-fi sight
24. Michelle Wee’s org.
25. Evil warrior in "The Lord of the Rings"
28. Quarkel
31. Clothing presser
36. "Me, too"
37. Prefix with “logical”
42. Michelle Wee’s org.
43. Eviction
47. Alleviation of pain
48. "Chicago" star
49. "Top Gun" launchpad
50. Actress Diana
52. Ship
53. Ages
54. Troubles
55. "Me, too"
56. 44. Kings Peak locale
57. Manual number system (unit)
58. Some whistle blowers
60. Quotes
61. "Me, too"
62. Shade makers
63. Evidence collectors
67. "Me, too"
68. "Me, too"
69. As a result
70. Agreement point
71. Like some vbs.
72. "___ of the D’Urbervilles"
73. Vending machine inserts.

Down
1. Silly boy
2. Garlicky mayonnaise
3. Patterson of boxing
4. Glimpse
5. Cold-water hazard
6. Andes’ tubers
7. Nearby
8. Slightly ahead
9. Ingratiate oneself
10. Poets “never”
11. Smudgeon
12. “___ quit” (shimutum ending)
13. What U can follow
14. Lacking face value, as stock
15. Special effects, abbr.
16. John Boyd ____, 1949 Peace Nobelist
17. Formerly Pleasant Island
18. Quotes
19. Certain exams
20. Tech executive
21. Duelist’s souvenir
22. Vital life force
23. Get ready for use
24. 46. "Chicago" star
25. 43. Eviction
26. 45. "Top Gun" launchpad
27. 39. Sink of Naples Isle
28. 41. Vital life force
29. 37. Tech executive
30. 49. Data Act, abbr.
31. 51. Cody
32. 50. "Top Gun" launchpad
33. 52. Ship
34. 53. Ages
35. 54. Troubles
36. 55. "Me, too"
37. 56. 1. Latte locale
38. 57. Manual number system (unit)
39. 58. Some whistle blowers
40. 59. ___ Coeur (Paris cathedral)
41. 60. Pulls
42. 61. Beowulf, for one
43. 62. Shade makers
44. 63. Evidence collectors
45. 64. ___ Lingus (Irish airlines)
46. 65. 44. Kings Peak locale
47. 66. Atlantic fish food
48. 67. Asian sea name
49. 68. Indian numbering system (unit)
50. 69. As a result
51. 70. Agreement point
52. 71. Like some vbs.
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At 6 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 2200 block of Vista Del Mar.

A suspect assaulted a victim during a domestic violence incident in the 1000 block of N. Larchmont at 2:30 a.m.

At 7:30 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 7000 block of W. Olympic.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 6800 block of Hollywood at 2 p.m.

At 3 p.m., an unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 7000 block of Sunset.

An unknown suspect stole a vehicle in the 5700 block of La Brea.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Franklin and Camino Palmero at noon.

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

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 4500 block of W. Third at 2:44 p.m.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 1300 block of S. Monica.

At 8 a.m., an unknown suspect stole a vehicle in the 1200 block of N. La Brea. An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 2700 block of Hollywood.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 400 block of N. Curtson at 11 a.m.

At 12:10 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 7000 block of Hollywood.

At 2:19 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Chester and Formosa at 3:20 a.m.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 1700 block of Sycamore at 10:45 a.m.

An unknown suspect committed a grand theft in the 100 block of S. Morgan at 5:15 a.m.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 6300 block of W. Sunset.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 1000 block of N. Gardner.

An unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked near the corner of Hollywood and Vine at 3 p.m.

At 6 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 800 block of N. Las Palmas at 5 p.m.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 600 block of N. Larchmont at 4:05 p.m.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft near the corner of Hayworth at 1:52 a.m.

A suspect assaulted a victim during a domestic violence incident in the 1000 block of Hayworth at 2:06 a.m.

At 12:15 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 1700 block of Orchid at 2:30 p.m.

An unknown suspect committed a grand theft in the 8400 block of Hollywood at 9:45 a.m.

At 10:15 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 1600 block of N. Formosa.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 1500 block of N. Formosa at 10:30 a.m.

March 28

At 11:30 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 700 block of E1 Centre.

An unknown suspect stole a vehicle in the 100 block of N. Hudson at noon.

At 12:10 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 1800 block of N. Calabria.

An unknown suspect committed a grand theft near the corner of Canyon and Franklin at 2:20 p.m.

At 3:35 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Francis and Lucerne.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 600 block of Doheny at 4:30 p.m.

At 6 p.m., an unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in the 300 block of S. Norton.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 300 block of N. Cahuenga.

At 12:15 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft near the corner of Norton and Ninth.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft near the corner of Sunset and Cahuenga at 8:45 a.m.

At 11:30 p.m., a suspect assaulted a victim during a domestic violence incident in the 400 block of S. Manhattan Place.

March 29

At 1:30 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Beverly and Oxford.

An unknown suspect stole a bicycle in the 800 block of N. Las Palmas at 7 a.m.

At 7:30 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 5700 block of Waring.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 800 block of Cherokee at 7:45 a.m.

An unknown suspect robbed a victim near the corner of Orchard at 12:15 p.m.

At 2:45 p.m., an unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 1300 block of N. Spaulding.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 400 block of S. Detroit at 3:25 p.m.

At 5:20 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle in the 1600 block of N. Formosa.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 100 block of S. Hudson at 6 p.m.

At 7 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 300 block of Westminster.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Santa Monica and Sycamore at 10:15 p.m.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 700 block of Hollywood at 8:45 p.m.

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An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle in the 1500 block of N. Formosa at 3:05 p.m.

At 11 p.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 900 block of N. Palms.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Cahuenga and Willoughby.

An unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 800 block of N. Cahuenga.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle in the 1900 block of S. Kings.

At 9:29 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 5700 block of Los Angeles.

At 8:30 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a burglary in the 700 block of Widehough.

An unknown suspect robbed a victim in the 1700 block of Orchard at 11:15 a.m.

At 9:15 a.m., an unknown suspect assaulted a victim in the 1300 block of N. Spaulding.

An unknown suspect committed a break-in theft in the 400 block of S. Formosa.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 1000 block of N. Gardner.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle in the 500 block of S. Manhattan.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 600 block of W. Tharp at 7:15 a.m.

At 9:40 a.m., an unknown suspect committed a petty theft in the 690 block of Hollywood.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 6300 block of W. Third at 3 p.m.

At 5 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 4900 block of Dockweiler.

At 6 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 800 block of Lucerne.

A suspect assaulted a victim during a domestic violence incident in the 1700 block of N. Sycamore at 8:40 p.m.

March 26

At 4:47 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a burglary in the 100 block of N. La Brea.

An unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked near the corner of Fuller and Hillside at noon.

At 12:57 p.m., an unknown suspect robbed a victim in the 480 block of W. Third.

At 3:30 a.m., an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle parked in the 600 block of N. Las Palmas.

An unknown suspect committed a burglary in the 500 block of N. Gramercy at 2 p.m.

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

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March 27

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Of course, we need to talk about ‘Tiger King’

Ever heard of Godwin’s law? All online arguments eventually devolve into a household name rant “The Late Show,” with the zany animal owner’s guests. We encounter a rather innocuous headline relevant to our community. What’s that link below, something even more nefarious? Even further down, an ad parades as a story with the sexist pairing of words for a news junky: “Florida man.”

Not all crime occurs there, but the Orange State finds the best somehow, including Joseph Allen Maldonado-Passage, who ran the Oklahoma-based Greater Wynnewood Estate. Another animal park dedicated to rescuing abandoned big cats. That would all change once he took on the name Joe Exotic and began breeding tigers. Eventually, the call of Florida finds him – that’s the Florida Man law, after all – in a truly bizarre true crime story, “Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness,” a seven-part docuseries on Netflix.

David Letterman made Jungle Jack Hanna’s show a regular, well, Joe Exotic. But seeing is suggestive. “Joe Exotic. Tiger King” is not planning to cancel any shows as the second season of the “Over My Dead Body” podcast, subtitled “My Dead Body” doesn’t approach the disappointment of documentary and reality TV that invoke a Hitler or Nazi comparison. “Tiger King” never clarifies this, instead focusing on melodrama without an inclusion of consequence, but it also ensures other voices are included as well, namely family and friends who feel wronged. And for that matter, “Over My Dead Body” doesn’t approach the disappointment that differently, though Baskin believes it did so less salaciously.

Beyond Baskin, everyone interviewed weather a degree of madness. “Joe Exotic TV” producer Rick Kirkham should know better. Once a renowned journalist, he set for misrepresenting the zoo and its owner while he enjoys the power of encountering those caged animals. Meanwhile, the G.W. zoo crew are disturbed miffed, and other big cats can rarely return to the wild, finds herself shrouded in the mystery of her previous husband’s disappearance. On her own blog, she takes issue with her portrayal and how the series did not become “the big cat version of Blackfish.”

There are no words for how disappointing it is to see the series not only does not do any of that, but has had the sole goal of being as salacious and sensational as possible. To draw viewers, writes Baskin, who owns Big Cat Rescue. “As part of that, it has a segment devoted to suggesting the missing husband Don in 1997.”

Those discrepant sources, however, ever include her missing husband’s lament of documentary and reality TV that avoids the horrors of animal captivity seen as well as whole series, is a trippy man, even though everyone misgenders him. “Tiger King” never clarifies this, instead focusing on melodrama without an eye for factual details.

Ultimately, it’s a wacky hybrid of documentary and reality TV that avoids the horrors of animal captivity, instead appealing to viewers’ base desires.

LACO continues programming and concerts online

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra has canceled the remainder of its season, said LACO's remaining programs. Assistant concertmaster Margaret Batjer, who performed Thursday night, said: “The coronavirus pandemic may prevent us from gathering in person to share music, but current circumstances will not prevent LACO from continuing to provide great musical experiences.”

LACO at Home offers expanded and enhanced web content. It was launched March 28 with its first streamed concert of the orchestra's performance featuring concertmaster Margaret Batjer, who performed a selection of Bach solo violin works.

The program, performed by David Grossman, LACO's principal bass, and conducted by Jaime Martin, LACO music director, is available online. Ravel’s “La tombeau de Couperin,” Stravinsky’s “Pulcinella” and Suicide and Princess’ “Classical” is also included.

For information, visit laco.org.
**WeHo officials talk coronavirus, 2020 Census**

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Park on Wednesday, March 25. Community members were asked to donate needed supplies such as antiseptic, masks, gloves, gowns, shoe covers, face masks, and hand sanitizer.

Horvath and Councilman John Heilman helped collect donations along with the group of residents and members of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Hollywood Mayor David P. Aarons, the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce spread the word, which increased donations to the city of West Hollywood.

“I didn’t know what to expect given that people were asked to stay at home,” Horvath said. “Realistically, we collected meaningful supplies,” Horvath said. “It really helped that we worked with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.”

The donations were given to four local health care facilities including Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Planned Parenthood. West Hollywood has also donated.

In addition, the city of West Hollywood is seeking to increase and extend COVID-19 testing; however, any plans must be approved by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Horvath said the city has been working with Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath and the 3rd District, on this effort.

“We are pushing for expanded testing sites and increasing testing for West Hollywood residents,” Horvath said.

Along with providing resources and services, the city is also attempting to protect its residents from an increase in coronavirus scams involving fraudulent and malicious websites, email schemes and phishing emails containing suspicious links, as well as dishonest door-to-door requests for donations.

The city offered these safety tips to prevent residents from being victimized: avoid online advertising offers related to COVID-19; decline door-to-door solicitations claiming COVID-19 fundraising; do not click on emails or attachments that are unfamiliar; visit trusted websites for COVID-19 related information and avoid to trusted organizations.

“It’s an important time for people to be vigilant,” Horvath said.

If residents believe they have been scammed, they should contact their bank immediately and report the information to local law enforcement.

The West Hollywood Sheriff’s Station at 310/855-8830.

Lastly, the city is informing the community about adjustments to census operations. The U.S. Census Bureau has released a timeline of planned extensions which include extending the self-response phase until Aug. 14, notifying households across the country to respond online and interviewing non-responding households between May 28 and Aug. 14.

“The census provides critical information,” D’Amico said.

“A complete count will help to ensure that West Hollywood receives a fair share of federal funding and investments and, on a state level, the count will help determine California’s apportionment in the U.S. House of Representatives. As this coronavirus pandemic proves, it’s more vital than ever that people in our community take part and be counted.”

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**Mayor, vice mayor assume positions for first times**

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As I was taking the oath, the part that struck me was the piece that said that defend against all enemies foreign and domestic. Now, we’re fighting against an enemy we cannot see… but it is an enemy we will be able to concur and conquer together,” Gold said.

The council also chose Vice Mayor Lester Friedman to replace outgoing Mayor John Mirisch and Councilman Robert Wunderlich to replace Friedman as vice mayor.

Friedman and Wunderlich, who were both elected to the council in 2017, will serve in their respective positions for the first time.

Friedman said before the pandemic, when he was first planning a traditional celebration, he wanted to unveil a platform called “Beverly Hills Together.” While the coronavirus may change the emphasis of his platform, the title still fits, he said.

“The strong sense of community we enjoy in Beverly Hills shouldn’t be taken for granted. … it takes Beverly Hills together to succeed, and together, we will,” he said.

Wunderlich, who noted that “this is not how I imagined what this day was going to be like,” echoed President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who assumed office during the Great Depression and noted the dark times facing the nation while promising a brighter tomorrow.

“We with our community and our dedicated city staff, we will succceed, and it promise I will do my utmost… I can no less, and now – I can’t resist it – with Mayor Lees on board, we can do more,” Wunderlich said.

The other four councilmembers also praised outgoing Mirisch, who they noted not only helped the city prepare for and react to the coronavirus crisis, but also helped Beverly Hills become more active in state politics and brought the city together with initiatives like his sing-along events.

“You really pushed us in new ways that we had didn’t work before,” Bosse said.

“There are few people who were better able to be in the position you were in while this thing developed, because you care for this village, to preserve it and to keep it healthy,” Gold added.

“You really made a difference. You didn’t just occupy that office. You really made a difference,” Gold added. “You set the bar high for all of us, and I thank you for that on behalf of this community.”

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The council requested that the north portal be provided to facilitate the north portal of the Wilshire/Rodeo Station, which is currently located on the south side of Wilshire Boulevard, forcing subway riders to cross Wilshire to get to popular tourist attractions such as Rodeo Drive. Mike McKenna, executive officer of projects engineering for Metro, said if construction crew members became ill with COVID-19, the construction work would be shut down, and even if they did not, “it’s hard to quantify what anticipated by Metro,” Mayor Lester Friedman said.

However, the assent of the council came at a price for Metro. While the full closure of Wilshire would provide the immediate financial savings, the city council was Lowell, Metro would be the primary beneficiary.

The council hoped for portal help from Metro in creating the north portal. “It’s not an immediate savings to the project, but it would position us in a very good spot to avoid cost overruns in the future,” he said.

McKenna’s concerns, the council members said they hoped to see more help from Metro in creating the north portal. “I certainly hope that this good will generate [of the city approving the project] and that the north portal should be financed to a greater extent than originally anticipated by Metro,” Mayor Lester Friedman said.

The campaign also includes partnerships with African-American studies at San Francisco State University and other cultural organizations, including farm workers and day laborers, and undocumented Californians. “This is a critically important time for Californians to embrace and affirm that we are in this together, that a sense of belonging is critical for community wellness, and that we can only stem the tide of this pandemic, if we stand together in solidarity and action,” said Bishop Marcia Carcamo, vice-chair of the board and a leader in the United Methodist Church.

While the Inland Empire and Central Valley have been identified as a priority for these resources, regional funding will also be targeted to Los Angeles County, Orange County, San Diego County, and Bay Area and Far North regions. For information, visit calen- dow.org.

LAPD volunteer program gathers dozens of officers

On March 24, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) released a statement in support of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Schiff said the coronavirus pandemic is a “health and economic crisis unlike any we have faced in our history.”

Schiff added that the “bill is not perfect,” though it “accomplishes a number of the goals we initially laid out: it provides direct relief for individuals and families hurting economically, help for health care workers and hospitals on the front lines, relief for small businesses and industries most affected.”

The bill also features “a dramatic expansion of existing unemployment insurance to cover more Americans, provides benefits that match the depth of the crisis and duration needed to ensure that workers who have lost their jobs will receive critical income replacement for at least 16 weeks, if not longer,” Schiff said.

Schiff added that he was also proud that healthcare workers, people experiencing homelessness and those who rely on affordable housing were included, too.

As “we begin to work on the next package, we will need to do even more to help renters and students, states and cities, and to make treatment for the virus free, along with additional support for individuals and families,” Schiff said.

“By Monday we were up to 40. On that Wednesday we had nearly 50.” Schiff said although crime has been low since the public health emergency declaration and officers are currently available to help with the day-to-day, they are creating a contingency plan in case the situation worsens and officers must devote more time to official police work. She reached out to Miracle Mile resident Mitch Jacones, civic chair of the division’s Community Police Advisory Board, to help organize community support. Jacones began delivering groceries and essential supplies to neighbors and others to get involved by spreading the word using the Nexaloo app.

There have been people who saw the information and want to join and continue the operation. “What we are doing is compiling a list and saying, ‘We will definitely call on you as this goes on.’” Jacones said. “Anybody who is home or has immune deficiency or is in a situation where we are going to help them, we are going to get them organized and help them.”
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