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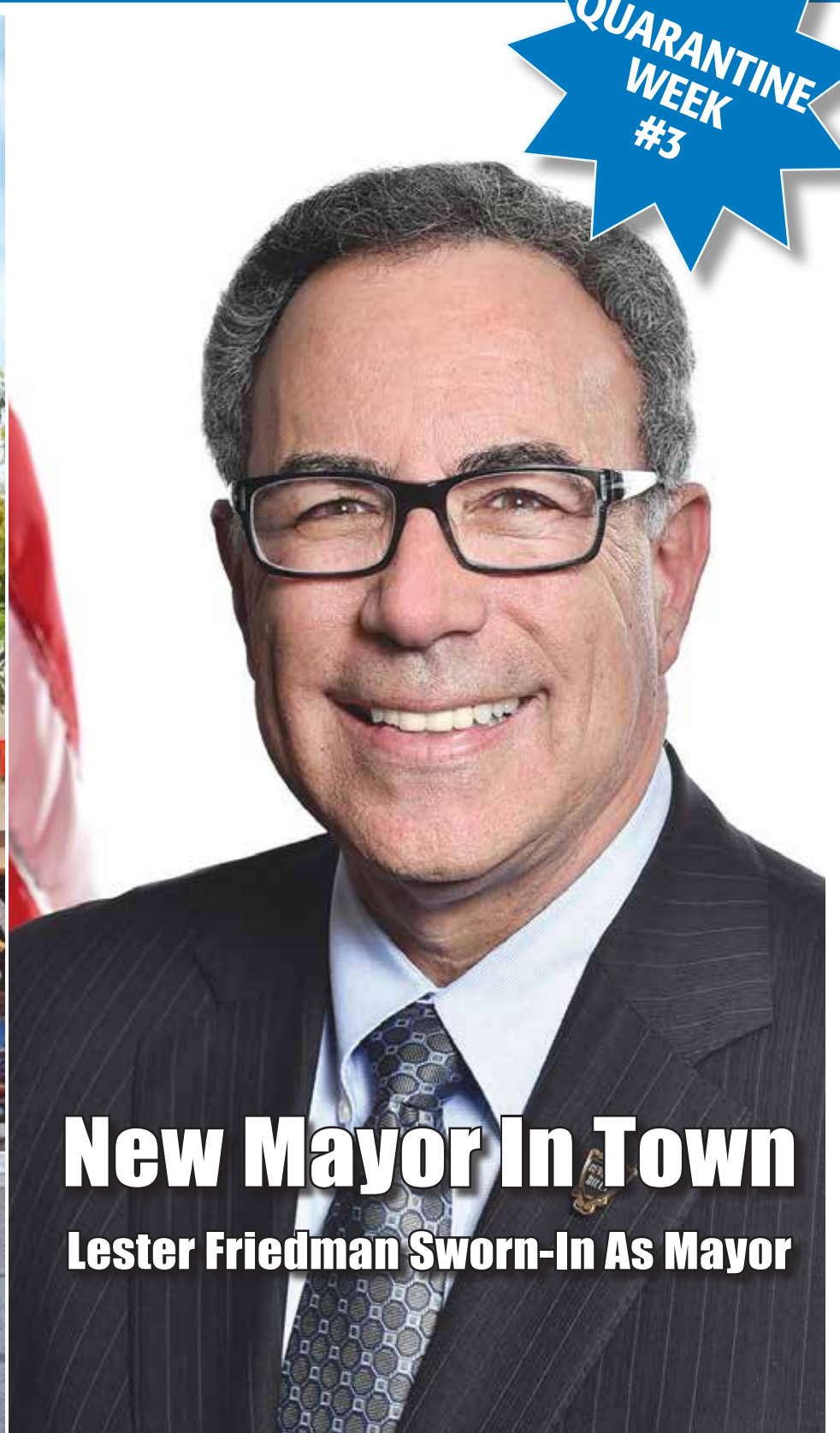
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# letters & email

## Julian Seeks Penpals

Dear Neighbor,

My name is Julian. I am nine years old and my school got canceled (maybe for the rest of the school year) because of the coronavirus. My mom is homeschooling me and I can't stand it. She is also making me write (type) this letter as my daily writing assignment.

I am bored and stuck at home. Are you those two things too? What do you do for a job? Can you do it from home? Do you have enough food? What do you do for fun?

Please write me back so we can be less bored.

**Julian Tabibian**  
Beverly Hills

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*Publisher's note: Thanks to Julian's neighbor, Lillian Raffel, for referring us.*



## SNAPSHOT



TAKING THE OATH  
NORTH REXFORD DRIVE

Lester Friedman was sworn-in as Mayor Tuesday in the first-ever installation ceremony over teleconference call in Beverly Hills. The installation of the new council was originally planned to take place on April 6, but the council voted to move the date forward because of the pandemic.

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# briefs

## New Mayor Sworn-In

Lester Friedman was sworn-in as Mayor of Beverly Hills over a teleconference call Tuesday.

Robert Wunderlich was sworn-in as Vice Mayor and Councilmembers Lili Bosse and Julian Gold were sworn-in for another four years on the council. Outgoing Mayor John Mirisch will also continue to serve as a councilmember.

An installation ceremony was originally scheduled for April 6th, where it was planned for Friedman to be sworn-in and for there to be a celebration party. However, because of the pandemic, the council decided to cancel the celebration and move the installation up to Tuesday, March 31.

Friedman said that when he was making preparations for becoming mayor, he had a vision of the platform “Beverly Hills Together.” Shortly after starting arrangements, however, he said travel restrictions from China were announced and the coronavirus was spreading throughout the United States.

“In this unprecedented time, I cannot think of a more appropriate theme than “Beverly Hills Together,” Friedman said. “Though with a completely different emphasis than what I had first imagined.”

Friedman said there is a lot of hard work and difficult times ahead, but that the community needs to stick together to move the city forward.

“The novel coronavirus has changed our lives in every way imaginable, our streets are quiet, most of our stores are temporarily closed, and there is a sense of indefinite uncertainty,” Friedman said. “But in the midst of this public health crisis, there is also a sense of unity and community – something Beverly Hills is all about.”

He said that the council’s actions so far have been necessary to ensure public safety and that it will continue to take action to stop the spread of COVID-19.

“It was incredibly difficult to make decisions that would directly affect the livelihoods of residents, business-owners and employees across the city,” Friedman said. “However, we had to put the health of our community first – it was the right thing to do.”

The councilmembers also individually thanked Mirisch for his service as mayor in the past year.

“It had been your guidance through this last year and especially during the last month, that this community is indebted to you for,” Friedman said. “I thank you so much for that.”

Gold said that Mirisch’s legacy is that he made a difference in the city throughout his term.

“Your passion for the city is extraordinary and it shows in everything that you do – it’s so embedded in your soul,” Gold said.

Friedman is serving his first-ever term as mayor. He was first elected to the City

Council in 2017. Prior to that he served on the Traffic and Parking Commission for six years and was its Commission Chair in 2015.

(See our exclusive interview with the Mayor on Page 7).

## Coronavirus Pandemic Carries On

The coronavirus pandemic carried on this week, with 39 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Beverly Hills as of Wednesday.

According to the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department, LA county has 3,518 confirmed coronavirus cases and 65 total deaths as of press time. Neighboring city West Hollywood has 64 confirmed cases.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said in March that California schools are likely not going to open until at least summer break, though no official mandates have been made as of press time. The BHUSD originally extended home-learning to May 4th, however its expected for the district to remain physically closed for longer.

BHUSD students had their first week of online education last week. Classes

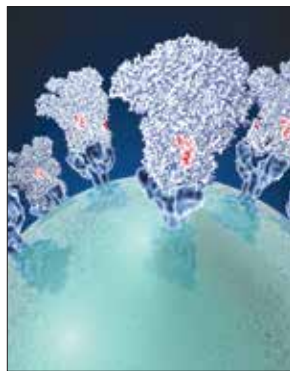


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primarily used Zoom or Google Hangout, both of which are online video-call websites.

Board of Education President Isabel Hacker said

the pandemic is an unprecedented moment in history and asked people to understand the challenges of quickly adjusting to the many changes being made.

“Every stakeholder should continue to build our community up and not down,” Hacker said. “Be supportive and productive of our motivation and efforts because our students in the school and families deserve no less.”

The Beverly Hills Education Association, the union that represents BHUSD faculty, sent a letter to school administrators last week that discussed several issues teachers have been having with home learning. In response to the district increasing the number of hours teachers are required to give online education, BHEA also said that it sent an Memorandum of Understanding that discusses what it feels are appropriate hours and will use it to bargain with the district.

Hacker said that she is not permitted to speak about negotiations, but assured stakeholders that there are many districts that find themselves in the same position that BHUSD is in.

“I’m confident and optimistic that together we’re going to work with BHEA to provide the best instruction BHUSD can deliver to our students,” Hacker said.

City Council established an Advisory Medical Taskforce to provide it guidance on policies it makes to address the virus. It includes medical professionals from local

medical centers and hospitals, including Cedars-Sinai and UCLA. The taskforce met last Tuesday to discuss new policies and will continue to meet with the council throughout the pandemic.

According to medical experts, Los Angeles is expected to have its peak number of coronavirus cases around mid-April.

## City Council Approves Temporary Full Closure of Wilshire Blvd for Metro Purple Line Construction

City Council approved an accelerated construction timeline for the Metro Purple Line Project and a temporary full closure of Wilshire Boulevard Tuesday to take advantage of reduced traffic throughout the city during the COVID-19 emergency.

The temporary closure between Crescent Drive and Beverly Drive, and a portion of Beverly Drive at Wilshire Boulevard, will expedite subway construction and mitigate future impacts of the project.

“This is truly a unique circumstance that will allow for minimal disruption in



Map of Wilshire Blvd Closing

our City,” said Mayor Les Friedman. “After collaborative discussions with both our residential and business communities, this plan has received support as an effective strategy in an unprecedented time.”

The work is expected to begin in the coming days and will include new hauling hours between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Metro may work on non-religious holidays such as Mother’s Day, Memorial Day and Father’s Day. All other authorized work hours and days will remain in effect.

During the full Wilshire closure, changeable message boards, detour signage, and traffic control officers will be present throughout the area to route traffic to Olympic and Santa Monica Boulevards. Soft closures will be in place along Wilshire Boulevard within the detour area to allow local access. Local access to businesses will be maintained.

Metro hosted a webinar on April 1 at noon before work commenced to explain the changes. Both the city and Metro will communicate through a digital outreach campaign including email notices, website and social media postings.

This specially authorized Metro work may continue until the City’s local emergency is cancelled or within five days of notice from the City Manager or designee. For more information, please visit [www.beverlyhills.org/purpleline](http://www.beverlyhills.org/purpleline)

## Medical Professionals Speak at COVID-19 Council Meeting

The City Council held a virtual meeting

on the coronavirus pandemic Thursday, which was joined by the newly created Advisory Medical Taskforce made up of healthcare professionals dealing with COVID-19.

The taskforce was created to advise councilmembers on policies meant to prevent the spread of COVID-19. It includes doctors and healthcare professionals from nearby medical centers, including Cedars-Sinai and UCLA Medical Centers.

The taskforce answered questions from the council and community members on how their respective hospitals are handling the pandemic and other general questions on how the virus operates.

Dr. Sam Torbati, the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center’s Co-Chairman and Medical Director, said that the center has been preparing for the virus for the last couple weeks in anticipation of its spread. (For an in-depth interview with Dr. Torbati, see page 10.)

“It’s sort of a battle cry for us. We understand how this is going to affect us,” Torbati said. “We know that the wave is coming and we’re seeing more and more of it.”

Torbati said that several weeks ago, they had patients coming into Cedars-Sinai with a cold. Now people are coming in with more dangerous cases like actual pneumonia, he said.

“Patients are getting sicker, they’re getting more complicated, many of them are requiring hospitalization,”

Torbati said. “The entire medical center is focused on the care process – everything is being looked at.”

Dr. Rachel Zabner, an Infectious Disease Specialist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, said that people should stay away from supplements and other home-remedies that are advertised to help cure the disease. She said that they’re not proven to be effective and can sometimes be harmful.

Zabner also said that Plaquenil, which is a drug being experimentally offered to certain patients, is not something that community members should seek out. The drug has been rumored to be an “antidote” to COVID-19, causing certain community members to wonder if they should stock up on it.

There are limited quantities of the drug for patients who really need it, therefore community members shouldn’t further limit what’s still available, Zabner said. She added that the drug is given to patients with consent forms because it can have dangerous side-effects, including arrhythmia.

Dr. Jonathon Fielding, a professor of Health Policy and Management at UCLA, said that the most important thing right now is to prevent people from contracting the disease. He said that the best way to put an end to the pandemic would be to test everyone that suspects they might be sick, however that’s currently not possible.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center has about

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forty cases of COVID-19 as of Thursday. That number is expected to steadily increase over time.

Dr. Daniel Uslan said that the key to reducing the number of cases right now is up to individual community members.

“Really, the only effective tool at this point is very aggressive social distancing,” Uslan said.

The taskforce includes Dr. Jonathon Fielding, Dr. Irving Posalski, Lee Hilborne, Mike Altschule, Rhonda Curry, Dr. Daniel Uslan, Dr. Enrique Terrazas, Dr. Karen Grimely, Dr. David Agus, Dr. Rachel Zabner, Dr. Sam Torbati and David Hopp. The members will continue to advise the council on what policies it should enact to slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout the pandemic.

### BHUSD Teacher Layoffs

Every year, the BHUSD Board of Education must decide which certificated and classified positions will be adjusted for the upcoming school year before March 15. There are currently no classified position lay-offs, according to Executive Director for Human Resources Luke Pavoné.

FTE stands for “full time equivalent” and is the number of hours, or in this case class sections, someone works as a full-time employee. BHUSD defines FTE as teaching five sections, meaning each individual section someone teaches is equivalent to 1/5 or 0.2 FTE units.

Below is a chart listing which certificated positions will be reduced or eliminated.

Positions Being Reduced, By Subject Area	FTE Units	# of Sections
TK-5 Teaching Services	2.0	10
TK-5 Music Teaching Services	2.0	10
6-8 Science Teaching Services	1.0	5
6-8 Music Teaching Services	1.0	5
Reduce 9-12 Science Teaching Services	1.0	5
9-12 Math Teaching Services	1.0	5
Coordinator of Categorical Funding (To be eliminated)	1.0	5
9-12 Language Arts Teaching Services	0.8	4
9-12 French Teaching Services	0.6	3
Technology Teaching Services	0.2	1
Coordinator of Medical Science Academy (To be eliminated)	0.2	1
<b>Total Certificated Positions:</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>54</b>

Source: BHUSD Board of Education March 10 Packet

### Bregy Updates the Community on Home-Learning

BHUSD Superintendent Michael Bregy gave updates on how online schooling will be carried out in the district last Tuesday, while schools are still closed for the quarantine.

Bregy said that he understands there are concerns about the district’s online learning program, but that many concerns came before home learning began on March 24.



Michael Bregy

“We have every understanding that [home learning] is going to change and grow and adapt with the feedback that we are receiving,” Bregy said.

BHUSD originally informed students and parents that the district will be conducting home learning until April 6, but later announced it will last until May 4th. That date is now expected to extend again, though no official announcements have been made as of press time. The administration is working on its home-learning plans to address the fact that students will no longer physically attend their classes.

Bregy said that the administration feels that its likely the district will be closed for longer than expected and has begun discussions on what the second phase of home-learning will be.

In response to parents complaints that the district is rolling information out too slowly, Bregy said the district must walk before it can run.

“To be completely transparent, this pandemic is a true test for our school district as we are being pushed faster than we are ready,” Bregy said. “We did blindsided our teachers with this news, we gave [them]

virtually no notice.”

Bregy said that he received several emails from parents complaining about a lack of information on home-learning during spring break. He said that while administrators were working during this time, teachers had a deserved vacation and weren’t supposed to be working to prepare lesson plans.

Other school districts have followed BHUSD’s lead, according to Bregy. He said that the work they are putting out is being used by other districts and the As-

sociation of California Administrators has shared BHUSD’s resources with the state.

“We’re off to a good start, but there are improvements to be made as we move forward,” Bregy said.

BHUSD is collaborating to create more structure and support to prepare for a longer school shutdown. It is also open to learning about other districts who have moved their instruction completely online, meaning that all five hours of daily lessons are done virtually every school day.

Bregy also said that having a camera on your laptop doesn’t change a classroom lesson to an online lesson. He said a reason why the district is rolling things out slowly is to give time to students and parents to learn about the expectations of video conferencing.

“I’m already getting reports from teachers about students that are being disrespectful on the video chats and making some bad decisions – playing loud music, swearing,” Bregy said. “In addition, I’ve also been made aware of parents and students taking videos and photos of the conferencing and posting them to social media.”

The district has sent out policies on expected behavior during video conferences, which includes rules like no screenshotting or creating memes.

“We want to be able to support everybody in the learning environment and not have to remove people from the video apps because of poor choices,” Bregy said.

The College Board has canceled the SAT’s original May dates and the next date will be June 6. The ACT test has been rescheduled for June 13. The College Board is working on remote learning for Advanced Placement tests. CAASPP testing in Math and English for grades 3-8 and 11 have been canceled for the school year.

Bregy also had an exclusive video interview with Beverly Hills Weekly Monday, in which he answered questions about online education and the current state of the district. To watch the full interview, go to

bhweekly.tv.

### Los Angeles Establishes Meal Deliveries, Special Grocery Hours and COVID-19 Testing for Seniors

Los Angeles has begun programs to assist seniors and other vulnerable communities during the pandemic, including special hours in grocery stores, meal deliveries and accessible testing for COVID-19.

City and County of Los Angeles operated congregate meal sites are closed until further notice, according to a press release from the Los Angeles Department of Aging. The city is distributing packaged and frozen meals for older adults enrolled in its meal program at meal sites. Adults 65 and older must send someone under the age of 65 to pick-up these meals from their sites. To enroll, people can call the department at 213-482-7252.

Seniors who already receive regular home meal delivery will have their services continued and the city is also working with its providers to increase other home-deliveries for meals. To see a map that shows the status of each elder nutrition site and whether or not delivery has been implemented, people can go to <https://bit.ly/2JbY04T>.

The city has made COVID-19 testing available for residents of Los Angeles with symptoms who are 65 and older. To make an appointment, people can go to [Coronavirus.LaCity.org/Testing](https://www.lacity.org/testing). People can also call the Mayor’s Help Desk at 213-978-1028 if they don’t have internet access.

Many local grocery stores have early morning hours for seniors and other vulnerable groups to shop, including Ralphs, Walmart, Target and many more.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Aging is available to answer questions about services for seniors at (213) 482-7252, Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

The chart below lists which stores have special hours for seniors and other vulnerable populations.

Store	Exclusive Hours/Dates for Seniors and Other Vulnerable Populations
Costco	8 to 9 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Gelson’s	7 to 8 am
Ralphs	7 to 7:30 am
Smart & Final	7:30 to 8 am
Target	One hour before opening every Wednesday, times depend on store location hours 7 to 8 am in Beverly Hills
Walgreens	8 to 9 am on Tuesdays
Walmart	One hour before opening every Tuesday, times depend on specific store hours
Whole Foods	One hour before opening daily, times depend on store location hours 7 to 8 am in Beverly Hills

Source: City of Los Angeles Department of Aging



### Mural Gives Reminder of Humanity and Hope

A mural on 470 North Doheny Drive, which neighbors the Kobe Bryant Mural featured in Issue #1066, comments on the coronavirus quarantine and reminds viewers to stay hopeful. It's hosted by the Doheny Corner, painted by Corie Mattie and organized by Beverly High alumnus Matthew Lavi.

"This crazy virus has brought us lots of pain, discomfort and anxiety but if there's one thing we can take from this I hope is that we don't forget this feeling of love and compassion and value for life, whether it be someone else's or even our own," Lavi said.

### Outgoing Mayor Gives Exclusive Video Interview

Prior to handing the gavel to Incoming Mayor Lester Friedman, Outgoing Mayor John Mirisch spoke with Beverly Hills Weekly Friday on the coronavirus pandemic in his first-ever interview on Zoom from City Hall.



John Mirisch

Mirisch spoke about the measures the city has been undertaking to tackle the coronavirus and how he's taking inspiration from Winston Churchill by continuing to go to

work at City Hall amid the pandemic.

"This isn't World War II, it's nothing as drastic as that. But it's still something that's unreal for all of us," Mirisch said. "I think the city government and the city needs to continue to run."

City Hall is operating virtually with staff members working from home, while first responders are continuing to physically go to work. Mirisch said that City Hall has been lonely during the pandemic, but that he thinks it important for him to go.

Mirisch also said other Los Angeles County mayors have been having joint conference calls and he's also been speaking individually with mayors on how to best handle the pandemic. He said that things likely won't return to normal in the city for some time.

"It could be that way for a long while, we just don't know. That's one of the things that when the crisis is over, it's not going to be that we snap our fingers and it's all over," Mirisch said. "It's sort of a faucet that you gradually turn on until it eventually gets normal."

To find out what else Mirisch shared

about the pandemic, watch the full interview at [bhweekly.tv](http://bhweekly.tv).

### Board of Education Holds Off on Education Morale Survey

The BHUSD Board of Education chose last Tuesday to hold off on sending a morale survey to teachers, parents and students until its schools reopen.

Board President Isabel Hacker said it would be valuable to send a morale survey at the end of the school year or summer to identify what the district is and isn't doing well. The board reached the consensus it would revisit the topic and send a survey at a later date, so results wouldn't be affected by the COVID-19 quarantine that has shutdown BHUSD schools.

President Isabel Hacker and Board member Noah Margo were in favor, while Vice President Rachelle Marcus, Boardmember Mel Spitz and Boardmember Tristen Walker-Shuman were opposed to the potential survey's timing.

Hacker said a survey would identify the needs of important stakeholders, if the district is meeting its goals, if programs are organized and more. She also said that a survey could also be sent to students to see how they feel about their schools.

"At some point, the board needs to start taking initiative with some of these issues otherwise they will never get done," Hacker said.

Student Board member Thomas Recupero said that in order for the survey to be productive, students should also be involved and the district should consider an exit survey for



Isabel Hacker

## HOW ARE YOU STAYING BUSY DURING THE QUARANTINE?

Beverly Hills residents share what they've been doing to keep themselves occupied at home during the coronavirus pandemic.

### Beverly High Student Grows a Garden

Nick Walker, a junior at Beverly High, is gardening to pass the time while he's in quarantine and doing



home-learning.

Walker said that he first started to get into gardening last year because it's a calming pastime, but has more time to do it now during the quarantine. He starts his seedling inside and is growing bell peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes and other plants.

"There's a certain calming aspect to it so it's easy to kind of get lost in my own world like that," Walker said.



Nick Walker

Walker said that he misses going to school and his friends. He said that it's surprisingly a little bit more stressful to be at home.

"I think the whole ordeal with online-learning is a little bit difficult to get into especially after having all of my schooling be in person," Walker said. "On top of that, AP tests and standardized tests in general are changing,

high school seniors.

"There's always room for improvement, and I see these exit surveys provide this improvement inside and outside the classroom," Recupero said.

Board members agreed that student input would be valuable and that the survey for students, parents and faculty would need to differ in its questions. Margo said the board needs to be very specific on what answers they would want to get from people.

"There's so many different directions and so much information you can collect from the different stakeholders," Margo said. "[Hacker] brought it up as a morale survey, so then [we] really have to stay focused on those questions that answer

they're being postponed."

Walker said he watches hours and hours of Youtube videos from people around the world to learn more about gardening.

"I watch a few gardeners [on Youtube], ones from Michigan, ones from Australia, from a bunch of different countries and climates," Walker said. "I think I learned most of the gardening information from them."

Walker said his favorite plant to grow is pumpkins, which grow best in Fall. The plants he's growing right now are best for Spring and Summer.

"They grow moderately fast in the fall and I think the fall season is one of the best seasons to grow crops in general," Walker said. "But also pumpkins are super versatile."

### Local Book Club To Meet Virtually

Book-lovers might not be able to meet in person to discuss their favorite novels, but Beverly High English teacher Julie Goler is organizing a virtual book club so people will be able to do it online.

Goler is organizing an online book club in partnership with the city, which will begin sometime in the future. The time and date will be announced on the city's website. Beverly Hills residents



Julie Goler

will be able to attend a reading and join a discussion on the book, which was chosen to be *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Former Mayor John

Mirisch will start the meeting by doing a live reading of *The Great Gatsby*. The link to the discussion and livestream will be shared on social media and the city's website.

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that."

Margo said that any answers they receive from a survey would differ based on the person, depending on their position and their expectations from the district.

"As we move forward with this at some point, and I'm always curious to hear what all the stakeholders think, we also have to understand it's very subjective," Margo said. "People have different standards in what they expect out of their own students, what they expect as both parents and teachers and also what they expect out of school."

Spitz said that a survey would be interesting because he's heard that morale is

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# coverstory

## BELOVED NATE 'N AL'S DELI CLOSED

### Restaurant Shuttters Its Doors On North Beverly Drive

By Ani Gasparyan

The much-loved deli Nate n' Al's permanently closed its doors on Beverly Drive Sunday, leaving fans of the 75 year old restaurant looking elsewhere for its iconic matzo ball soup, reuben sandwiches and old-school charm.

Nate n' Al's announced on its Instagram Sunday that it would be closing on Sunday, March 29 at 8 pm. The diner's

page said it hoped to continue its takeout and delivery service, but that its priority is to keep customers and staff safe during the pandemic and therefore must close.

The owners had originally planned to move the diner from its location on Beverly Drive to 443 N. Canon Drive. However, they've encountered issues with the city, the landlord of the new location, on

the move according to its Instagram.

"Our current lease is expiring shortly and we have encountered major difficulties with the city of Beverly Hills who would have been our new landlord on Canon Drive," the post said.

Public Information Manager Keith Sterling said the city entered into a lease agreement with the new owners in February of 2019 to occupy the new Canon Drive space.

"This is a difficult time for businesses across the City and we are hopeful the owners will continue with their original plan of opening the restaurant in the new location," he said.



Photo: Nate n' Al's

Plans for the Canon Drive business have not been officially canceled, but no announcements have been made as of press time.

The future of Nate n' Al's was also unclear last year. Shelli and Irving Azoff, alongside a group of investors that include Cindy Crawford, Rande Gerber and Jeff Shell, bought the diner from the Mendelson family in 2019 after rumors of them wanting to sell. The Mendelson family had owned the diner since 1945, when it was first opened by Al Mendelson and Nate Rimer.

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low among Beverly High teachers and others. However, he still thinks the district must wait on it.

"I think the current condition that we have of providing virtual delivery of the education program would get in the way of any kind of surveys or information gathering at the present time," Spitz said. "I think we're going to have to wait on this until conditions are normal."

Walker-Shuman agreed with Spitz statements and said the timing of asking for this type of feedback is very important. She also said the district should consider reaching out to a company to write the survey, in order to wield unbiased results.

Marcus said she wants to hold off on it because there's currently too much going on in the district.

"I think it depends on what you really are trying to achieve in the survey. You have to be so careful about the questions you ask and use a professional," said Mar-

cus. "Right now, with the temperature of the district with what's going on, I don't think this would be the time to do it at all."

Hacker said that the board would revisit the survey at a later time because it didn't receive a consensus on when to send it out.

"If everyone listens to everyone around the discussion we all agree that nothing should happen until we deal with the situation," Hacker said. "But in the absence of that, nothing concrete has been established."

### Taming The Lion Postponed Again

*Taming the Lion*, which opened for several performances at Theatre Forty in March and then closed due to the coronavirus crisis, has postponed its production again to an unknown date.

It said it hopes to re-open the production after public health concerns related to the viral outbreak are resolved, when the

safety of audiences and artists will not be compromised. When these conditions are in place, it will announce a new reopening date.

### The Wallis Performance with Johnny Gandelsman Livestreamed

Grammy Award-winning violinist and producer Johnny Gandelsman presented his latest solo project, Bach's Complete Cello Suites on the violin, in a free Facebook Live event from his East Coast home on Thursday, March 31 at 3:00 pm. Gandelsman was originally slated to present the program at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts earlier in March, but his appearance was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. (For an in-depth interview with Gandelsman about his work, see Issue #1067 Cover Story).

Gandelsman's recent recording of the Complete Cello Suites Transposed for

Violin, released on February 2, on In A Circle Records, reached the #2 spot on Billboard's Traditional Classical Chart.



Photo: Johnny Gandelsman

Gandelsman plays all six beloved Cello Suites transcribed for violin. This project follows Gandelsman's debut recording of Bach's

complete Sonatas and Partitas for solo violin, which reached #1 on the Billboard Traditional Classical Chart, made it onto *New York Magazine* and *The New York Times* Best of the Year lists.

"Johnny Gandelsman brings an inventive approach and compelling depth to

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## sports & scores



### BHHS alumnus qualifies for second Olympics

By Steven Herbert

Beverly High alumnus Sandra Uptagrafft earned her second berth in the Olympics with a second-place finish in the two-part women's sport pistol Olympic Trials that concluded Feb. 26 in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Uptagrafft finished with 2,298 points, second behind Alexis Lagan of Boulder City, Nevada who had 2,332. Katelyn Abeln of Douglasville, Georgia was third with 2,281.

Uptagrafft also had the second-highest score in the first part of the Olympic Trials, 1,155, also behind Lagan, who had 1,164.

The U.S. earned a second spot in the women's Olympic sport pistol competi-



Sandra Uptagrafft

tion thanks to Uptagrafft's gold medal in the event at the 2019 Pan American Games. The first spot came from Lagan's victory at the 2018 Championships of the Americas.

Uptagrafft was 28th in both the 10-meter air pistol and 25-meter sport pistol events in the 2012 Olympics. Her husband Eric

Uptagrafft was 16th in the men's 50-meter rifle event at the 2012 Olympics.

Uptagrafft lives in Phenix City, Alabama. She is a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves. Uptagrafft will turn 49 April 21.

Uptagrafft was known by her maiden name of Sandra Utasy when she attended Beverly High. She was a member of the school's orchestra and graduated in 1989.

### Girls' Track and Field Taft 76, Beverly Hills 39

Norman freshman Danielle Hollander won three events and junior Olivia Maizes two in an intersectional dual meet March 11 at Nickoll Field.

Hollander won the 800 meters in two minutes, 35.2 seconds, a more than 10-second margin over Toreador junior Rashno Razmkhah, who was second in 2:45.84. Hollander won the 1,600 in 5:40.44 and the 3,200 in 12:51.89.

Maizes won the 100 high hurdles in 20.25, with sophomore teammate Miriam Kessler finishing second in 20.92. Maizes cleared 9 feet to win the pole vault and was second in the 300 low hurdles in 58:63 in a race won by Taft senior Breanna English

in 58.45.

### Boys' Track and Field Taft 78, Beverly Hills 40

Juniors Quinn Harris, Max Menache and Jordan Williams each won two events for Beverly Hills in an intersectional dual meet March 11 at Nickoll Field.

Harris won the 800 in 2:05.84. Toreador junior Aidan McNabb was second in 2:09.97. Harris won the 1,600 in 4:46.7, with Taft senior Zane Strehlo second in 4:52.63.

Menache won the discus with a throw of 126 feet, 8 inches and the shot put with a put of 39-2 1/2. Junior teammate Souroosh Mohammadi was second in the discus with a throw of 110-4. Toreador senior Alexander Likholt was second in the shot put with a put of 36-6.

Williams won the 200 in 21:83, ahead of Taft junior Miquel Buchanan, who was second in 22.04, and the 400 in 50.53, with Toreador junior Keon Buggs finishing second in 53.21.

Sophomore Sam Halfon was the Normans' other individual event winner, clearing 7-6 to win the pole vault.

## NEW MAYOR IN TOWN

### Lester Friedman Sworn-In As Mayor

By Ani Gasparyan

**Tell us some of your goals as mayor.**

My initial goals as mayor, and we're still going to get there, is the theme of "Beverly Hills Together." I want to integrate all of the different aspects of our city so that we are all in tune together. I think in the past, there have been some fractions of the school board and the city council that weren't really getting along well, and I thought that we would work towards getting that to be more cohesive. Working with our business community and doing everything that we can do together to make Beverly Hills a place that we all love to live in, to work in and to play in.

**You were first elected to the City Council in 2017 and served on the Traffic and Parking Commission before that. How has your view of local government changed in the three years you've served on the council?**

It's really good, it's really improved. I see how responsive our city government is. We really care about our residents and our businesses. I don't think there's a community around that is as responsive to the needs and requests of our citizens and our businesses like Beverly Hills is. Our residents can pick up the phone and speak to managers [and] they can speak to councilmembers. I don't think that's what occurs in other cities, such as Los Angeles or other bigger cities. We are unique in that we really want to communicate with our residents and our businesses [to] make ourselves available.

**This will be your first time serving as Mayor, while your predecessors for the last couple of years have all been mayor at least twice. What challenges do you anticipate facing?**

I look at it a totally different way. We have such a good team working together on council, everybody is helpful to one another. I will lean on all of my predecessors for their help because they've been through this before. We may take different directions on different types of issues but our goal always is to better the experiences in Beverly Hills. So the goals are the same, it's just a different person who's at the helm of them.

**With the coronavirus pandemic and consequential quarantine, this is obviously a hectic time for Beverly Hills. How does it feel to be dealing with this crisis when you've only just been sworn-in?**

It was not my choice to be installed in the middle of this, but it's a challenge and it's a challenge that we're going to meet head on. We have done a lot of planning for this during the past four to six weeks, we are prepared and have been at the forefront of a lot of the actions that other cities have taken to combat the medical and economic damage that this virus is causing. I'm optimistic that we are going to be able to get through this.

Timelines are a little more difficult, it's not going to happen quickly. But if we adhere to the social distancing, be careful and do everything that the county health department and our local agencies are telling us to do, I think we'll get out of this and then we are going to go back strongly. We are going to make sure our businesses are able to thrive after this is all over – I'm looking forward to that.

**Do you feel the coronavirus will change how you approach being mayor, especially considering the quarantine and social distancing?**

That's true. We are meeting but we're doing it virtually, it has its set of challenges. We do have our regular meeting scheduled, which will take place on April 21. If we need to have a special meeting, we can always have a special meeting. Staff has been in contact with us constantly, we know what's going on. Meetings will take place regularly once we get through this.

**If you could only accomplish one thing on your agenda, what would it be and why?**

It's a tough question because what I'd like to see is that we get over this in the next, hopefully, four to six months. Then we could get back on the path of the economic stability that we have had for the past few years. I want to see that continue, so what I'd like to do is get through this and just make sure that we are on the uptick again to where we were before and move on from there.

**What advice has outgoing Mayor John Mirisch given you?**

John and the council have been involved in all of the decisions up through this point in time. I think staying connected to the community [and] staying on top of the issues are things that he believed were important, as do I. I think that's very good advice and I'm certainly going to follow that.

**What do you think the former Mayor did well, that you'd like to see continue in the city?**

I think that John did an excellent job getting right out in front of the COVID issue. That's something that we as a council agreed with and moved right along. I think that John was in the forefront of that and did an excellent job. I want to make sure that we maintain that and if necessary, expand whatever limitations are necessary to get through this medical crisis.

**What are some things that you'd want to improve upon and change from the past year?**

I'd certainly like to not have had this COVID mess. I think things were going very well up until then. I would have liked to see the expansion of the robust business community we had, having more visitors come to Beverly Hills [and] our businesses continue to thrive. But I think that's going to happen again, I think this is really something that we are going to get through and we are going to come out of it.

It's not going to be a quick fix. It's going to take us time after the curve goes down on the diseases to slowly get back to where we were before but I am very optimistic. We have a strong economy in Beverly Hills, we've had one. This is something that is a low blow that we are just going to have to overcome. I just want to be there when we are coming out of it and get us back to where we were so that we can continue our upward rise in the community.

**Why did you want to become Mayor of Beverly Hills in the first place?**

My family and I moved here when our children were quite young. We felt that



Adam Friedman, Liza Turkheimer, Tanya Friedman, Joshua Friedman, Simone Friedman, Lester Friedman, Allana Friedman, Jeremy Friedman, Ava Friedman, Zoe Friedman, Maya Shepps, Sela Shepps

[BHUSD] was an excellent school district and that's why we initially moved. Through that period of time, my wife [Simone] was very involved in the schools. She was on the

PTA, she was president of BHEF [and] chairperson of the board of BHEF. [When] we were raising our kids, she was very involved in the community while I was working. I felt that the community had done so much for us and raising our family, that I wanted to get involved.

When I had the opportunity to go on a commission, and really the commission I want to be on [was] the parking and traffic commission, I jumped at it. I was selected and got the bug at that point. There is a difference that people can make by being involved in government in their community. After five years, my term was a six year term, I felt that it was time to move on if I could and I put myself out there to the community and asked to be elected. I was fortunate that the voters did vote me in and became a councilmember. That ultimately led to becoming Vice Mayor then Mayor.

**Tell us about your family. How do they feel about you becoming mayor?**

I have four children and five grandchildren. We are a very close family. My oldest son works with me in my law practice. My daughter, who is my second oldest, is an educator and she works for a nonprofit that teaches teachers after they've been teachers. My next oldest son is in television production, he works for the tennis channel as a programming director. My youngest son just came back, he was in Israel as a medical student, and he's now a resident at Cedars-Sinai in anesthesiology.

They are very excited about [me becoming mayor], especially the five grandchildren who range in age between 14 and six. They were very excited to watch the installation yesterday [but] they were a little sad that they couldn't be there for it because they had been there for the installation when I was installed as [Vice Mayor]. So there's a lot of excitement there. They're very proud of their papa.

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Bach's Cello Suites. Hearing these great works that are so revered in the cello repertoire on the violin's higher register is to experience them in a fresh new light," said

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Renee Fleming, Christian McBride and many others. An advocate for new music, Gandelsman has premiered dozens of new works by such artists as Reena Es-

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# detention&arrestsummary

Beverly Hills Weekly received the information that appears below from the Beverly Hills Police Department. This information is released each week to the public. We assume no responsibility for errors or omissions in the Detention and Arrest Summary.

BEVERLY, CURLEY, 34, arrested on 03/18/2020 for theft or driving of vehicle.

TURNER, DANIEL DEMETRIUS, 24, arrested on 03/18/2020 for possession of meth/etc.

CARACCIOLA, TONY JOHN, 58, arrested on 03/18/2020 for theft or driving of vehicle and outside felony warrant.

BOSHANT, ALESSANDRO FABRICE, 29, arrested on 03/18/2020 for loitering, prowling or wandering upon private property without visible or lawful business.

VANDEWEGHE, CEDRICK MARCELLIS, 32, arrested on 03/19/2020 for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of meth/etc and possession of burglary tools.

BIDSTRUP, LARS LUIS CARLE, 18, arrested on 03/19/2020 for theft or driving of vehicle.

SALVADORGERVER, GABRIEL A, 26, arrested on 03/20/2020 for driving while license suspending.

HILL, LORENZO, 30, arrested on 03/20/2020 for possession of meth.

JOHNSON, TYREE BRAYTON, 27, ar-

rested on 03/20/2020 for appropriating lost property for own use without making efforts to locate the owner and restore property to them.

CZERMAK, KIMBERLY CHARMANE, 42, arrested on 03/20/2020 for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

DESINNO, MICKAEL SAMUEL, 30, arrested on 03/20/2020 for public intoxication.

HARRIS, CRAIG CURTIS, 45, arrested on 03/21/2020 for driving while license suspended.

BUTLER, BENISACA BERNARD, 41, arrested on 03/22/2020 for burglary.

ROBERTS, LASHAUN SHAMOY, 21, arrested on 03/22/2020 for defacement, damage or destruction in the amount of \$400 or more.

VELASQUEZ, ALEXANDER, 30, arrested on 03/22/2020 for driving while license suspended.

MIRAMONTES, RENE, 39, arrested on 03/23/2020 for possession of drug paraphernalia.

GALVEZ, VANESSA, 22, arrested on 03/24/2020 for battery against peace officer, emergency tech, etc. in performance of their duties.

GARCIA, JESUS TRINIDAD, 26, arrested on 03/24/2020 for theft or driving of vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia,

possession of meth/etc, driving while license suspended, resisting, delaying, or obstructing any public officer, peace officer or emergency medical technician and possession of burglary tools.

SILVA, CARINA MICHELLE, 31, arrested on 03/24/2020 for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of meth/etc, resisting, delaying or obstructing any public officer, peace officer or emergency medical technician, false ID to police officer, appropriating lost property for own use without making efforts to locate owner and restore property to them.

LENK, CHRISTOPHER BRIAN, 33, arrested on 03/25/2020 for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of vandalism tools.

HEUER, THEODORE JOHN, 29, arrested on 03/26/2020 for driving while license suspended.

WESLEY, BRIDGET LEONA, 37, arrested on 03/26/2020 for public intoxication.

THOMAS, JORDAN MICHAEL, 29, arrested on 03/26/2020 for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of meth/etc, appropriating lost property without making efforts to locate owner and restore property to them and outside misdemeanor or warrant.

MARTINEZ, RICARDO, 29, arrested on 03/27/2020 for sale/transport/furnish of organic drug.

MEEK, CHRISTOPHER JOHN, 33, arrested on 03/27/2020 for resisting or obstructing public officer and burglary – shoplift.

BROWN, KARL ANDRE, 58, arrested on 03/26/2020 for possession of drug paraphernalia.

HYLTON, DOMITROS, 37, arrested on 03/27/2020 for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of meth/etc, forgery, using access card obtained without consent of cardholder exceeding \$400 in six month period and getting credit using other's ID.

CASAS, LUIS CHRISTIAN, 24, arrested on 03/27/2020 for possession of meth/etc, shuriken, possession of burglary tools and receiving stolen property.

GUTIERREZ, ROBERTO CARLOS, 32, arrested on 03/27/2020 for possession of meth/etc and possession of burglary tools.

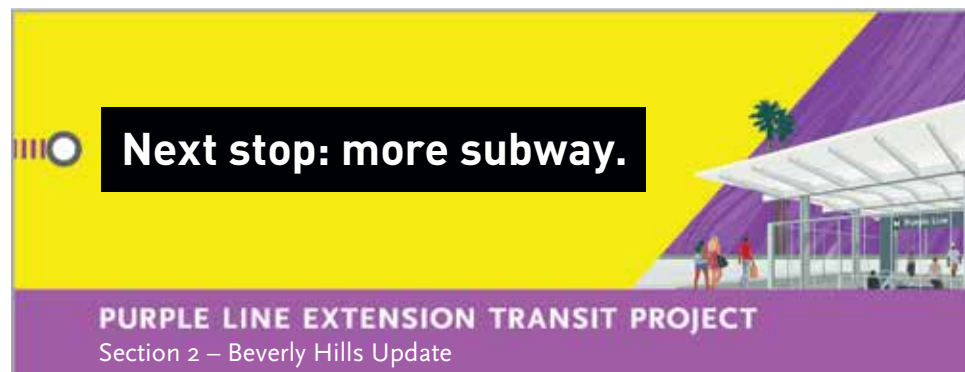
GARCIA, NICOLE BREANN, 38, arrested on 03/28/2020 for possession of burglary tools and other misdemeanor not listed.

HOLLANDER, ALEX WILLIAM, 29, arrested on 03/28/2020 for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of burglary tools, appropriating lost property without making efforts to locate owner and restore property to them and receiving stolen property.

SANTOS, WILLIAM PAUL, 53, arrested on 03/28/2020 for driving while license suspended.

DELGADO, MARIO DOMINGO, 24, arrested on 03/28/2020 for driving while license suspended for DUI.

LESNIAK, PATRICK, 19, arrested on 03/29/2020 for human waste.



**Next stop: more subway.**

**PURPLE LINE EXTENSION TRANSIT PROJECT**  
Section 2 – Beverly Hills Update

**Wilshire/Rodeo Station Box Construction Continues**  
Piling activities to create the supports for the Wilshire/Rodeo Station box will continue on the north side of Wilshire Bl from Beverly Dr to Crescent Dr and is anticipated to be completed by the end of April. Once work is completed on the north side, the K-rail and work zone will move to the south side of Wilshire Bl.



**TRAFFIC ALERT**  
Two lanes will be open in each direction on Wilshire Bl at all times. Beverly Dr will be open with one lane in each direction during work in the intersection on the weekends.

**WORK HOURS**  
Work will occur seven days a week.

\*Construction is dynamic and is subject to change.

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# Q&A Dr. Sam Torbati

## Cedars Sinai Co-Chairman and Medical Director on The Pandemic

**You're on the front line in the Cedars-Sinai ER during the coronavirus pandemic. Tell us about that.**

Well, we started seeing a lot of patients that had symptoms of COVID several weeks ago. We anticipated that the patients were going to come and in anticipation of that, we changed a lot of processes in the ER. We developed and built a whole model of care involving the tents that we developed outside the ER and over the past several weeks, as expected, the patients are continuing to come to the hospital. Now they are more and more ill, as we are getting more and more into the pandemic. More and more patients are now developing the pulmonary complications, the pneumonia associated with the COVID-19.

**Why do you think cases are becoming more severe?**

The natural history of this viral infection is that it starts off in most patients with mild symptoms and usually, after about a week, some patients go on to develop more severe symptoms. It tends to peak around day eight or so, where at that point, some patients develop a lot of lung complications. They have great difficulty breathing, their oxygen levels are low, they're very weak and that's when they tend to really need a lot more emergency department and hospital care.

**Is the hospital currently more overwhelmed than usual?**

The hospital is fully equipped to take care of every other patient. At the moment, we are continuing to prepare and adjust all of our patient care processes so that we can take care of patients that have COVID-19 and other issues. We certainly have a lot of the COVID-19 patients, both in the ER, that we're taking care of – some we're hopefully will get to go home and many others that are being hospitalized. As you can imagine, a lot of people can get a little bit of a viral infection but can have other issues too. They can fall and break their hip, they can develop heart attacks. So we are continuing to work out how we would safely take care of additional issues, even if the COVID-19 is not the primary issue.

Certainly, we're working on how to take care of patients with COVID-19 as the primary issue. Lots of work and preparation. At this point, we are anticipating to be hit very hard in the next week or two. It's been a little bit of the relative calm before the storm. We're still fairly busy. We're not quite as impacted as I anticipate we will be in the upcoming weeks. Same way that we're hearing in places like New York and in weeks past in Seattle.

**How have you seen this virus affect patients at Cedars-Sinai, in terms of life-threatening cases? Please be specific.**

We're clearly seeing a lot more people coming in where their primary issue is difficulty breathing in different ways. Some people who are older are coming in comatose and they just can't breathe at all together. We have to initiate resuscitative interventions, things like placing them on ventilators.

Other patients are coming in with similarly severe symptoms, but if they're younger, they may not require immediate intubation or ventilatory support. But they do require oxygen and they are requiring hospitalization. Again the characteristics of the patients are exactly what we sort of anticipated based on the predictive models that the health department and others predicted based on the experience elsewhere in China, Singapore and other countries before it came to the States.

**What's been the most difficult part of this pandemic for doctors at Cedars-Sinai in particular?**

The hardest part is the fact that we can become patients ourselves. As we're helping patients get through this, hopefully helping them survive, we can get very ill too. The fear of many of the doctors and the nurses and everybody else that's involved in the care of these patients, is that they're afraid that they may end up on a ventilator. They're afraid that they may take this virus home and they can infect their kids and their families.

This has had a tremendous emotional toll on all healthcare providers because we can become the patient ourselves. That's usually not the paradigm. With other illnesses or conditions, heart attack, strokes, car accidents, things that we commonly take care of in the ER – we're never afraid that we're going to immediately turn into that patient. But in this scenario, within a short period of time after being exposed, we could get sick ourselves.

**Are there any precautions Cedars-Sinai is taking to prevent healthcare providers from contracting the virus?**

There's a ton of work and training going into training our staff and making sure that we have the personal protective equipment that we need. There's all kinds of work be-

ing done on a policy standpoint to make sure that our policies are congruent with our understanding of how this disease transmits. Cedars is at the forefront and doing everything it can to protect its staff. Similar to other centers, the supply chain is an issue for us too. But we're working very hard to make sure that people have what they need to take care of patients.

**Is there any important information to share about the virus that isn't widely known to the public?**

I think the public has a very good handle because of all of the appropriate press coverage, as well as the appropriate steps that our local, state, national government has taken to try to get the curve to be not as severe and try to get the curve in terms

of illness rates down. I hope that the public understands that this is going to take quite some time until it's all over. It's not like a storm or earthquake, where you get hit once and then you recover. This is a sort of a prolonged hit. We need to figure out how to sustain our energy so that we continue to practice all of the safety steps. In terms of the space isolation that we maintain and all of the other efforts to reduce the risk of transmission from continuing to occur. That's a really hard thing for people. We've never been in a time like this in our modern history, where we've had to deal with an infection like this, that has affected us in such a way.

**Many experts have shared that this virus generally isn't life-threatening to**

**people under 65, however last week we saw the first death in California for someone under the age of 18. Is that something accurate to say? Why or why not?**

We know that this virus is far more deadly than the common influenza. We know that influenza affects not just the old but also younger patients and children. This virus tends to spare children, but it doesn't exclude them completely. Although most of the people that are going to get very sick are going to be middle-aged [or] elderly, there are going to be a fair number of younger patients too – teenagers, young adults and children. A small percentage of them may have severe complications and death. I don't want to scare anybody, but the reality is that this is a concerning issue. Even if a young person may not require hospitalization and may not die, they certainly can transmit that illness to their parents or their grandparents. I don't think anybody would feel very good knowing

that they were the cause of their elderly loved one's demise.

**The phrase "flattening the curve" and "social distancing" have been said often throughout these past few weeks. What do those phrases actually mean for putting a stop to the virus' spread?**

[Social distancing] basically means that we want people not to be in physical contact. I actually think a better term is "physical distancing." We want people to be social in terms of keeping an eye on their loved one and calling them and caring. We want society to continue to be a loving society. We just want to reduce physical contact between people and we want to create a physical space between people so that if one person is sick, coughing and [has the] virus it doesn't get transmitted to the person next to them. Best way of doing that is to create space between people. Physical space.

**You're part of the Beverly Hills Advisory Medical Taskforce. What will you do as a member of the taskforce?**

I received an invitation from the mayor's office [to join]. I believe the taskforce's purpose is to give counsel to the councilmembers and the Mayor to help them come up with policies that help the residents of Beverly Hills. This is one of those scenarios where the solution to this medical crisis is not medical. It's actually social. Similar to how the way you prevent car accidents is to come up with good social policy around drinking, driving, speeding, helmet, seatbelt laws.

That's how you save lives, right? This is another one of those instances where in order to save lives, our government and our city leaders need to make difficult decisions on how to manage the city and what kind of ordinances to maintain. They're in a tough position because they have a lot of pressure to allow the city to get back to work. Yet at the same time, there will be pressures because we're concerned that if the city returns too early then this virus can continue to spread at a faster rate.

**What's something that community members can do, other than stay at home and socially distance themselves, to help the efforts of flattening the curve?**

There's a lot they can do. They can check on loved ones, they can check on the elderly. They can be involved with a lot of internet and non-physical ways of serving the community and serving those in need. For themselves and their families, they can continue practicing safer hand hygiene practices – washing hands, washing surfaces. They can continue to become accustomed to practicing a lot of the safety issues, as they feel like sneezing and such making sure they sneeze into their sleeve.

To the extent they can, many hospitals continue to have needs around equipment. Many hospitals [including Cedars-Sinai] have set up hotlines and internet sites where people who have the resources and wish to donate things like supplies that hospitals may be lacking.



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—Sam Torbati









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Beverly Hills Unified School District  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
The Beverly Hills Unified School District Hereby Gives Notice that a Public Hearing will be held as follows:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BEVERLY HILLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVING THE STATUTORY SCHOOL FEES IMPOSED ON NEW RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO**

**EDUCATION CODE SECTION 17620 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65995**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Beverly Hills Unified School District (the "District") at its meeting on April 14, 2020, will conduct a Public Hearing to consider its report entitled, "School Facility Fee Justification Report" (the "Report") and consider adopting a Resolution of the District to Adopt Statutory School Fees Imposed on New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Construction Pursuant to Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995.

The Report justifying the Statutory School Fees, which is incorporated herein by this reference, is available for public review from April 3, 2020 through April 14, 2020 and is on file at the District's offices, at the following address:

Beverly Hills Unified School District 255 South Lasky Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Availability for public inspection and review is required prior to the Board taking action at its regularly scheduled meeting at the following time and location:

**HEARING DATE:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020  
**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Beverly Hills Unified School District 255 South Lasky Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90212

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Wade Roach, (310) 551-5100 x2248**

Trustee Sale No. 994606  
Notice Of Trustee's Sale  
Loan No. Title Order No. APN 4344-018-016 TRA No. You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 05/31/2018. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On 04/28/2020 at 11:00AM, First American Title Insurance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on October 22, 2018 as Document Number

20181072380 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Jack Banafsheha and Linda Banafsheha, as Trustor, Seawolf, LLC, as Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: Lot 2 Of Tract No. 21054 As Per Map Recorded In Book 608, Pages 26 And 27 Of Maps, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Los Angeles County, California. APN: 4344-018-016 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 716 N. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$4,427,177.16 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real

property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the website below using the file number assigned to this case. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For information on sale dates please visit our website at: <http://www.firstam.com/title/commercial/foreclosure/> Date: 3/27/20 First American Title Insurance Company 4380 La Jolla Village Drive Suite 110 San Diego, CA 92122 (858) 410-2158 /s/David Z. Bark, Foreclosure Trustee

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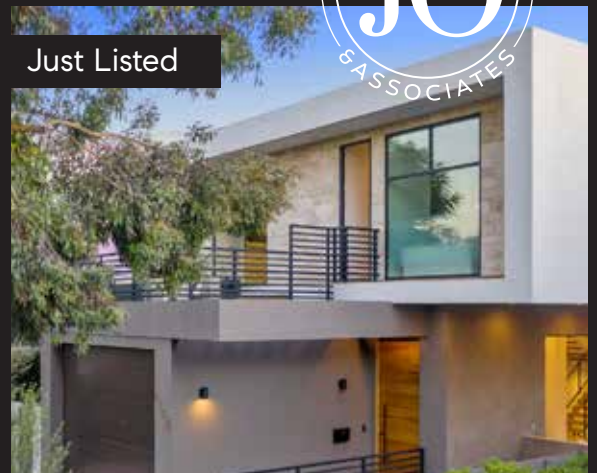
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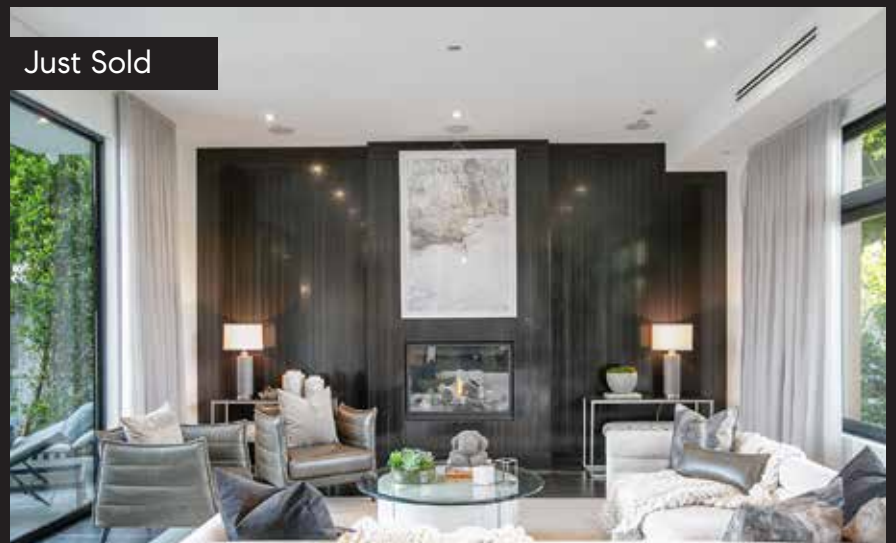
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