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Mobile Testing Sites are Open for the South Bay Cities



A drive-up mobile testing site for COVID-19 opened at the South Bay Galleria on April 3, one of three locations that opened, bringing the County's total to 10. Los Angeles County residents who scheduled an appointment online were administered oral swabs to test for COVID-19. Photo City of Inglewood.

Mike Rotolo Leads the Way at TG Construction

By Duane Plank

Tough times have hit the world, with the COVID-19 pandemic ravaging the planet, confining many of us to our homes. But Mike Rotolo, President of El Segundo-based TG Construction, had faced down the grim reaper before and survived.

Rotolo conquered a diagnosis of sarcoma cancer, surviving an 11-hour surgical process in 1998. He has maintained a positive outlook as TG Construction, headquartered on Nevada Street in El Segundo, continues to thrive in these perilous times, with his company, deemed an "essential" entity, still working.

Rotolo joined TG in 1997 as a Senior Project manager. In 2006, he became the President of the company after purchasing TG from Tom Georgouses, who founded the firm in 1981. His trajectory at TG includes stints as Project Engineer, Superintendent, Project Manager, Senior Project Manager, and now President. Rotolo has over 37 years of experience in the construction industry and is considered by those he works for and with as a diligent leader who espouses a hands-on approach to each project, which helps ensure all owner needs are met during the design phase, building and follow-up, and providing the best possible client customer service.

TG Vice-president Mychal Tylwalk has worked for the company for three-and-a-half years, overseeing field and office operations, managing project managers, superintendents and other project staff as well as specific projects. He lauds the leadership of Rotolo.

"The great thing about working with Mike is that we truly collaborate on everything as a matter of everyday practice," he said. "He runs things by me, I run things by him and, we make a joint decision and move forward

without delay. We don't have committees or a bunch of executive staff to have to get on board with how we operate. Decisions are instantaneous."

"There are a few things that make TG great and set us apart from our competition. First, Mike, myself and several of our staff have worked for large general contractors in the past. TG may be a smaller general contractor, but we operate like and bring the sophistication of a large general contractor to the table for our clients. Secondly, our clients get the Presidents and VP's full attention and involvement in their projects from start to finish. Because of that, challenges and issues get resolved very quickly. TG's working environment is truly collaborative. I hate to use that term, because I think that it is overused, but everyone at TG is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. Titles are irrelevant, and we all discuss situations openly, even if it is not someone's 'responsibility,' so we get the best ideas and solutions, because the discussion is open, and no one has to worry about 'being wrong' or butting into someone's conversation. That's what makes it truly collaborative."

Jim Van Zanten, co-CEO of Vista Sotheby Realtors as well as the team leader for the Van Zanten Depaoli Group, has a long and successful partnership with Rotolo and TG Construction. TG recently completed an 11-unit apartment building for Van Zanten in Manhattan Beach.

"Mike is a low-key guy with a degree in construction management," Van Zanten said. "He goes by the book and uses high-end construction software to keep all the information straight. As a result of his education and training, Mike is much more organized than your average contractor, and this is refreshing! Mike has helped me build several apartments

and townhouse projects, as well as a church building."

Fahria Qader, Director, Pacific Visions and Architecture of the Aquarium of the Pacific, located in Long Beach, has established a mutually beneficial relationship with Rotolo and TG. TG has completed multiple projects for the Aquarium since 2007.

"The Aquarium always goes through a formal request for proposal process when hiring contractors for large projects," she said. "Because of their price competitiveness and experience, they won-out against others. We initially heard about TG Construction because they were the first general contractor to build a LEED Platinum building in Southern California." LEED buildings utilize "green" technology and components.

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Mike Rotolo

Weekend Forecast

Friday

AM
Showers
63°/52°



Saturday

Mostly
Sunny
66°/57°



Sunday

Mostly
Cloudy
63°/57°



Entertainment

The 6 Best Streaming Services (That Aren't Netflix)

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy.com

Quarantine and chill. That's our new reality, for now at least. If you've already torn your way through Netflix's Tiger King, caught up on every episode of reality TV via Hulu, and even knocked a few classic films off the watch list from the Criterion Collection, we've got you covered. Below are six streaming services that are specially curated for independent, documentary, and art house cinephiles. With many platforms offering free trials, now is the perfect time to

platform with everything from festival hits to silent classics *Battleship Potemkin* and *Nosferatu* and works by Jean-Luc Godard, Yorgos Lanthimos, and Rick Alverson. Kino Lorber President and CEO Richard Lorber bills Kino-Now as a "kind of arthouse iTunes."

MUBI, the premiere streaming service for curated independent films, has its slate packed with recent festival hits and rediscovered classics. April's curated line-up also spotlights daring new voices and champions classics from the



Photo courtesy of Cinemacy.com.

explore cinema beyond your comfort zone. Last week **Alamo Drafthouse** announced it would begin offering "Alamo-At-Home," a virtual cinema initiative led by distributors like Kino Lorber, Film Movement, and Magnolia Pictures to allow independent theaters to digitally offer new films. Their signature programming series "Terror Tuesday" and "Weird Wednesday" return for Virtual Cinema experiences.

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Last October, Kino Lorber launched **Kino-Now** an online movie rental and purchase

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Morgan Rojas

"The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts."
— **MARCUS AURELIUS**

Your Neighborhood Therapist

Dear Neighborhood Therapist,

I am having trouble living with so much uncertainty. About my job, about my relationships, about what life is going to be like two weeks or a month or a year from now. Can you help? - The Most Common Question I Get These Days, El Segundo

Dear The Most Common Question I Get These Days,

I wish I could help with certainty about what is happening in the world - we have to wait a bit longer for that - but there is one thing we can reach for no matter what is going on: our own values. Now is a good time to make them clear, and let them guide you.

When we have pressure to perform and achieve, at work and in our relationships with our colleagues and clients and partners, many of us do not take time to make our values explicit, and thus we end up assuming we share the most prevalent values in our environment, whether or not we actually agree with them.

It might be helpful to sit down with a pen and paper and write out the answers to a few questions: When I think about a time I

was really at my best, what was I doing and what was I standing for? If I could embody that version of myself right now, what actions would I be taking? If your routine has been disrupted, and you could build it back up again from scratch, would you rebuild it exactly as it was? If there are differences, what is it about your life that explains what you would do differently?

If you need help, or have the ability to help others, please reach out and I will coordinate. If you or someone you know needs to talk to someone, please reach out and I will take as many people as I can during this crisis, regardless of ability to pay.

Please write to tom@tomandrecounseling.com or text to 310.776.5299 with questions about handling what is affecting your life, your family, the community or the world. Tom Andre is an Associate Marriage & Family Therapist (AMFT96089) supervised by Chris Thomas (MFT78020). The information in this column is for educational purposes only and nothing herein should be construed as professional advice or the formation of a therapeutic relationship. •

HELPING HANDS

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Saving Graduations



This might sound crazy, but... instead of canceling Graduation Ceremonies why not hold them at a Drive-In, separate families can stay in their car and not possibly infect others, and use the large screen to project videos, the names of the graduates and other pertinent information. Just an idea. Photo Hawthorne High School.

Huber's Hiccups

News for the City of Good Neighbors from an Old Guy named Norb Huber

PASSOVER

I just finished partaking of a Zoom Seder dinner that my old lady and I were invited to attend hosted by our former pastor and his wife. There were attendees from all across the country. A Seder is a Jewish dinner that has been held annually for the past 3,500 years commemorating the deliverance of the Israelite nation out of slavery in Egypt. The Egyptian Pharaoh's heart continued to harden after nine plagues. He refused to let Israel leave even after his country, livestock and people were tormented. The tenth and last plague was going to bring death to all of the firstborn living in Egypt. The Jewish people were told to smear lamb's blood upon their doorposts. With that blood sacrifice, the angel of death would "passover" their house and their children would not die. This old testament event foretold of a coming Savior that would shed his blood on a cross and defeat the devil and win victory over death itself. That Savior is Jesus. The Passover meal is the same meal that Jesus partook of with his disciples on the night on which



he was betrayed. During the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the giving of his body and blood through what we refer to as communion in most Christian churches today. At that same meal, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. All of Jesus' actions were completely opposite of what we would expect a savior or a king to do. He humbled himself to be a servant and submitted to a most humiliating death, a crucifixion.

What does that have to do with this life we are now living in exile today? Well, I would say that we need a Savior right now. This unseen virus is lurking around ready to come inside of our houses and attack us. We keep on praying that God would deliver us from this illness. Jesus came for just such a time. He came to seek and save those who are lost and fearful. Does our faith make us "virus-proof"? No, Christians are dying along with non-believers. We all will die from something. Jesus does give us the assurance of eternal life after our earthly death. We place our trust in him for our salvation but while we are still here on earth, living and breathing, we turn our life into one of servant hood and service to our neighbors. When we look out for others

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A graphic for an Easter greeting. It features several decorated Easter eggs hanging from vertical lines. The eggs have various patterns: one with a geometric triangle pattern, one with wavy lines, one with a floral pattern, one with hearts, one with a soccer ball pattern, and one with a globe pattern. In the center, the text reads "Happy Easter" in a cursive font, followed by "FROM HERALD PUBLICATIONS" in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, it says "ENJOY THE DAY WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS." in a bold, sans-serif font.

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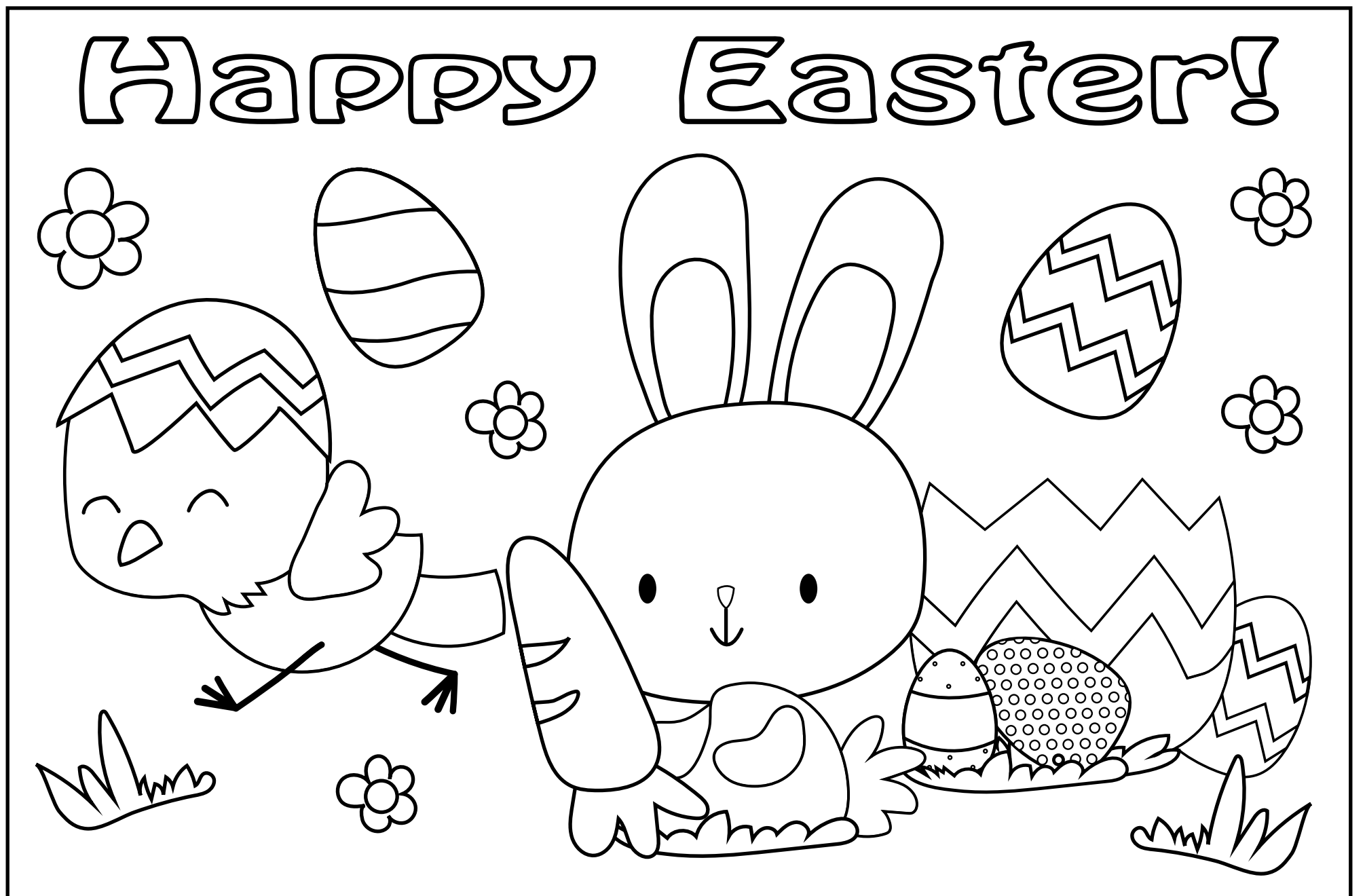
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A Message from Mayor Pullen-Miles on COVID-19



Lawndale Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles discusses the Coronavirus and the ways you can protect yourself and your families during this global pandemic. View the video at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJzzCJAT8vs For current information specifically about the outbreak and its effect on the residents of Lawndale, please visit the City's website at: www.lawndalecity.org. Photo City of Lawndale.

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Inglewood News

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Local Business Owners Are Stepping Up



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Mike Rotolo

from front page

"Every project that was built by TG Construction at the Aquarium has had Mike as the lead and he was a great partner to us," Qader said." In working with us, he was honest, responsive, and showed attention to detail. It is also for the same reason that when working on our largest expansion to date---the Pacific Visions wing---we asked Mike to be on our side of the table and be the Owner's Representative."

Projects that TG has their construction stamp on include sewage pump stations, hotels, retail projects, hospitals, as well as institutional, industrial, and mixed-use properties. TG has worked for and with Disneyland and Boeing, TRW Redondo Beach, Northrop Grumman, K-Mart, and Chapman General Hospital, as well as completing multiple projects in Hawaii, including the Waipahu Town Center.

Rotolo attended St. Bernard High School, received an Associate of Arts in construction technology from Santa Monica City College, and a Bachelor of Science from Cal State University, Long Beach, garnering a degree in construction technology.

Rotolo said that he was always interested in construction-type endeavors at an early age, noting his Boy Scout background. He moved to Hawaii for a while, working on construction projects. Once he returned to California, he toiled for an Orange County firm for nearly a decade before fortuitously landing a job with TG Construction, greatly diminishing his commute.

One of the projects that Rotolo is most proud of is the renovation of the Disneyland Autopia

attraction. "It was a really tough project," he said. It was during this timeframe that Rotolo was diagnosed with sarcoma. The Autopia project opened on-time, despite Rotolo's health challenges.

He said that TG likes to tackle more demanding projects, including working with the local aerospace industry. His company, staffed by about 15 employees, espouses the motto "quality, not quantity." He embraces the small-company vibe, saying that most of his employees relish the benefits of working for a smaller general contractor.

Rotolo lives in El Segundo with his wife, Mary. When not overseeing the day-to-day details of running his business, he likes to play volleyball, fish, ski, camp, and give back to the community by volunteering for numerous posts, including past stints coaching AYSO soccer and mentoring local Scouts. He said that he "tries to stay connected" to the citizens in his hometown.

In this time of grave uncertainty, Rotolo said that the current climate is "certainly challenging, but we are blessed to still be working. We are taking steps to be ready," he said when the effects of the virus diminish." Our job sites are up-and-running," he said, with measures in place to protect his workers. "We see ourselves as vital to growing the economy."

Rotolo is justifiably proud of TG Construction. "For a smaller company, we have filled some big boots...my employees are happy and proud of their achievements, which makes for a good working environment." •

Huber's Hiccups

from page 3

and care for them and take them groceries or just simply check to see if they are okay, we are sharing that love that Jesus showed to us by the giving of himself. Yes, we pray for deliverance, we pray that our exile may end soon, but we keep our eyes focused on Jesus and celebrate his victorious resurrection this Easter Sunday. Just think, Israel was in slavery for 400 years and they wondered in the wilderness for another 40 years. Noah and his three sons had to sit inside the ark with their wives for 40 days and 40 nights listening to the rain without any cell phones or internet. If you think it's bad staying home with your old lady for a few weeks, think how bad it could be. It's all in God's hands, it's all in His time.

A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE ROLLER COASTER RIDE

It's been years since I have ridden a roller coaster but I remember always being happy when it ended and I could finally step out of that car and on to solid ground. The last month has been a roller coaster ride. Every day I keep looking for some hopeful news. I always feel like someone or some group will come up with some solution to solve this darn problem. For all of our technology, for all of our smarts, for all of our ingenuity, this thing seems to be a little more of a challenge for us to figure out. For most of us, this ride is getting long and old. We just want to get off and

onto solid ground. I used to hate it when the cars would be climbing and climbing and clanging to get to the top because I knew what was going to happen at the peak, we were going to go careening back down and around and upside down. I felt so out of control and my stomach would be ready to explode. That's about how we feel right now. Life is out of our control. I have long since stopped riding roller coasters. Yes, I'm a wimp. But, maybe we all should just stop riding these emotional day roller coasters. Listen to the news, be informed, but be level headed. Have faith that once the economy opens back up that there will be jobs waiting for people. Your once hated job might turn into a new, more rewarding job. Who knows? I believe that our country and economy will be strong once we get back to work. I know it's easy for me to say "stay strong". It's always easy for me to say, "relax and have a cold one", but considering the alternatives, I really don't have too much else to offer you. Put your trust in God, have a cold one, and may the big, bad Easter bunny bounce into your life this week and fill you with happiness, joy and all the candy that you can get delivered before all the hoarders buy it all and put it in storage for next Easter. Happy Easter to my loyal readers, friends and fellow exiles.

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Provided by Brandpoint

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- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Asparagus Soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups cooked cut asparagus
- 1 1/2 cups cubed cooked ham
- 2 1/4 cups rotini (spiral) pasta, cooked and drained (about 4 cups)
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese or Swiss cheese (about 4 ounces)

Directions

- **Step 1:** Heat the oven to 400°F.
- **Step 2:** Stir the soup, milk, onion powder, black pepper, asparagus, ham, pasta and 1/2 cup cheese in an 11 x 7 x 2-inch baking dish.
- **Step 3:** Bake for 25 minutes or until the ham mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir the ham mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese.
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Casey

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Casey is an amazing little bundle of joy. He loves to be caressed and kissed. As he prances around, he looks at you lovingly, seeking attention and affection. He is looking for parents who can spoil him beyond his wildest dreams. Casey wants a home that will also adopt his sister, Emily, who is very bonded with her brother.

Emily is a dream who is a sweet, loving little soul. She's a wonderful computer assistant and provides all the support you'll ever need. Emily is looking for a home that is as special as



Emily

or dinner, she stands on her tiptoes and rubs her back on your legs. It is like she is saying "I love you. And I love breakfast!" Rose is a lap cat who can't get enough cuddles.

Stoyana is her sister's shadow. When you get out her favorite wand toys, she jumps into action is not demure anymore. She is a serious hunter pushing everyone out of the way to catch her prize. Like her sister, Stoyana will want your adoration as well. When you sit on the couch, or on the floor, she will seek your affection. They are young kitties and will thrive with a family who will create a stimulating environment, with a tall cat tree and play with them.

Choco-Taco and Joe-Joe are a set of black and white sweet treats are ready for their forever homes! They are a bonded pair who once they warm up to you, they are yours.



Rose

she is, along with her equally special brother, Casey. She's looking forward to springtime and lots of treats from the Easter bunny. This adorable charmer will melt your heart. Emily and her brother Casey are super special kitties who deserve the best in life.

Rose and Stoyana are flirty, affectionate girls who are very well mannered. Rose will run to you when you get home and Stoyana will do her happy dance which is skipping around the room excited to see you and hope that you notice her too. **Rose** has the funniest little quirk. When you are preparing her breakfast



Stoyana

Choco Taco is our special treat. She was the runt of the litter and needed some extra time to be ready for adoption. She appears to have some muscular delays, but this does not stop this special girl. Choco has learned to play and does well with other cats and her foster family's dog. Choco Taco likes to chase her dry kibble along the floor, watch and talk to the birdies, and is just discovering the couch and laps.. Her purr is very loud and her growl is like a car motor.

Joe-Joe can be a bit shy at first but once you give her head a good noogie, she is your new

best friend. She enjoys playing with other cats and has become tolerant of the household dog. She might need a little time to warm up to a new environment. However, Joe-Joe is quite the attention monger and loves laps.

Beauty is a precious girl and a joy to have around. As long you provide her with some cuddle time, wet food, cat toys and a comfortable place to nap, she is a happy girl. She loves to play, wrestle and nap with her foster sister, Ebony. **Ebony** is a sassy, feisty little girl who *loves* attention (once you earn her trust) and purrs loudly in appreciation when she gets it. She often starts purring when you talk to her. Ebony will not hesitate to come looking for you to make sure she gets in cuddle time every day. She is a confident kitten with a funny little personality. It is fun to watch Beauty and Ebony chase one another up and down the cat tree and across the living room. In between play sessions, they like to bask in the sun and watch birds through the window. Beauty and Ebony are a bonded pair and are eager to find a forever home that will give them both lots of love.

These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. Temporarily, adoption events are suspended. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org.

With our city and state shut down, we are faced with the delicate balance to protect our fellow humans from the spread of COVID-19, while continuing our mission of saving the most vulnerable victims of the homeless cat crisis. We know that these are hard times for everyone. If you can give a little, it will go a long way. They are still counting on us during these difficult times. Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •



Beauty



Ebony

Happy Tails

Minerva has been adopted! Minerva came to us in April of last year. Shortly after she arrived at the sanctuary, she tested positive for FeLV (feline leukemia). FeLV is a retrovirus that is contagious to other cats, so Minerva lived in the FeLV room at the Kitten Rescue Sanctuary until she was recently adopted.

Finding homes for FeLV+ cats can be challenging because it is contagious to other

cats and may lead to a shorter lifespan. But that doesn't mean they don't deserve a loving home! Minerva's new human is smitten with her and Minerva is overjoyed to have a home of our own.

When you adopt a "pet without a partner", you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •



Coco-Taco-and-Joe-Joe



Minerva with her new mom.