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### THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

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# Beverly Hills and L.A. Confront Party Houses

### BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

In the past few weeks, Los Angeles has faced a reckoning over an unintended consequence of prolonged social isolation: house parties. Neighborhoods and cities have reported upticks in complaints about large, residential gatherings, worrying public health officials over the risk of undermining progress made in the fight against COVID-19. Following a shooting death at one such event in Beverly Crest on Aug. 3, the City of Los Angeles has threatened to increase penalties for homeowners found hosting parties and cut off utilities to their property.

"We have seen an increase in calls

regarding large gatherings, including house parties," said Beverly Hills City spokesperson Keith Sterling. "As health officials have said, any gathering of people in a confined space currently presents a danger and risk for the spread of COVID-19."

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Police responded to a large gathering in Beverly Crest on Aug. 3. Photo by Bianca Heyward

### Beverly Hills Teachers Reach Agreement with School District

### BY BIANCA HEYWARD

The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education voted unanimously on Aug. 4 to approve the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BHUSD and the Beverly Hills Education Association (BHEA). The special board meeting took place on Tuesday, one day after the BHEA Representative Council voted, also unanimously, to approve the MOU. The highly anticipated tentative agreement was reached last weekend.

"I thank you for your leadership, your administrative team and the negotiations team on both sides," said Board President Isabel Hacker at the Aug. 4 meeting. "It was a lot of work; it was many, many, hours of labor and good work. Thank you for your leadership and for your commitment to this district as always. I'm humbled by the result of this." The agreement provides that teachers are not required to deliver instruction from a physical classroom. Rather, they can choose their preferred location, be it the classroom or their home. However, the District reserves the right to direct teachers who have opted to work remotely to return to a District worksite if they fail to deliver instruction effectively. Additionally, the District shall give a minimum of 10 days' notice to teachers before transitioning to a different instructional model.

In the event that a staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the District will make provisions to support a leave. BHUSD will also clean and sanitize all necessary facilities and equipment in compliance with the L.A. County Department of Public Health Orders. (BHUSD continues on page 9)

### Nearly 550 Cases of COVID-19 in Beverly Hills

### BY ANA FIGUEROA

As of Aug. 6, the Los Angeles Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 48 new deaths and 3,290 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total number of cases in L.A. County to 201,106. There have been 4,869 deaths. In Beverly Hills, the number of cases is 546.

Public Health has also released new statistics regarding the age range of confirmed COVID-19 cases. Residents between the ages of 18 and 49 years old make up nearly 60 percent of new cases, with the majority of that number comprised of residents between the ages of 30 to 49 years old. (COVID-19 continues on page 9)



### **Courier Calendar**

### STARTING AUG. 7

THE PALEY CENTER FOR MEDIA: FIRST VIRTUAL PALEYFEST L.A. 9 a.m.

The first virtual PaleyFest will take place on Paley YouTube, featuring talent from popular TV shows. Episodes include: "Justin Bieber: Seasons"; "Mrs. America"; "Outlander"; "Queer Eye"; "Late Night with Seth Meyers" and "Schitt's Creek." <u>https://www.paleycenter.</u> <u>org/2020-paleyfest-la-lineup</u>

#### AUG. 7

THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC "PLAY YOUR PART" YOLA BENEFIT 7 p.m.

The L.A Phil online benefit concert for the Youth Orchestra of L.A. is hosted by Gustavo Dudamel and Thomas Wilkins, and features GRAMMY Award-winner Brandi Carlile, who was scheduled to open the Hollywood Bowl's 2020 season. Streaming on-demand from Aug. 7-14. https://www.hollywoodbowl.com/ campaigns/abenefitforyola

#### AUG. 7, 14, 21

JOHN DRESCHER PLANETARIUM "THE FLIGHTS OF APOLLO" SERIES 7 p.m. Night Sky Show; 8 p.m. Evening Show

Santa Monica College's John Drescher Planetarium continues its Friday evening events with free, live virtual shows. The special feature shows will highlight the Apollo mission, and present an update on NASA's human spaceflight programs. <u>http://smc.edu//Planetarium</u>

STARTING AUG. 10 – SEPT. 4 INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART, LOS ANGELES - FIELD WORKSHOP: ACTION PROJECTS

The Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (ICA LA) presents its "Field Workshop: Action Projects." From Aug. 10 to Sept. 4, artists and collectives will use ICA LA's space to incubate, research, experiment, and pilot their ideas. <u>https://www.theicala.org/en/</u> <u>learning/44-field-workshop</u>

STARTING AUG. 11 – OCT. 27 – TUESDAYS THE MUSIC CENTER: "FOR THE LOVE OF L.A."

The Music Center will launch a new digital series, "For the Love of L.A.," designed to celebrate the creativity of Los Angeles and support L.A.-based artists representing the disciplines of music, dance, visual culture and more. Featured on both The Music Center's social channels and The Music Center Offstage, "For the Love of L.A." will provide more than 35 L.A. artists with a platform to express their views of Los Angeles that are relevant and reflective of the current time through video, photography and creative writing.

**Concerts on Cañon** 

Thursdays at 7:00pm

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music of the 50s and 60s. Along

with his four-piece band, Bruce

recreates the electrifying musical

excitement of Elvis in his prime, right

down to the vintage instruments and

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August 13:

the 50's & 60's

https:https//www.musiccenter.org/ tmc-offstage/for-the-love-of-la/

AUG. 12 HAMMER MUSEUM: "ART + MINDFULNESS FOR FAMILIES 11 a.m.

The live, online program presented by Hammer Museum uses art and mindfulness practices to explore the theme of "change" with the family. These online Zoom sessions include mindfulness activities that incorporate works of art from the Hammer's collection. Recommended for ages 8 and older. <u>https://hammer.ucla.edu</u> <u>programs-events/2020/</u> art-mindfulness-families

#### AUG. 12 -16 THE PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE CAR WEEK

The Petersen Automotive Museum presented by Michelin is a one of the most highly anticipated events of the automotive world, and due to Covid-19, this year it is fully digital. Over 40 automotive companies have come together to make this happen and the schedule includes live vehicle debuts, online auctions, exclusive interviews, virtual car shows, and a celebrity judged Concours. All content will be premiered live on the Petersen's Youtube Channel. https://www.petersen.org/ petersen-car-wee

### AUG. 12

BIG SUNDAY VIRTUAL GALA 2020 7 - 8 p.m.

Join for Big Sunday's 5th Annual Gala streaming live from Los Angeles for an evening of celebration and community honoring Michael Skloff, Tiffany Smith-Anoa'i and Hulu. Big Sunday connects people through helping, and offers a variety of opportunities and projects that unite people to improve lives, build community, and give a sense of being. https://bigsunday.org/gala/

#### AUG. 13

DR. SUSAN LOVE FOUNDATION FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH: "SIP WITH SUSAN" WINE TASTING 4:30 p.m.

Join Dr. Susan Love for a virtual wine tasting experience hosted by Taplin Cellars in St. Helena, California. Enjoy the opportunity to engage in a conversation and Q&A with Dr. Susan Love while enjoying a tasting program with Vintner Stephen Taplin. Participants will have the opportunity to taste the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon that the winery is renowned for. This wine has not yet been released to the public. All profits from the sale of this wine go to the Dr. Susan Love Foundation for Breast Cancer Research. https://drsusanloveresearch.org/ sip-with-susan/

### ARTS & CULTURE Summer 2020 Performances

### Greystone Theatre Mondays at 7:30pm

August 10: Bonnie Mohr, Harpist



Bonnie Mohr has been a professional harpist in the Los Angeles area for over 30 years and has performed internationally in both Japan and Germany. She plays a variety of venues, including concerts, commercials, films and notable occasions such as Tea at the Peninsula in Beverly Hills.



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# **Courier Conversations**

### Learning About "Intentional Integrity"

BY LISA BLOCH



#### Author Rob Chesnut

"Show of hands – who in this group has integrity?"

Rob Chesnut, former General Counsel of Airbnb, would begin every presentation to his new employees this way. "Defining integrity is difficult," said Chesnut, which is why he decided to write his first book.

For the past five years, Chesnut, who has overseen a team of 125 legal professionals around the world, believes that integrity, once understood as "telling the truth and keeping your word," is now, "not just the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law."

Chesnut would know, having been focused on rules and integrity his whole life. After 14 years as a U.S. federal prosecutor, having led the major crime unit and the team that handled the biggest trial in U.S. history, the federal espionage prosecution of CIA employee/Russian spy Aldrich Ames, he moved to California to become one of the original employees at eBay. Described by the Washington Post as the "Sheriff of the Internet," Chesnut built the rules around what people could buy and sell on the auction platform. Most recently, he spent years as the General Counsel and Chief Ethics Officer at Airbnb.

This past week his book, "Intentional Integrity" (<u>www.intentionalintegrity.com</u>) was released by Macmillan. I was able to catch up with my dear friend for a rare interview after his recent speech to the L.A. World Affairs Council and Town Hall.

Lisa Bloch: "Intentional Integrity." Do you have a crystal ball? Or did you have an inclination as to the challenges we would be facing now?

**Rob Chesnut:** I could sense something happening a few years ago, when #MeToo really hit. People are tired of bad behavior by corporate leaders and celebrities, they're tired of companies cutting corners in the name of adding a few dollars to the bottom line. They're losing faith in government's ability



with Joan O'C. Hamilton

Newly-released "Intentional Integrity"

to solve the big problems in the world, and they're looking to companies to step in and demonstrate a higher purpose in the world.

#### What sort of problems?

Climate change, racial injustice, gender inequality, disparity of wealth. Displacement of so many jobs due to the technological disruption. People are fearful, they're looking for real leadership. Employees want more than a paycheck, they want to go to work every day feeling like they're making a difference in the world. And if they don't see their company doing enough, they're organizing on Slack, blogging and tweeting about it. Susan Fowler's single voice on a blog post forever changed the direction of Uber. You even see walkouts at places like Amazon, Facebook and Google.

### How are companies going to solve these problems? Aren't they supposed to be focused on making money?

I used to hear people tell me that business was a dog-eat-dog world; you had to be ruthless. If you were successful, maybe you funded a scholarship or sponsored a Little League team to feel like you're doing good, almost like penance. That's all changed. Companies in the 21st century need to have a purpose, a North Star that guides their business and makes the world a better place. They don't just answer to shareholders anymore, they've got a broader group of stakeholders to satisfy - employees, customers, suppliers, and the communities where they do business. It's harder than ever to be a leader. But the good news is that there's value in values. Studies show that companies that operate ethically outperform the market and outperform competitors. We're in an age of conscious consumerism; 64 percent of consumers want to do business with companies that share their values...these consumers are armed with information and they're moving their spending to have an impact. Companies

that don't inspire with a purpose and act with integrity are going to struggle in this new environment.

### What about Airbnb? They have had many of their own ethical issues.

All companies have ethical issues. If you don't think that your company has integrity issues, you haven't thought about it enough. What matters is whether you recognize that you have an obligation to address the issues and take concrete steps to make it right. The company took on the issue of host discrimination head on, partnered with civil rights groups and reworked their platform to help address it - I'm sure they lost some customers in the process, but it was the right thing to do. They're cracking down on party houses. They've collected over \$2 billion in occupancy taxes for localities around the world, and they're partnering with local governments where regulation is needed to prevent a negative impact on housing prices.

We are living during unprecedented times. Ethical issues are everywhere, even in the debate of mask wearing. Can you comment?

Calling mask wearing an integrity issue almost makes it harder than it needs to be. It's common sense, a basic sign of human decency and caring for others, an awareness of our own personal responsibility to do our part to get through this global crisis. It's pretty simple – wearing a mask slows the spread of the disease, which allows schools and businesses to reopen faster and get people back to work faster. If you refuse to wear a mask, you're contributing in a real way to hunger, homelessness and financial instability. And you're putting everyone you come into contact with at risk.

#### What's the most fascinating ethical question you've been asked since kicking off the book tour?

Who decides who gets the COVID-19 vaccine first? Should it be random, based on who has the best health care access? Shouldn't health care workers and those who have to work in drugstores and grocery stores and other essential services get priority? Should race play a role, since minority communities have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic? The elderly are at the greatest risk, perhaps they should get it. But as parents, we have a basic instinct to protect our children first. I'd give the vaccine to my kids before I took it. Of course, that all assumes that we trust the vaccine when it comes out. I'm not sure that being first in line is desirable. And would we allow people who get the vaccine first to sell it? Sounds silly, but somebody will try to put it on eBay if they need the money to eat and want to take their chances by waiting a few months.

### Beverly Hills and the surrounding areas, like many U.S. cities, have struggled with outcries resulting in vandalism. How should we feel, react and process this?

Beverly Hills is special because it is

a symbol of luxury and success, and the destruction and looting of the stores is just sickening. I've read that the George Floyd related riots are the costliest civil disorder in U.S. history. But on another level, I think it's a mistake to simply dismiss the destruction as senseless vandalism - there is so much frustration, particularly in the black community, that the system isn't working for them. The rules that I'm so used to defending over my lifetime can have the effect of protecting a system, for the benefit of those who have done well in that system. And we have to acknowledge that the system hasn't been just. Lisa, the world is getting more and more deeply connected, not just with the internet and smart phones and video, but climate change, the pandemic, racial injustice. We can't stay in our own lanes anymore, the actions of one are increasingly impacting a broader group of people. Injustice to one group impacts all of us.

### Do you see examples of people or companies acting with integrity right now?

Oh yes. A lot of companies are waking up and taking on bigger obligations beyond just profit. In big tech, I like the way that Satya Nadella at Microsoft has responded to the needs of his employees, and how they've stepped up with big commitments to fight climate change. Salesforce, Patagonia and REI. Etsy voluntarily took on the challenge of operating their platform in carbon neutral manner by partnering with Three Degrees, a B Corporation, to efficiently fund high impact renewable energy projects. I was really impressed when I read that Ryan Reynolds, the "Deadpool 2" star, was starting his own diversity initiative called The Group Effort, where he's going to bring in 10-20 trainees from marginalized communities to work on the set of his upcoming film and learn about the film industry. He's paying them, housing and travel, out of his own salary. We all should do what we can do; I'm encouraged to see so many examples of companies that sense their broader obligation to the world in a time of crisis.

### Any final advice to people running businesses today?

A lot of leaders have historically been uncomfortable talking about ethics and integrity, maybe because we're afraid of coming across as holier than thou. But leaders are the integrity thermostat for their companies; they set the temperature for everyone. Integrity is contagious, if as the leader you have an authentic, direct conversation about why it matters, and you follow that up with consistent action, you'll inspire others and raise the bar. Silence and ambiguity are the enemies of integrity. Left on their own, people will cut corners and look out for themselves, particularly in times of fear and uncertainty. Don't delegate to your HR folks or a consultant, you can't outsource integrity. A crisis reveals your character, now's the time to really own it and make a difference.

## News

### Beverly Hills City Council Amends Urgency Ordinance Regarding Evictions and Rent Payments for Small Commercial Tenants

#### BY ANA FIGUEROA

The Beverly Hills City Council has voted to extend the moratorium on small commercial tenant evictions to Sept. 30, 2020. The unanimous vote, which amends Urgency Ordinance 20-02815, took place at the Aug. 4 Regular City Council Hearing. Under the amended ordinance, the rent recommencement date (when regular payment of rent should resume) is now Oct. 1, 2020. The Council extended the date for repayment of forborne rent to March 1, 2021.

The amendment brings the City in line with surrounding municipalities and is authorized by an order from Governor Gavin Newsom.

The City Council originally adopted Urgency Ordinance 20-O-2815 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic at its June 18 special meeting. It provided, among other things, that commercial tenants would commence paying rent on Aug. 1, 2020. Since that time, some of the early business reopenings sanctioned by Los Angeles County have been rolled back. As a result, the economic downturn caused by the ongoing crisis shows no sign of abating.

The Council's Aug. 4 vote dealt with small

commercial tenants only. Large commercial tenants are still bound by the original eviction moratorium end date of July 31, 2020. A large commercial tenant is defined as: a business that, together with its affiliates, (1) employs more than 100 employees, or (2) has an average annual gross receipts of more than \$15 million over the previous three years, or (3) has business operations, other than sales conducted solely through online channels, in three or more countries, including the United States, or (4) a business whose payment of rent is guaranteed by a business falling within the above list.

At the Aug. 4 hearing, members of the Council noted that the best-case scenario is for landlords and tenants to reach agreements on their own. In fact, the ordinance requires the two sides to meet and make a good faith attempt to develop an agreement. Any agreement worked out between commercial tenants and property owners will take a precedence over the ordinance and may extend the period for repayment if both sides consent.

Based on public comments received during the hearing, however, such

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agreements are proving illusive for many business owners.

A myriad of local retailers called in to voice frustration with landlords unwilling to make reasonable concessions during this dire economic time. "Where is the shared pandemic pain?" asked one caller. Other business owners spoke of potentially losing decades-long investments and history in the City, due to unprecedented hardship.

A few representatives from property management companies spoke up, as well. Some warned that unscrupulous tenants "operating at full capacity" might take advantage of an extended eviction moratorium. Others decried the loss of existing leverage in negotiations, if the ordinance deadline is moved to September.

"This is not rent forgiveness, we encourage people to pay what they can," clarified Councilman John Mirisch. "All we can do is to try to help people as much as we possibly can and hopefully facilitate discussions and agreements between landlords and tenants."

He added, "We should figure out a way to keep the small business and small business owners alive because if not, what we're going to see is a wholesale corporate takeover of America and that's not good for anybody."

For more information about the City's eviction moratorium, visit <u>www.beverlyhills.</u> <u>org/coronavirus</u> or contact the City's Rent Stabilization Division at 310-285-1031.

### City Council Approves Additional Funds for Residential CCTV

### BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Against a backdrop of civil unrest, mounting economic tensions, and a looming national election, the Beverly Hills City Council voted at its Aug. 4 Regular Meeting to allocate an additional \$200,000 to the City's Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) program. At its earlier Study Session, the Council discussed the system's ongoing expansion, a possible partnership with home security companies Nest and Ring, and other surveillance methods to achieve the City's goal of "ubiquitous coverage."

The project dates its origins to 15 years ago, according to a staff report compiled for the Study Session, during which Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) presented its plan to create a network of surveillance cameras throughout the City. The plan calls for camera placement in four key areas: critical infrastructure, such as public safety facilities and reservoirs; places of high crime, like intersections in commercial areas; locations with "a perceived need for additional security," like schools and parks; and residential areas.

While the resulting Community Security Enhancement Program initially set out a time frame of 1,000 cameras in 20 years, "the growth of the program has been exponential over time," Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey briefed the Council. "Up until about 2018, the number of installations averaged about 50 cameras a year. The program accelerated exponentially from then."

According to the staff report, the City currently has 1,515 CCTV cameras, 254 of which were installed last year, Hunt-Coffey said.

The current review of the program came at the request of Councilwoman Lili Bosse. "Over the last year or so, I've had many

residents ask me about where the cameras

are on their street when they see it available on other streets," Bosse said. "We've certainly seen that it's been a positive thing to have in our community."

In January, the City Council directed the Community Security Enhancement Program to accelerate its expansion into residential areas and approved a budget of \$500,000 for the year. The amount later grew to \$1.2 million, even as the City faced a budget deficit due to COVID-19. On Aug. 4, the City Council allocated an additional \$200,000 with the hopes of achieving its goal of 200 cameras by the end of the year. This would bring the City up to a total of approximately 1,700 cameras.

Most of the 200 cameras will be placed in residential areas, including the Southwest, the Southeast, the Flats, and east and west Coldwater. More recently, the BHPD identified newer priority areas. "These locations were identified as the result of the recent protests that took place within the City," the staff report reads.

"Is there a number that would be considered to be an appropriate number of cameras for a community of our size?" Councilperson Dr. Julian Gold asked Hunt-Coffey. "What are we headed for?"

Hunt-Coffey responded that the project aims to achieve "ubiquitous coverage." She laid out the program's five-year plan. "It is not a cheap proposition," she noted. "It's about a \$14 million project, which would roll out about 900 additional cameras. That would essentially put cameras at pretty much every intersection in town."

The City Council also considered integrating emerging technologies into the City's surveillance apparatus.

(CCTV continues on page 9)

### Metro Purple Line Continues to Make Progress Through Beverly Hills

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Wilshire/Rodeo station construction

On Aug. 5, the L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) held its monthly virtual community meeting providing stakeholders with construction updates for the Purple Line Subway Extension sections 1, 2 and 3. The Beverly Hills City Council approved an accelerated construction timeline for the plan in April, and the project continues to make headway in connecting the Eastside and Westside. Beverly Hills' first subway station at Wilshire/La Cienega – section 2 – is on track to open in 2023 and will continue its path through the City with the Wilshire/Rodeo station, slated to open in 2025.

In total, the Purple Line Extension will add seven new stations spanning roughly nine miles underground. It will connect the Wilshire/Western station to Westwood in three distinct sections. The first section beginning east of the City between Wilshire/ Western and Wilshire/La Cienega continues to be under construction and is scheduled for completion in 2023. Section 2 of the Purple Line Extension, connecting the Wilshire/LaCienega station to Century City/ Constellation, is also under construction and will extend the subway to downtown Beverly Hills and Century City. The third section will extend the project to two stations in Westwood, at Century City/Constellation to Westwood/VA Hospital.

Throughout 2020, tunnel support work will continue, including soil improvement and magnetic surveying, along Wilshire Boulevard within the intersection of Wilshire and San Vicente Boulevards. Work is expected to start later in August, with intermittent lane closures expected along Wilshire and San Vicente Boulevards.

Construction of the tunnel eye is well underway on the east side of the Wilshire/ La Cienega Station, which will ultimately provide a gateway for the tunnel boring machine (TBM). The Section 1 TBMs, used to excavate tunnels, and cutter heads are on their way to the Wilshire/La Cienega Station. The tunnel boring machine is expected to arrive at the La Cienega station area in December of 2020. Currently, the tunnel boring machines, named "Soyeon" and "Elsie," are making their journey westward.

Station excavation is underway for the Wilshire/Rodeo Station, from Beverly Drive to West Crescent Drive with two staging yards. The majority of the construction work is taking place at the yards, one located on the north side at North Canon Drive, and the other on the south side at Reeves Drive, where the station entrance portal will be located.

Metro is still at the front end of the excavation phase, and also continuing with tunneling in Century City – on track to open in 2025.

Currently, Wilshire Boulevard is reduced to two lanes in each direction, with a partial lane closure in place to facilitate excavation underground. Excavation will continue on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., and weekends during the daytime through first quarter of 2021. The anticipated completion is set for Feb. 2021, after reaching a depth of about 100 feet. Metro will be seeking approval to excavate at nighttime seven days a week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. in an effort to expedite the work and allow more space to excavate from Wilshire Boulevard. To support the excavation, there is also a closure in place now at Reeves Drive.

Construction continues at the future Wilshire/Rodeo station, but design plans are not yet finalized. The appendage work at the Wilshire/Rodeo station is tentatively scheduled for mid to late 2021. (Metro continues on page 10)

### Residential Street Sweeping to Resume August 17

The City of Beverly Hills will lift its temporary suspension of parking enforcement related to street sweeping later this month. Beginning on Aug. 17, residents should comply with the posted street sweeping signage and move vehicles when appropriate in an effort to keep streets clean.

In March, the City suspended parking enforcement related to street sweeping to accommodate residents working from home and the State's Stay at Home Order. While some businesses continue to have employees working from home, others have now returned to work places.

This shift in work status has allowed for

parking to open up, enabling street sweeping services to resume.

In the commercial district, the City will continue to accommodate parking in front of businesses to allow for easier access for "to-go" and "pick-up" options.

In addition, many of the City-owned parking structures have reopened. To view the full list of garages, payment options and hours, visit <u>beverlyhills.org/covid19parking</u>.

For more information on Street Sweeping Services, contact Beverly Hills Public Works Customer Service at 310-285-2467 or email AskPW@beverlyhills.org. •

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# The Scene

### New Outdoor Dining Concepts in Beverly Hills and Beyond

#### BY CAROLE DIXON



Gray Malin Cabana at Beverly Hills Hotel

With many top chefs around town closing fine dining restaurants recently from Ludo Lefebvre to José Andrés and Joachim Splichal, some of the hotels, legacy eateries and newer chain concepts are revamping to lure in customers with COVID-19 patio regulations in place.

One such example is the Peninsula Hotel, which has reimagined its ground floor flagship Mediterranean restaurant into Le Petit Belvedere.

Taking advantage of a spacious patio off the former Belvedere dining room, the new eatery features classic French fare by Executive Chef David Codney. "I did Paris fashion week two years ago in a partnership with the Peninsula Paris and we wanted to bring some of that back home, since people can't really travel right now," Codney told the Courier.

While the signature charred Caesar remains on the menu, new standouts include chicken crepes with wild mushrooms, steak au poivre, crab croquette salad and a fluffy souffle for dessert. This type of cuisine has been sorely missed in this neighborhood since Thomas Keller's Bouchon Bistro closed on Canon several years ago. "I'm not trying to reinvent the wheel," said Codney, "I just want good simple food. People need to get out of the house and have something to look forward to right now. You realize what a small community it is."

Le Petit Belvedere has also embarked on a Champagne partnership with Laurent-Perrier where every evening at 8 p.m. the diners will engage in a complimentary toast to make up for some of the lost celebratory moments since the COVID-19 shutdown.

Currently, the entrance to the new restaurant is through the lobby but the team is installing a walk-through art gallery in the old Belvedere dining room so guests can enter while viewing museum-quality works. The LOVE sculpture, the hotel's second piece by Robert Indiana, was just installed on the terrace this week, which should go



Le Petit Belvedere patio

well with the piped-in retro-French 60's music. "Why didn't we do this four years ago?" quipped Codney.

The Beverly Hills Hotel has also recently engaged in a new alfresco collaboration with fine art photographer Gray Malin. Cabana One has been redesigned by Malin in a partnership with Serena & Lily to revamp the poolside space with a pink and white striped canopy, coastal California furnishings and a nod to the iconic design and history of the hotel with CW Stockwell's signature Martinique banana leaf wallpaper, first installed in 1949.

In collaboration with Nocking Point Wines, Malin also launched Getaway Rosé on Aug. 1, an all-day wine for summer picnics, relaxing poolside, or simply dreaming of your next getaway. This Provence-style blend of mourvedre and syrah is not on offer at the hotel yet, but hopefully in the near future.

Il Fornaio is celebrating 40 years on Beverly Drive this year. The local favorite has added cool foliage lined plexiglass pods outside of the restaurant, creating a European sidewalk dining experience with the same great food and service.

Manager Maria D'Auria, who hails from Rome, has worked at this location for 20 years. "We thought of safety first but we can seat almost the same number of people as before. Everyone loves it because they feel safe and protected," she told the Courier.

The Sugar Factory is blessed with ample patio seating designed by Gulla Jónsdóttir (who also designed the Kimpton Le Peer) on the top floor of Westfield Century City. This Vegas and San Diego hot spot was scheduled to open in March and was sidelined after the COVID-19 shut-down. While you can order grilled lobster tails and steak, stick with the fun finger foods such as mini-rainbow bun burgers and the outrageous spiked milkshakes after an afternoon of shopping.

On the same floor of the outdoor mall, Eataly has launched a "build your own gin

& tonic" on their rooftop Terra restaurant. For the summer menu, you pick the gin from a classic style or contemporary botanical flair, and the tonic with unique flavors such as yuzu, elderflower, and grapefruit. Then choose from fresh herb garnishes like rosemary, sage, and thyme along with seasonal fruit or cucumber for a customized creation. Their mixologists suggest pairing your cocktail with wood-grilled dishes like the pesche e burrata or a shareable Wagyu Tomahawk Ribeye aged 45 days from Snake River Farms.

On La Cienega, The Silver Cart Terrace at Lawry's debuted on Aug. 4, offering an outdoor dining experience for the first time in its history. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. and takeaway continues on those same days from 3 to 7 p.m.

The Sofitel is reopening its newly designed Cattle & Claw patio on Aug. 13. The alfresco eatery is now cash and contact-free with the famous 10 oz. burger, lobster roll and vegetarian options. Aidan Demarest is back in action with Riviera 31 cocktails starting at \$8 with DIY decoration kits. "We will add bands and DJs the minute the Governor says we can," said Demarest.

Until then, private cabana packages for groups up to six can and spend the afternoon with crafted picnic baskets, wine, cheese and charcuterie platters to share.

Just a few blocks away, E.P. & L.P. has taken a new section of their open-air rooftop

space (originally intended for an outdoor movie theater) and opened Las Palmas featuring food and drinks inspired by Tulum. The Yucatan flair includes lobster quesadillas, carne asada skewers and aguachile.

Changes are also in the works at a Westside institution, The Brentwood. Owner Bruce Marder is flipping the concept into an upscale Mexican eatery, Baja Norte. Marder made his mark decades ago with a similar style of cuisine at Rebecca's in Venice and the West Beach Café before Capo in Santa Monica became a mainstay.

If you're missing Chef Michael Fiorelli's cooking at Olivetta on Melrose, just take a drive down Sunset towards the Palisades to The Draycott, Marissa and Matt Hermer's California brasserie. Fiorelli is now culinary director of the restaurant and has added new dishes on the dinner and brunch menus from Weiser Farm's toybox melon and prosciutto to seared Diver scallops atop creamless creamed corn which can be ordered on the outdoor terrace, on the Palisades Green or for curbside pick-up.

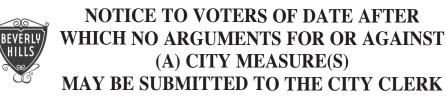
Melina Mezaf from ink. and Broken Shaker has been appointed as the beverage director. She oversees the cocktail program, which includes the weekend Lawn Libations stand with made-to-order mason jar cocktails or a bottle of wine to consume on the Green between brunch and dinner, 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. •



Lawry's new outdoor seating



Las Palmas



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Beverly Hills, California, on November 3, 2020, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following measure(s):

Revenue Protection Measure: Shall an ordinance be adopted<br/>which provides that if, and only if, another local governmental<br/>entity seeks to increase the transaction and use tax (sales tax) in<br/>Beverly Hills, then the City may prevent this tax increase and<br/>instead impose a Beverly Hills transaction and use tax by up to<br/>34% (approximately \$28.06 million annually, indefinitely) so that<br/>the tax revenues will flow to Beverly Hills rather than the other<br/>governmental entity?Yes

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the legislative body of the City, or any member or members thereof authorized by the body, or any individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument, not to exceed 250 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, for or against the City measure(s).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, based upon the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print the arguments and Voter Information Guide for the election, the City Clerk has fixed Friday, August 14, 2020, during normal office hours, as posted, as the date after which no arguments for or against the City measure(s) may be submitted to the clerk for printing and distribution to the voters as provided in the Article 4. Arguments shall be submitted to the City Clerk, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, at the City Hall, City of Beverly Hills, California. Arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk.

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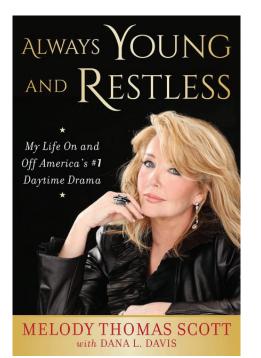
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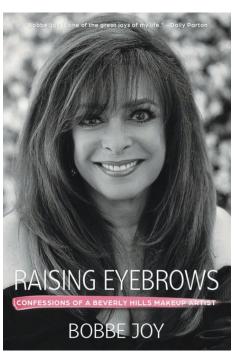
### Medal Winner



Brentwood School Class of 2020 graduate, incoming UCLA freshman and Courier Intern Hailey Esses recently took home several medals at the Showpark August Festival at Blenheim Equisports at Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park in San Juan Capistrano. At the socially distanced and safely run competition, Esses and her horse Donacelli placed second in the PCHA (Pacific Coast Horse Shows Association) Adult Medal; fifth in the CPHA (California Professional Horsemen's Association) Amateur Medal; fifth in the LAHJA (Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association) Senior Medal and sixth in the Foxfield Medal. Esses rides at Elvenstar Farms in Moorpark. Photo courtesy McCool Photography.

## Two Beverly Hills Residents Tell Their Stories in New Books





Two local Beverly Hills residents have recently published books detailing their illustrious careers. Actress Melody Thomas Scott's "Always Young and Restless" describes her more than four decades starring in the popular daytime drama, "The Young and the Restless." And professional makeup artist Bobbe Joy's book, "Raising Eyebrows" tells the story of how she has transformed women of all ages and ethnicities by sharing techniques for self-assurance and self-improvement.

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# Beverly Hills Scouts Troop 110 Welcoming New Members

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Recruitment Week for local Scout Troop 110 takes place from Aug. 10 to 14. During this time, the troop will welcome new members for the 2020/21 school year. Boys and girls ages 11 years and older can join Troop 110, and learn leadership, citizenship and life skills. Through weekly meetings and regular campouts and activities, Scouts engage in fun and educational activities that help young people prepare for all that life might bring them. Regular meetings take place on most Monday evenings at 7:30 and are currently conducted virtually. When possible, in person meetings will take place at the La Cienega Community Center. Please contact Dr. Steven Jacobs for more information about Recruitment Week at recruitment@bh110.mytroop.us.

### A Life Well-Lived in Beverly Hills



Marjorie Lesser Fasman photo by John Michael Ferrari

MARJORIE LESSER FASMAN, a long-time resident of Beverly Hills, died peacefully on July 28 in her home where she had lived for 68 years. She was 103 years old. Born Marjorie Helen Lesser in San Francisco on Dec. 1, 1916, her family moved to Los Angeles in 1918.

Mrs. Fasman graduated from Beverly Hills High School in 1933. She attended Wellesley College, the University of Pennsylvania (BA), and UCLA. She married Morris Pfaelzer in 1938 (divorced 1959) and Michael Fasman in 1961. She was a volunteer, philanthropist, artist, art collector, traveler, avid tennis player, gardener, floral artist, renowned party giver and gala planner, fashion trend-setter, screenwriter (Tarzan of the Amazon), writer ("The Diary of Henry Fitzwilliam Darcy," 1998), and poet of biting political satire and loving encomia for friends' and family life events.

For several years (late 1940's and early 1950's), Mrs. Fasman was the moderator for the UCLA Religious Conference's Panel of Americans. In 1950, she was one of the founders of Leo Baeck Temple with her first husband, Morris Pfaelzer, and several other Los Angeles families. She was a generous supporter of many local institutions including the LA Music Center, the LA Philharmonic, the Hollywood Bowl, Griffith Park Zoo, KCET, the UCLA School of Music, the LA Conservancy, and the Venice Family Clinic.

Her parents, Fay and Sol Lesser; her husband, Michael J Fasman; and her brother Julian "Bud" Lesser preceded her in death.

Surviving Mrs. Fasman are her daughters Fay Pfaelzer Abrams of Albuquerque, Betty Pfaelzer Rauch of New York, stepdaughter, Bunni Fasman Zimberoff of Santa Rosa; grandchildren Wendy Paige Abrams, Melissa Ambrose, Matthew Rauch, Molly Rauch, Steve Colgrove, Betty Colgrove, Rafael Zimberoff, Tanya Z'Cornell; nephews Stephen and David Lesser and niece, Belinda Lesser. Also several great nieces and nephews, 13 great grandchildren, and 10 great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Fasman will be buried next to her husband, Michael Fasman, at Hillside Memorial Park. Please no flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to the Venice Family Clinic. (COVID-19 continued from page 1) In fact rates for this group have nearly tr

In fact, rates for this group have nearly tripled since the beginning of June.

Younger residents are also being hospitalized more than before. Individuals between the ages of 30- and 49-years old account for 25 percent of hospitalized patients in the County. Patients between the ages of 18 and 29 years old now account for more than twice the proportion of all hospitalizations than they did in April. These patients now match the hospitalization rate of people aged 80 years old or older. By comparison, hospitalizations of those 80 years old or older have fallen by half since a peak in April.

There are 1,768 confirmed cases currently hospitalized and 31 percent of them are receiving treatment in the ICU. This continues to be lower than the daily hospitalizations of over 2,000 patients reported last week.

As of Aug. 6, Public Health has identified 197,912 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 4,825 deaths.

Public Health anticipates receiving a backlog of cases once the State electronic laboratory system issues are fixed. This issue has undercounted the County's positive cases and affects the number of COVID-19 cases reported each day and our contact tracing efforts. Data sources that track other key indicators, including hospitalizations and deaths, are not affected by this reporting issue.

"We all know that COVID-19 can affect all of us, no matter how young we are," said Barbara Ferrer, Ph. D., M.P.H., M.Ed., Director of Public Health. "It can also cause a ripple effect that ends up infecting those among us that we love. A young person going to a party can then go back home and infect their parents or older relatives, causing them great harm. So, I really encourage everyone, especially younger adults to think about this when deciding whether to see a group of friends at a party or staying home and visiting their friends virtually. We can and will one day get to the point where hanging out with a group of friends is possible - but we aren't there yet."

The State is expected to soon release

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Councilman Gold suggested using artificial intelligence to monitor the footage 24/7–something either impossible or financially unfeasible to do with human beings. "I think we should be at the front of that," he said.

The concept of merging AI with police surveillance has come under criticism in recent years, however, in studies by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (a Department of Commerce Agency) and others.

Discussion at the Study Session also considered incorporating home surveillance systems into the program.

"We're exploring partnerships with private camera providers like Nest and Ring," Hunt-Coffey told the Council.

Beverly Hills Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap formerly served as Deputy City Manager for Ranchos Palos Verdes. She spoke of that's city's involvement with Ring as a potential model to emulate for Beverly Hills. "We negotiated a discount [with] Ring, as well as the city gave an additional incentive, or subsidy, to the residents to incentivize them to purchase these products," she explained. "And through information on when colleges and universities can re-open for in-classroom instruction. In the interim, Public Health released a comprehensive set of draft protocols to guide colleges and universities with planning activities toward the eventual return to in-person instruction. The protocols touch on all aspects of campus life, from on-campus housing, to classrooms, to the dining commons. This includes infection control practices, such as regular sanitizing of common spaces, consistent use of face coverings in all areas of the campus, and the reconfiguration of campus spaces, including dorms to enable physical distancing. Like other workplaces, they will have to screen their employees and students for COVID-19 and quickly notify the department when clusters of cases occur to help stop the chain of transmission. Because college and university campuses exist in the middle of larger communities, significant attention needs to be paid to steps that institutions take to protect community residents from exposures that originate on a campus; this includes good communications, support for community mitigation strategies, and minimizing risky actions.

The State announced the reopening of youth sports earlier this week and released their guidance for the safe operation of youth sports leagues. Youth sports and physical education are permitted only outdoors, and tournaments, events and competitions are not allowed. Physical distancing of at least six feet must be maintained at all times and for sports that require closer contact, only conditioning and skill building is permitted. Masks are not required when outside engaging in activities that require physical exertion. Adult, amateur team sports are not permitted at this time.

Given the current delays, the department urges any person with a positive lab result to call 1-833-540-0473 to connect with a public health specialist who can provide information about services and support. Residents who do not have COVID-19 should continue to call 211 for resources or more information. Additional information and a list of resources is available at

www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

that, they would share footage with the police department if there was suspicious activity."

Additionally, Hunt-Coffey said, the City is exploring the possibility of "integrating in cell phone video that can stream into our CCTV system."

The Council brought up multiple success stories from over the years that showed the system's effectiveness in combating crime – most notably, the vandalism of Nessah Synagogue. The suspect in that case was apprehended after CCTV footage showed him leaving the synagogue and getting into a cab.

Other cities around the world incorporate CCTV cameras into their law enforcement toolkits. London, for instance, has some 420,000 CCTV cameras, according to Financial Times, making it the second-most surveilled city in the world after Beijing, which has 470,000.

Asked by Councilman Robert Wunderlich to compare Beverly Hills' CCTV system to that of other cities, Chief Information Officer David Schirmer did not mince words. "I would argue that our system is on par with any system in the world," he said. "In terms of per capita cameras, we certainly are leading the pack." •

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The MOU includes an indemnification commitment, protecting teachers working remotely from claims made by parents for actions that are not within the control of staff.

"BHEA is very pleased with the MOU that was achieved between the teachers' union and the district," BHEA President Ethan Smith told the Courier. "We are especially pleased with the amical way in which both sides worked together to come to this agreement." Smith added, "We are working in unprecedented times, but we are all doing everything possible to continue to deliver the outstanding education the students of our community deserve."

In an Aug. 1 statement, BHUSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy emphasized that the ultimate goal remains to return to the classroom safely.

"This MOU focuses on the change caused by COVID-19 from physical learning to distance education," he said. "It is the intent of the District and Association to return to a traditional educational program as soon as is feasible consistent with applicable state and local directives issued in response to this pandemic. It is anticipated that the return to a traditional program may occur in phases and may include remote and hybrid instructional and support models."

The first day of school for students in the BHUSD has changed from Aug. 17 to Aug. 18. In order to provide teachers with time to plan, prepare, and adjust to changes for the 2020-2021 school year, Aug. 17 will be spent making sure educators have all the necessary resources and technology needed. To make up the instructional day, Jan. 27, 2021 will be a school day instead of professional development.

The school year will begin with distance learning through the Independent Learning Center (ILC) and Live@BHUSD. The new agreement provides that students will receive daily interaction in real-time from their teachers, mimicking the brickand-mortar classroom experience. Live and synchronous instruction, occurring when students and teachers meet in the same virtual space at the same time, will use one or more of the audiovisual remote instructional platforms provided by the District. Only students, teachers, and administrators have the right to be present while virtual instruction is taking place.

"This is a huge milestone for our community and I want to take a moment to thank the Beverly Hills Education Association bargaining team and BHEA Executive Board and our district bargaining team, including the District Leadership, California Teachers Association Regional UniServe Staff representative, Penny Sevoian, and Board President, Isabel Hacker, for their hours and hours of collaboration in creating an MOU with the common goal to achieve the highest quality outcome for our students in what can only be described as truly unprecedented circumstances," said Bregy. •





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Large homes have been the scene of numerous parties in recent weeks

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Calling in during the public comment phase of the Beverly Hills City Council meeting on July 21, self-identified resident Gabe Goldstein complained about the parties. "Each and every day, I see numerous mass gatherings within dwellings throwing parties, gatherings, and other such events where social distancing is not being adhered [to]," he told the Council.

During that July 21 meeting, the City Council approved additional funds in the amount of \$170,000 to the law firm of Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak for municipal code prosecution services related to party houses and similar infractions.

"Law enforcement and code enforcement work together to evaluate each circumstance and determine the most appropriate course of action," Sterling explained about the City's approach. "This included taking the steps necessary to ensure compliance with all parking and noise ordinances."

BHPD Public Information Officer, Lt. Max Subin, told the Courier, "The department discourages houses that are for rent via short term rental sites for the use as a party location." Officers have the option to issue citations for violating city's "Loud and Unruly Gathering Ordinance," which prohibits gatherings of three or more people that pose "a threat to public peace, health, safety, or welfare."

The Los Angeles County "Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for the Control of COVID-19" prohibits "gatherings of people who are not part of a single household or living unit." Nonetheless, as quarantine has dragged on and traditional places of revelry like bars and clubs remain closed, groups of largely young Angelenos are finding diversion in L.A.'s large mansions in areas like Bel Air, Hollywood Hills, and Beverly Hills.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, L.A.'s party-goers have sought to flout restrictions on socializing by congregating in the city's luxury real estate like modern-day speakeasies. In May, for instance, the Los Angeles Police Department responded to a raucous party held in a Hollywood Hills Airbnb. At that party, according to media reports, officers learned that a man had accidentally shot himself in the groin.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced Aug. 5 that he had authorized the city to shut off utility services to properties found hosting large gatherings. Hours earlier, Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu submitted a motion to increase penalties for homeowners that hold parties.

The issue gained more traction and visibility in the last week following the tragic party in the Beverly Crest area on Mulholland Drive. Videos circulating on social media of the party showed the kind of affair that would have appeared unremarkable just months earlier: dozens of people milling about on balconies and by a pool, standing shoulder to shoulder, enjoying Beverly Crest's status-conferring views. Police responded to the scene at around 7 p.m. after numerous calls from neighbors complaining about the noise and traffic, LAPD Lieutenant Chris Ramirez said at a press conference. Hours later, around 12:45 a.m., a shooting was reported and officers found two women and a man suffering from gunshot wounds. One woman, 35-year-old mother of three Brandi Parham, died as a result.

But beyond the immediate tragedy of the violence, public officials saw a broader, also deadly threat posed by the gathering.

"All around, it sounds like a high-risk experience for those who were there, and, frankly, for the loved ones they go home to," said California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly at a briefing Aug. 4.

L.A. City Councilmember Paul Koretz, whose district includes Beverly Crest, reacted to the incident in an Aug. 4 statement. "Illegal gatherings, homes being rented to be used as social venues, and other criminal activity during COVID-19 put our neighborhoods and residents in grave danger," he wrote. "I am calling on all our public safety agencies, including the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Fire Department to unequivocally enforce against all illegal house parties, due to their inherent danger in placing our hillsides, our neighborhoods, and our residents in peril."

Despite the laws against such gatherings, LAPD expressed ambivalence about their



Metro construction in Beverly Hills

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During the community meeting, Mindy Lake, Senior Community Relations Officer for Metro, addressed the issue of construction under the Beverly Hills High School campus. "I want to let you know that during our research investigation pre-tunneling, we discovered three underground anomalies under the campus of Beverly Hills High School," said Lake. "Two of those three anomalies were determined to be oil wells. The third one was not, so it does not need to be abandoned. Currently, the high school's contractor is working on removing and abandoning anomaly and they are well underway with that removal, on target for completion by the end of August." Lake added, "We were asked months ago, years ago, actually, whether any of this work would create significant health or safety

risks for Beverly Hills High School with the removal of abandoned oil wells. And that answer is no."

Station box piling is still underway at the Century City/Constellation station, located on the north eastern corner of Constellation Boulevard and Avenue of the Stars, which is about 40 percent complete. A full-time partial lane closure on Constellation Boulevard is still in place to support the launch box and tunnel boring machine launch operation. Tunneling work continues, on track to open the station in 2025. A full closure of Constellation Boulevard was approved last week to be extended through February 2021.

Metro encourages stakeholders to submit comments or questions to purplelineext@ metro.net. The next community meeting will be held on Sep. 2. •

### Beverly Hills Residents Embark on Virtual Trip to Israel



As Israel's tourism sector continues to reel from the global economic downturn, Jewish National Fund-USA is sending people on virtual travel adventures to support Israeli tour guides while providing tour participants with an opportunity to 'visit' sites off the beaten path. In launching JNF Virtual Travel & Tours, the organization's travel department is offering seats on virtual tour buses to some of Israel's iconic and lesser known travel destinations. Itineraries include visits to the Old City of Jerusalem, Ayalon Institute, Akko, Be'er Sheva, the JNF Sderot Indoor Recreation Center, and so much more.

power to enforce such limits. "It was a private party, it was indoors," said Lt. Ramirez. "How do you enforce the fact that it was a private party? It's like me going to your house trying to tell you what to do on your own property."

In Beverly Hills, there has been no such ambivalence. A party held on Jul. 25 in the

Trousdale Estates neighborhood was shut down within minutes of three officers and a sergeant arriving, according to Lt. Subin. The homeowner was cited for violating the "Loud and Unruly Gathering Ordinance."

According to one neighbor, the gatherings at the residence have been more constrained since then.

### Birthdays



CHARLIZE THERON August 7



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CILLIAN ANDERSON August 9



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JOE SHOOSHANI August 12

recreate the status. Those who don't know what's possible will take longer to come around if they ever do.

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Astrology by holiday matis

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There have been times when you didn't know what you were feeling until long after the fact. Now, there's very little lag time, and this greater self-awareness allows for today's excellent decision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A stoic approach to the day will serve you well. Your calm resolve is extremely attractive and becomes even more so in situations where people might typically lose their cool.

CEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you really think about it, you have some beliefs that the people around you might be surprised by. It's those rarified ideas that will open new thought processes to you and move you in a fulfilling direction.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Those who think they know are at a disadvantage, as their assumptions put up a barrier between themselves and the truth. It's the ones who understand their own ignorance who will learn the most.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you're doing something in the world, you're also making fans and foes.

Effective action gets attention and will have a cheering and booing section. All of those strong opinions count as a win.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Working harder doesn't necessarily mean putting in more time. You will apply yourself with great intention and laser focus making quick work of the tasks you most need to accomplish to move forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your inner dialogue seems to be making a case for your behavior. Let this put you on alert. Why do you think you need to justify this to yourself? Either this is strange and new or you have a feeling you're in the wrong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll amuse yourself like it was your job, and though it's not, your professional life will benefit anyhow, as it spurs the relaxed frame of mind you need to come up with brilliant ideas that can be widely applied.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). For a relationship to be tight, you have to know who the other person is. This is, of course, ever-changing, so there's always more to learn. One definition of a good relationship is: two people staying aware of one another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You radiate an obvious delight in what

you're doing, who you're with and what you're talking about. This is so attractive to the people around you, and you shouldn't be too surprised by what develops here.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is said that there is nothing new under the sun, and yet it can't be true. New things happen every minute. Sure, it's a remix, but what isn't? You get the most out of endeavors by assuming their uniqueness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who have had happy hearts feel capable of achieving that state again and will take every opportunity to

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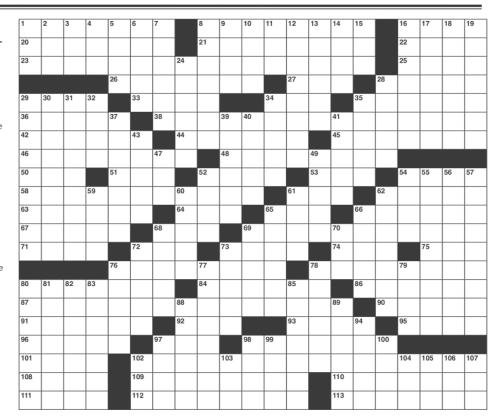
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### **Public Notices**

#### NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

Project: El Rodeo School Campus Seismic Retrofit and Modernization Project Owner: Beverly Hills Unified School District

Lease / Lease Back Contractor: ProWest Constructors, CSLB #: 706619

#### **PROPOSAL RELEASE #4**

### PROPOSAL DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 PROPOSAL TIME: 2:00 PM

**PROPOSAL PACKAGES** 

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Submit sealed proposals to: ProWest Constructors, 22710 Palomar Street, Wildomar, CA 92595. For Proposals in the amount of \$150,000 and over, a Proposal Bond in the amount of 10% of the Lump Sum Base Price shall accompany the Proposal. For Lump Sum Base Price amounts of less than \$150,000, Proposal Bond shall not be required.

Proposal Documents available August 18, 2020 at IB Reprographics (951) 682-1850, www.ibrepro.com and www.BidMail.com.

One non-mandatory Job Walk has been scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 8:30 AM. ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Participants shall meet at El Rodeo School 605 Whittier Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, front gate on Whittier Drive.

The project is a seismic retrofit and modernization of multi-story Buildings A, B, C, D and E encompassing +/- 122,250 SF of building area situated on a 6.5-acre site, originally constructed in 1927 as cast-in-place structures. The buildings are adorned with approximately 4,200 SF of historic Spanish Renaissance Revival cast stone clad facades receiving new reinforcing anchorage and an ornate tower whose dome will be removed and replicated to provide appropriate structural stability. The entire campus will receive a new fire alarm system, new fire protection throughout, new HVAC, electri-cal upgrades as well as new exterior windows including steel windows in Puildings A. P. and C. There are a structural stability. Buildings A, B, and C. There are a total of (44) teaching stations that include (2) Computer Labs, (4) Science Classrooms, (2) Music Classrooms, (1) STEM Classroom, and (1) Media Center. The 679-seat auditorium, with a mezzanine level, includes the replication of the original ceiling as well as incorporating new theater rigging and audio-visual systems. The majority of the 6.5-acre site will include new accessible path of travel throughout including new asphalt paving, concrete paving, artificial turf field, landscaping, irrigation, fencing, and (3) shade shelters.

Pregualification of MEP Subcontractors. Each prospective Electrical, Mechanical, or Plumbing ("MEP") subcontractor holding C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 and/or C-46 specialty licenses (as defined in Public Contract Code section 20111.6) planning to participate in bidding on certain public projects to be undertaken by the District, must be prequalified prior to submitting bids for such public projects. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20111.6 bidders on all public projects using funds received pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities ACT of 1998 or any funds received from any future state school bond that involve a projected public project expenditure of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more must be pre-qualified.

The purpose of the proposal is to enable ProWest Constructors to select the most qualified firm that provides the best value to ProWest Constructors and the District and with whom ProWest Constructors will subcontract. Based on the received proposals, ProWest Constructors will create a list of the highest-ranking respondents, based on a best value selection criteria and will identify the selected firm(s) to enter negotiations for specific scopes of work to be subcontracted. Formal award of any subcontracts will not occur unless and until the District has reviewed and approved the scope and price of the subcontracted work.

ProWest Constructors reserves the right to request additional information at any time, which in its sole opinion, is necessary to assure that a proposer's competence, business organization, and financial resources are adequate to perform the requested work. ProWest Constructors also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informality or nonsubstantive irregularity in any proposal.

Contact Lease / Lease Back Contractor, ProWest Constructors - (951) 678-1038 for further information

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CASE NO: 20SMCP00230 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME In the Matter of the petition of Carole Douglas White To all interested person(s) Petitioner Carole Douglas White current residence address: 2000 Camden Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025 filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse, on July 16, 2020 for a Decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Carole Douglas White Proposed Name: Carrie White The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: September 18, 2020 Time: 8:30am Dept: K Room: A-203 The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse. Reason for name change: To align my legal name with the professional name that I am known by and which appears on my California Driver's License and US Passport. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct. Signed: *Carole Douglas White* Judge of the Superior Court Judge Lawrence H. Cho, Sherri R. Carter. Executive Officer/Clerk, By: Stacey Watson, Deputy Clerk Dated: July 16, 2020 Published: July 24, 31, August 07, 14, 2020 Beverly Hills Courier SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CASE NO: 20SMCP00223 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME In the Matter of the petition of: Evan Alexander Burke To all interested person(s) Petitioner: Evan Alexander Burke current residence address: 9760 Charleville Blvd. Apt. #A, Beverly Hills, CA 90212 filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse. on July 08, 2020 for a Decree changing names as follows: Present Name Evan Alexander Burke Proposed Name Evan Burke Alexander The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to

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