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Amid a Staggering Wave, Vaccine Brings a Ray of Hope

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Driven by “pandemic fatigue” and Thanksgiving gatherings, COVID-19 case numbers and hospitalizations have surged in Los Angeles County to unprecedented levels. During the last week of November, the County logged an average of about 5,900 new cases a day; on Dec. 16, that number nearly quadrupled. Other metrics like hospitalizations and deaths lag behind case numbers, and the County has started

seeing a precipitous rise in both. Since Nov. 9, average daily deaths have shot up nearly 600 percent, from an average of 12 per day to more than 70. Just before Thanksgiving, hospitals admitted nearly 300 new patients with the Novel Coronavirus a day; now, the County is seeing 600 new patients a day requiring hospitalization. All of this has public health officials eying the upcoming Christmas holiday with dread.

But as hospital and ICU capacity fill up, Christmas has come early to healthcare workers and residents of assisted living facilities in the County. This week saw the arrival of the new Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to hospitals around the County, fresh from the company’s manufacturing plant in Kalamazoo, Michigan. (Vaccine continues on page 12)



UCLA staff carefully unpackage COVID-19 vaccines.

City Settles Another Spagnoli Suit

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The City of Beverly Hills has settled another lawsuit involving former Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) Chief Sandra Spagnoli over claims of racial discrimination. The Los Angeles Superior Court case, *Routt, et. al. v Beverly Hills*, involved three Black Traffic Control Officers who claimed they had been demoted on account of their race. The City has already paid approximately \$8 million in judgments and settlements in cases alleging various forms of discrimination by the former chief, who resigned in April. Though unreported until now, the City settled the Routt case in November for \$375,000.

“For quite some time, I have discussed how a police department allowing discrimination against its employees based on race, national origin or other protected characteristics is a danger to the community,” attorney Bradley Gage told the Courier. Gage also referred to incidents of alleged racial

profiling of shoppers on Rodeo Drive. “By fighting discrimination within the department, we also help protect the community from racial profiling-discrimination outside of the department,” he added.

The City made no admission of liability as a part of the settlement, which the Courier reviewed. “We are pleased to bring this litigation to a final conclusion,” Beverly Hills City Attorney Laurence Wiener told the Courier. “The City remains committed to maintaining a respectful work environment free from harassment, retaliation and discrimination.”

The lawsuit was brought on behalf of Traffic Control Officers Gregory Routt, Alisha Johnson and Kearran Hayes. According to the complaint, the officers had achieved the rank of Parking Enforcement Supervisor at the time Spagnoli took over the force in 2016. (Spagnoli Suit continues on page 11)

BHUSD Installs New Board of Education

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On Dec. 16, the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) held an Organizational Meeting during which the new 2020-2021 Board of Education Officers were installed.

Newly-elected Board Members Mary Wells and Dr. Amanda Stern, and re-elected Board Member Noah Margo took the oath of office administered by Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy, Hawthorne Elementary School Assistant Principal Kevin Painter and Beverly Hills High School Principal Dave Jackson, respectively.

(BHUSD continues on page 13)

Courier Calendar

NOW - DEC. 20
GARRY MARSHALL THEATRE:
"HOLIDAZE HARMONY" CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 7 p.m.

Recording artists and Broadway stars Terron Brooks and Kamilah Marshall reunite at the Garry Marshall Theatre for their annual holiday extravaganza. This year the virtual concert is in the form of a multi-camera filming from the stage of the Garry Marshall Theatre, available on demand through Dec. 20.
<https://www.garrymarshalltheatre.org/>

NOW - DEC. 20
CENTER THEATRE GROUP:
"ELEPHANT ROOM: DUST FROM THE STARS"

Center Theatre Group TG Creative Collective members Steve CuiFFo, Trey Lyford and Geoff Sobelle bring "Elephant Room: Dust from the Stars" to Center Theatre Group's Digital Stage through Dec. 20. Magicians turned astro-nots Daryl Hannah, Dennis Diamond and Louie Magic return in this live, interactive sci-fi sequel to "Elephant Room," produced in 2012 at the Kirk Douglas Theatre.
<https://www.centertheatregroup.org/digitalstage/digital-stage-plus/elephant-room-dust-from-the-stars/>

NOW - DEC. 27
ISRAEL FILM FESTIVAL

The 34th Israel Film Festival in Los Angeles, the largest showcase of Israeli cinema in North America, is presented online for the first time this year through Dec. 27. Audiences will discover the best of new Israeli cinema and rediscover old gems, including award-winning features, documentaries, past Ophir Award winners as well as Q&As from leading filmmakers and talent from every film. Tickets can be purchased on the website.
<https://www.israelfilmfestival.com/>



DEC. 18
THE SORAYA: "NOCHEBUENA EN CASA"
 5 p.m.

The lively "Nochebuena" celebration returns as "Nochebuena En Casa," an online presentation available beginning Dec. 18. This year's line-up includes "The Queen of Ranchera" Aida Cuevas along with Ballet Folklórico de Los Angeles, Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuéllar, Suzanna Guzmán, Las Cafeteras, plus José "Pepe" Martínez Jr. and Susie García. The event is hosted by Dan Guerrero, an award-winning director and producer who has helmed talk shows and music specials for NBC, PBS, HBO, Univision and Telemundo, among others.
<https://www.thesoraya.org/>

DEC. 18
LOS ANGELES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA ALL-DIGITAL 2020-21 SEASON: "LACO CLOSE QUARTERS"
 6:30 p.m.

Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra (LACO) continues its all-digital 2020-21 season entitled "LACO: Close Quarters" with biweekly programs led by LACO artists. Episode 4, "Bach's Brandenburg 5," premieres Dec. 18 and features Music Director Jaime Martín on flute, Kahane on fortepiano and Assistant Concertmaster Tereza Stanislav on violin performing Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D-major as well as Debussy's "Syrinx."
<https://www.laco.org/laco-at-home/>



DEC. 19 - DEC. 21
PASADENA SYMPHONY AND POPS - "HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT" CONCERT: "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"
 4 p.m.

The Pasadena Symphony and Pops present the annual "Holiday Candlelight" concert, "Home for the Holidays." The concert features Broadway's Lisa Vroman and an array of choruses and handbells performing cherished melodies. Watch on the website or YouTube Channel. The concert premieres on Dec. 19 and will be available on-demand through Dec. 21.
<https://pasadenasymphony-pops.org/concert/home-for-the-holidays/>

DEC. 19
MOSCOW BALLET: "GREAT RUSSIAN NUTCRACKER"
 5 p.m.

Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker," streaming from Los Angeles, combines whimsical and imaginative storytelling with classical dance, dazzling costumes, spectacular sets, and a grand stage design. Take a trip backstage for a look at how the magic is made from world-class artists, designers, and the creators of this cherished production.
<https://www.nutcracker.com/christmas>

DEC. 19
WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS - THE SORTING ROOM SESSIONS: AUDRA MAE: "SONGS OF JOY AND PEACE"
 8 p.m.

The Wallis' popular nightclub series goes virtual with the holiday-themed "Songs of Joy and Peace" featuring vocalist Audra Mae, great grandniece of Judy Garland, and keyboard wizard Dylan Meek. Music from classic holiday films is presented digitally in association with For The Record Live, which transforms soundtracks into immersive theatrical experiences.
<https://thewallis.org/TSR>

DEC. 20
LOS ANGELES BALLET: "CLARA'S NUTCRACKER TEA PARTY"
 11 a.m.

Join Los Angeles Ballet this holiday season for a special live virtual event in which Clara invites guests into her home as she hosts a Nutcracker Tea party with friends, Marie, Columbine, Snow and her Prince. The interactive play includes dancing, magic, music, crafts and holiday fun, including excerpts from Los Angeles Ballet's "The Nutcracker." Tickets per family or sponsorships to this fundraiser are available.
<https://losangelesballet.org/event-nutcracker-tea-2020>



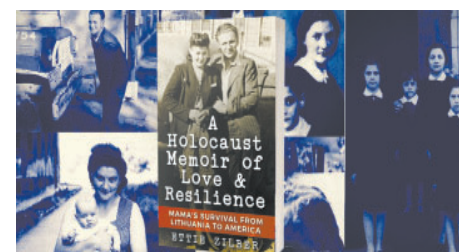
DEC. 20
LYTHGOE FAMILY PANTO: "CAROLS FOR KIDS" VIRTUAL SING-ALONG CONCERT BENEFITING CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES

Lythgoe Family Panto presents a virtual at home sing-along concert "Carols for Kids," benefiting Children's Hospital Los Angeles. "Carols for Kids" will feature stars from a decade of Lythgoe Family productions and special appearances from Snow White, Cinderella and Santa Claus. Enjoy holiday tunes while celebrating the great work at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Tickets are available online and all proceeds will go to Children's Hospital Los Angeles.
<https://www.stellartickets.com/events/give-kids-panto/carols-for-kids-a-virtual-at-home-sing-along>



DEC. 20
LATINO THEATRE COMPANY HOLIDAY PAGEANT "LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE, DIOS INANTZIN"
 7 p.m.

Join for an archival stream video showing of Latino Theater Company's signature holiday pageant, which has taken place annually since 2002 at Downtown L.A.'s Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Starring Suzanna Guzman as the Virgin and featuring over 100 actors, singers and indigenous Aztec dancers as well as children and seniors from the community, it is adapted for the stage by Evelina Fernández from the mid-16th century text "The Nican Mopohua," performed in Spanish with English subtitles, and directed by José Luis Valenzuela.
<https://www.thelatc.org/>



DEC. 22
HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA: "AS MAMA TOLD US" BOOK TALK WITH ETTIE ZILBER
 11 a.m.

Holocaust Museum LA presents "As Mama Told Us," a book talk with Ettie Zilber on Dec. 22. Zilber will discuss "A Holocaust Memoir of Love & Resilience: Mama's Survival from Lithuania to America," her memoir about her mother Zlata Santocki Sidrer. Compiled from recorded interviews by Ettie Zilber, this is the account of a remarkable woman who raised herself out of the ashes after unimaginable hardship and sorrow. Finding happiness where none could be expected - like secretly getting married in the Ghetto - Zlata was a model to her children. In the second part of this book, Ettie Zilber analyzes the impact of Zlata's experiences on her own upbringing in the U.S., discovering parallels with other children of Holocaust survivors. Her quest for answers leads her to Eastern Europe to follow in her mother's footsteps, honor the murdered members of her family, and collect evidence to corroborate the words of Holocaust survivors.
<https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/event-details/as-mama-told-us>



DEC. 24 - 25
61ST ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
 3 - 6 p.m., 7 - 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 12 - 3 p.m. Dec. 25

A Los Angeles holiday tradition that offers Angelenos of all ages the opportunity to experience and honor the dynamic, rich cultures of the County. Presented in conjunction with The Music Center, the 61st Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration takes on a vibrant new format for 2020. Filmed on location at both The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and Jerry Moss Plaza, and at sites around Los Angeles County, the holiday show will air on Christmas Eve on PBS SoCal and simultaneously stream on pbssoocal.org/holidaycelebration, kcet.org and holidaycelebration.org with a rebroadcast on KCET on Christmas Day, starting at noon. This year features 22 L.A.-based choirs, music ensembles and dance companies representing the many cultures of Los Angeles.
<https://www.musiccenter.org/tickets/events-by-the-music-center/holidaycelebration/>



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Melrose Gunman Still at Large

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



On Dec. 15, a gunman opened fire in a popular shopping area of the Fairfax District, killing one and leaving another hospitalized in critical condition. The shooting occurred shortly before 1 p.m. on the 7600 block of Melrose Avenue near the Stanley Avenue intersection, according to Officer Rosario Cervantes of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

While the circumstances of the shooting were not immediately clear, Cervantes said it seemed like the victims were standing outside when a man in his 20's approached them on foot, fired multiple shots, and then fled the scene. The intersection where the shooting occurred is nestled between a Starbucks, Urban Outfitters and several other retail shops. A possible motive for the shooting remains unknown, according to the LAPD.

Davonte W. Clepper, 28-years-old, sustained multiple gunshot wounds and was

pronounced dead at the scene according to Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's records. A second victim, in his 20's, was also struck by gun fire. According to police, he was taken to a hospital for treatment and is listed in serious condition, police said. His name was withheld.

LAPD describe the suspect as a male black without further description, last seen fleeing the scene on foot. A spokesperson with the West Bureau Homicide told the Courier that the case is under investigation.

Anyone with information on this shooting is being encouraged to contact the West Bureau Homicide investigators at 213-382-9470. During non-business hours, or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call the LA Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org. Tipsters may also visit www.lapdonline.org and click on "Anonymous Web Tips" under the "Get Involved-Crime Stoppers" menu. Tipsters may also download the "P3 Tips" mobile application and select the LA Regional Crime Stoppers as their local program. ●

Limited Edition of New Ringo Starr Book Available



Ringo Starr

In celebration of the three decades since Ringo Starr founded his All Starr supergroup, a new limited-edition retrospective hardcover book titled "Ringo Rocks: 30 years of the All Starrs," has gone on sale exclusively online for \$39.99 at juliensauctions.com.

The commemorative photo memoir features some never-before-seen photos of the All Starr Band's 30 years in the spotlight. The photos are accompanied by candid stories from Starr, a Beverly Hills resident.

Additionally, five hundred exclusive-limited hardcover "signature edition" books

personally signed by Starr will be offered for \$495 each. The proceeds of the book will benefit The Lotus Foundation whose mission funds supports, participates in and promotes charitable projects aimed at advancing social welfare in diverse areas including, but not limited to substance abuse, cerebral palsy, brain tumors, cancer, battered women and their children, homelessness, and animals in need.

In time to celebrate the new year, Starr has also released a new song, "Here's to the Nights," from his upcoming EP Zoom In, set to arrive March 19th, 2021.

Written by Diane Warren, the song features backing vocals by Paul McCartney, Joe Walsh, Finneas, Sheryl Crow, Chris Stapleton, Lenny Kravitz, Ben Harper, Dave Grohl, Jenny Lewis Corinne Bailey Rae, Eric Burton, and Yola.

"When Diane presented this song to me I loved the sentiment of it," Starr said in a statement. "This is the kind of song we all want to sing along to, and it was so great how many wonderful musicians joined in. I wanted it out in time for New Year's because it feels like a good song to end a tough year on. So here's to the nights we won't remember and the friends we won't forget—and I am wishing everyone peace and love for 2021." ●



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The BHPD is On the Neighbors by Ring App



The Beverly Hills Police Department has joined Neighbors by Ring in its efforts to connect with residents and improve the safety of the community. Neighbors allows users to share photos, videos and information related to local crime and safety incidents so fellow residents can stay informed.

The BHPD can view what local residents have posted publicly to Neighbors and can now chime in with relevant updates or safety alerts. Importantly, residents do not need a

Ring device to join Neighbors. Anyone with a smartphone can download the Neighbors app in order to receive updates and have the option to post photos or videos from any device. The app is available on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store by searching "Neighbors by Ring."

Residents are encouraged to always report criminal activity to the non-emergency number 310-550-4951 or 911 for emergency situations. ●

John Mirisch Joins Action on Smoking and Health Board of Trustees

BY ANA FIGUEROA



John Mirisch

Beverly Hills City Councilmember John A. Mirisch has joined the Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) Board of Trustees. Founded in 1967, ASH is the oldest anti-tobacco organization in the world. Its mission is to bring about zero deaths from tobacco, the leading cause of preventable death worldwide.

Mirisch has served on the City Council since 2009, with terms as Mayor in 2013, 2016 and 2019.

It was during his last term as Mayor that the City voted to phase out the sale of commercial tobacco products. As of Jan. 1, 2021, the sales ban will apply to all retailers,

including gas stations, convenience stores, pharmacies, and grocery stores. "This is reflective of our community. And somebody has to be first. Let us be a light onto other cities," said then-Mayor Mirisch of the policy.

A statement released by ASH emphasized Mirisch's accomplishments in Beverly Hills.

"His extensive experience in public health policymaking will make him an ideal advocate for ASH and its partners as we work towards zero deaths from tobacco," the statement read.

ASH Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Alfred Munzer noted that Mirisch "will be an invaluable asset" to the organization.

"As a physician specializing in lung disease, I have witnessed the terrible toll in disease and death exacted by smoking. I applaud John Mirisch and the Beverly Hills City Council for setting an example to other localities on a way to protect the health and well-being of their citizens," said Munzer.

"We are honored to welcome John's expertise and insight onto ASH's Board of Trustees. His track record is clear: he has been a champion for public health, willing to take risks and advocate for innovative measures to protect the health of his constituents. We hope other states and localities can follow his and Beverly Hills' lead," said ASH Executive Director Laurent Huber. ●

Cedars-Sinai President and CEO Receives Humanitarian Award From Yad Vashem

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Thomas M. Priselac

Cedars-Sinai President and CEO Thomas M. Priselac has received the Outstanding Humanitarian Award from the American Society for Yad Vashem-Western Region. The award was given Dec. 2 at the Los Angeles Virtual Gala held by the society, which supports the work of Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, in Jerusalem.

"From our perspective at Cedars-Sinai, it's impossible to adequately express in words the positive contributions that survivors

of the Holocaust have made to our lives and our institution," said Priselac. "Their character and influence are in the fabric of our organization. My own experience with our survivors has been life-changing. Without fail, in every encounter and every conversation, the qualities I've mentioned have been present in their words and deeds. I owe each of them a debt of gratitude for the example they've set and the inspiration they've given me."

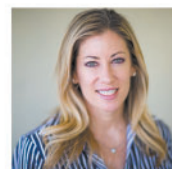
The award was presented to Priselac by Vera Guerin, former chair of the Cedars-Sinai Board of Directors.

"As a leader and humanitarian, Tom has made certain that quality care was extended to this population with dignity and grace, reflective of our mission and sincere commitment to the most vulnerable in our community," said Guerin.

Several other speakers also paid tribute to the work of Priselac and Cedars-Sinai, including Barbra Streisand, who is also a Cedars-Sinai trustee. ●

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DEAR READERS

THE COURIER WOULD LIKE TO HELP SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER. PLEASE SEND US YOUR PHOTOS OF HOW YOU ARE CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS IN BEVERLY HILLS. WE WILL RUN THEM IN THE DEC. 25 AND JAN. 1 ISSUES OF THE COURIER.

Restoring a Hollywood Legend in Beverly Hills

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Front facade of 1033 Woodland Drive courtesy Jason Somers

On Dec. 10, the Beverly Hills Planning Commission heard a proposal they couldn't refuse. That is, they approved conditional Historic Incentive Permits (HIP) for renovations and improvements on 1033 Woodland Drive, an architecturally and historically significant house once owned by Hollywood titan and *The Godfather* producer Robert Evans. The permits would allow the project to deviate or waive certain development standards in the Beverly Hills Municipal Code. However, for the HIP to go into effect, the City Council must first grant the property Local Historic Landmark status. The Council is expected to rule on the status early next year.

The property has wound its way through multiple City commissions as it has sought Local Historic Landmark status. The Cultural Heritage Commission initiated landmark proceedings on Nov. 6, 2019, for possible inclusion on the Beverly Hills Register of Historic Properties—a list that includes the

Beverly Hills Hotel and Greystone Mansion. After a Preliminary hearing on Dec. 4, 2019, the Cultural Heritage Commission found that the property appeared to be eligible for the designation—a conclusion echoed by the City's historic consultant, Jan Ostashay of Ostashay & Associates Consulting, in a landmark assessment and evaluation report. Then, on June 18, 2020, the Cultural Heritage Commission unanimously adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council designate the Woodland property as a Landmark and place it onto the registry. Over a week later, the Commission reviewed the proposed project and issued a preliminary conclusion that it complies with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties, a commonly used set of guidelines for maintaining and restoring historic buildings.

Shortly after Evans' death in 2019, Discovery CEO David Zaslav and his wife,



Garden in its current state courtesy Jason Somers



Paramount producer Robert Evans

Pam, purchased the property for \$16 million. The Zaslavs found the home, built in 1942, in mild disrepair and committed to restoring it to its halcyon state. Now, they are proactively petitioning the City of Beverly Hills to designate 1033 Woodland as a Local Historic Landmark.

Planning Commission Vice Chair Lori Green Gordon praised David Zaslav's initiative in applying for the status. "To say that he wants to preserve it not just for his family, which I think is wonderful, but I think going forward, he looks at this as something that will be preserved for the community as a historic resource," Gordon said. "I have to commend you because that is an act of honor and I really do appreciate that you do that for our City."

The Zaslavs have an incentive to apply for landmark status. The City of Beverly Hills offers a Historical Incentive Permit, which is meant to "incentivize the protection of significant historic resources by providing a process by which owners of locally designated historic landmarks may request waivers or deviations from certain development standards," according to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code. At the same

time, owners of historic buildings also must adhere to stricter standards of preservation.

The Zaslavs' purpose in restoring Woodland is to "ensure that the property is enjoyed in its original state for generations to come," said Jason Somers, President of Crest Real Estate, who oversees the project. "To remember fondly generations of the past for generations of the future."

The property had fallen into disrepair toward the end of Evans' life, Somers told the Courier.

"Five years with no upkeep on a house with that much garden, and it can fall apart quickly," he said. "Everything is very overgrown, and you find statues lying on their side. It's almost like an archeological dig through the property. We found statues and pieces of the original pool house building that burned down in the early 2000s."

Zaslav plans to honor the historical character of the property and has kept on the longtime house manager, housekeeper and butler. Plans call for major renovations and additions that would not compromise the original vision of its architect, John Elgin Woolf. Those plans include a new guest wing and a tennis cabana, expanded garage, rebuilt pool house and relocated tennis court. Many of these facilities as they exist in the plans violate City code, and therefore depend on receiving a HIP or other permit. The new guest wing, for instance, would stand two feet above code at 16 feet, necessitating the granting of a Minor Accommodation Permit. The plans also call for reconstructing portions of the wall at the front of the property. The height of the wall exceeds the allowable standard, but the reconstruction would be permissible under HIP.

Somers makes clear that he and the Zaslavs will approach this work with the care and attention to detail of archeologists. **(Hollywood Legend continues on page 9)**



Archival photo of pool house as viewed from living room courtesy Jason Somers

New Platform for Luxury Real Estate in Beverly Hills

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Villa Firenze in Beverly Hills. Photo Courtesy Hilton & Hyland

Luxury real estate firm Hilton & Hyland has partnered with media company Forbes to launch Forbes Global Properties, an online marketplace for high-end real estate. The venture brings together a consortium of independent but vetted real estate firms across the world with the brand known for its list of the top 400 wealthiest people.

“Forbes Global Properties creates a new and unparalleled sphere of influence for the world’s finest real estate,” said Jeff Hyland,

co-founder and president of Hilton & Hyland and also co-founder and president of Forbes Global Properties. “Unlike other branded real estate groups, Forbes Global Properties is not merely a listing tool for agents – it offers direct and measurable access to potential high-net-worth buyers through Forbes’ worldwide media penetration.”

Hyland has a well-earned reputation in the City, with Town & Country naming him “The Gatekeeper of Beverly Hills.”

The 73-year-old brokered LeBron James’ \$36.75-million purchase in Beverly Hills and the record-breaking \$150 million sale of the “The Beverly Hillbillies” estate.

Spearheaded by Hyland, in addition to real estate veteran Bonnie Stone Sellers, the new company is primarily broker-owned and led. Rather than have all listings come from one single brokerage, the site will utilize a network of independent offices situated around the world. Each member will operate with relative independence and have exclusive reach in their market. The service launches with brokerages in 75 locations in the U.S., Asia and Europe, but has plans to expand to no more than 100. The network will begin accepting new member brokerages in the coming months, provided applicants pass a rigorous vetting process.

“Top real estate industry professionals now have an opportunity to capitalize on the immense global reach of Forbes in the creation of an impactful luxury marketplace, which is owned and led by brokerages,” Bonnie Stone Sellers, who serves as Chair, said in a statement. “Forbes Global Properties is not only a network of experts, but also a powerful consumer platform for the world’s most extraordinary homes,



Jeff Hyland

available for showcasing distinguished properties in non-member markets as well. We are creating the next evolution of real estate marketing and sales, delivering an incredibly unique value proposition for brokers as well as buyers and sellers of luxury residences.”

The platform launches at a time when luxury home sales have soared, despite the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Sales of high-end properties grew 42 percent in the third quarter of 2020 as compared to a year earlier, according to a report from the brokerage Redfin.

(Luxury Real Estate continues on page 9)



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Registration Open for Beverly Hills Winter Classes

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



A Teddy Bear Workshop is set for Dec. 21

The City of Beverly Hills Community Services Department is offering an array of classes from youths to seniors this winter. Stimulating online classes range from music, dance, fitness, and language programs. The Department is also offering a free virtual teddy bear making workshop.

Brit West Soccer and Got Game Sports will be offered at Roxbury Park, and the free

virtual teddy bear making workshop will be held on Dec. 21—just in time to make the perfect gift for a special someone. All other classes begin in January. To register, visit www.beverlyhills.org/bhrec.

The teddy bear workshop on Dec. 21 takes place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is recommended for ages 16 and older. This workshop requires basic hand sewing skills, and a



Children's dance classes are also offered

sewing machine is highly recommended.

Other free virtual class offerings include cooking with Arch (15+ years), a live, interactive class that explores a culinary adventure around the world through food; Improve

Theater, which explores how to use theatrical tools to build a strong improvisation foundation that will lead to great imaginative play; Oksana's Financial Education for children and teens, which teaches participants how money works in a dynamic, fun and inclusive way; and a virtual gardening workshop.

Other online classes available for a nominal fee include ballet or hip hop for kids, gentle yoga for all ages, Latin Sizzle and Zumba dance classes and country line dancing.

In addition to all new winter program offerings, the Beverly Hills Community Services Department just launched Edition 7 of Artmake, Recreate and Library in Place which provides over 100 new online resources to support the local. Check out all the resources available at www.communitylifebh.org.

The City's Community Services department is dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of its members by making it fun while keeping residents physically and mentally active. To learn more about all that Community Services offers, view the catalog and register at www.beverlyhills.org/bhrec. ●

MATZOBALL Shatters World Record for Largest Speed Dating Event

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

Each year, MATZOBALL holds its famous holiday party for Jewish singles in select cities around the nation, attracting over 400,000 people. Due to the pandemic, the holiday dating event is going virtual. The event will be held online using special technology that allows thousands of people to engage in a speed dating event at the same time. All of the speed dates will be held in a one-on-one setting.

The MATZOBALL Online event will take place on Christmas Eve starting at 9 p.m. virtually in 23 cities across five countries—setting a new Guinness World Record for the largest speed dating event.

“This event has been so well received,” said Andrew Rudnick, from Mazel Events, LLC and founder of the MATZOBALL. “Not only can people get an opportunity to meet their soul mate, but they can also be a fun part of making this historical record.”

The MATZOBALL Online will be organized by region and age range. Each person who registers for the speed dating event will get a minimum of 20-30, 5-minute dates. During that time, participants will have the opportunity to choose whom they felt they had a connection with. If there is a mutual connection shared, the two people will be notified via email 15 minutes after the event ends.

Tickets to the event are \$35, plus a \$5 processing fee per person for the Christmas

Eve event, and \$55, plus a \$5 processing fee for the professional's speed dating event on Christmas Day. A combination ticket to participate in both events can be purchased for \$75, plus a \$5 processing fee. Age ranges people can choose from are 21-27, 28-35, 36-49, and 50+. MATZOBALL will also be hosting a LGBTQ Jewish speed dating event on Dec. 24 at 9 p.m. Space is limited, and tickets are expected to sell out. Tickets are \$35, plus a \$5 processing fee.

The regional areas where the event will be taking place include Atlanta, Boca/Delray Beach, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Diego, San Francisco, Washington DC, Seattle, Denver, Orlando, Phoenix, Cleveland, Montreal, Toronto, London, Sydney, Tel Aviv and Melbourne.

“We are thrilled to have beaten the record for the largest speed dating event,” added Rudnick. “We look forward to the event taking place and helping many Jewish singles come together. This is one event you don't want to miss and this year you don't even have to leave home to join in!”

Ticketholders will receive a unique log-in link 24 hours before the event.

For more information, ticket options and pricing, and to purchase tickets, visit <https://matzoball.org>. ●



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT

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Due February 1, 2021

The City of Beverly Hills is now accepting applications for Community Assistance Grant Funding (CAGF) for FY 2021-22 through February 1, 2021.

Providers of services that are vital to the health and welfare of the local and regional community are invited to apply.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION INCLUDE:

- The applicant must provide a service that meets a community need including social services, community health and education.
- The applicant must be, or partner with a 501c.3 organization.
- The applicant must return a fully completed application no later than Monday, February 1, 2021 at 5:00pm.

For cultural grant opportunities and to obtain an application, please call Human Services at 310.285.1006 or visit www.beverlyhills.org/cagf

(Luxury Real Estate continued from page 7)

Underscoring the disparate impact of the pandemic on those with less money, sales of medium-priced homes grew a meager 3 percent and sales of affordable homes declined 4.2 percent.

“The luxury housing market normally takes a hit during recessions as wealthy Americans tighten their purse strings, but this isn’t a normal recession,” said Redfin chief economist Daryl Fairweather in a statement. “Remote work, record-low mortgage rates and strong stock prices during the pandemic are allowing America’s wealthy families to gobble up expensive houses with home offices and big backyards in the suburbs. Meanwhile, scores of lower- and middle-class Americans have lost their jobs or are still renting in the city because they’re essential workers and have to commute into work, so they’re unable to reap the benefits of homeownership.”

These circumstances present a boon to Forbes Global Properties, which currently hosts listings for more than 200 homes priced above \$10 million.

Forbes also expects to benefit from the partnership. “Every month, we engage more than 140 million people deeply interested in luxury, travel and real estate,” said Forbes CEO Mike Federle in a statement. ●

(Hollywood Legend continued from page 6)

He gives the example of the pool house, which burned down in 2004 along with Evans’ famed screening room and trophy room. The screening room—constructed specifically for Evans when he moved into the house in 1967—is where dailies were shown for Chinatown, Harold & Maude, Rosemary’s Baby, and other Evans works.

Architect John Elgin Woolf, who the City has designated a Beverly Hills Master Architect, occupies a special place in Los Angeles architectural history. His 1980 New York Times obituary credits him with establishing “a new vocabulary for glamorous movie-star living” by mixing elements of 19th-century French, Greek Revival and Modernist styles “into a heady mixture that has since been christened Hollywood Regency.” Woolf and his partner designed houses for some of the best-known icons of the time. Carry Grant, Ira and Leonore Gershwin, and Agnes Moorehead all lived in Woolf homes in Beverly Hills.

The Woodland property was Woolf’s first in the Los Angeles Area. The home played a key role in defining and promoting the Hollywood Regency idiom—at once understated and glamorous.

By today’s standards, the existing development on the 1.4-acre property is modest, totaling 3,800-square-feet (though that number would rise with the renovations). But its value comes from more than square



Decorative garden fixture. Photo Courtesy Jason Somers

footage. Evans told Vanity Fair in 2009 that he made more deals at Woodland than at Paramount, greenlighting The Godfather and Chinatown there. Laurence Olivier even lived at the property for six months during the filming of Marathon Man.

Evans, an avid tennis player and fan, hosted sports phenoms, politicians, and

celebrities on the home’s idiosyncratic black and green court. Some names on Evans’ roster of partners include Barbra Streisand, Dustin Hoffman, Jack Nicholson, Ted Kennedy, Henry Kissinger, Novak Djokovic, Serena Williams, Johnny Carson and Merv Griffin. (The last two played regularly at Woodland). The Zaslavs’ plans include demolishing the tennis court and reconstructing it about nine feet east to open up space around the house’s pool.

Architect Timothy Brian, former-White House interior designer Michael Smith and landscape architect and horticulturist Wayne David Hand will work on the renovations. The design plans include extensive details for the garden such as unique flower varieties created for and named after celebrities and nobility.

According to Somers, the project has whizzed through the Planning Commission in near record time, which he credits to City staff. “The City has been very supportive of a project that they feel is a benefit to the City’s future,” he said. Somers says that the next step is for the City Council to take up the question itself. While the item has not been agendaized yet, he hopes it comes before the Council early in the new year. “I think we would all hope so,” he said. ●

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DRAFT SEIR)

DATE: Thursday, January 28, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
LOCATION: Meeting will be held via teleconference;
<https://www.gotomeet.me/BevPublic>
PROJECT One Beverly Hills Overlay Specific Plan Project

PROJECT LOCATION: 9850, 9876, 9900 and 9988 Wilshire Boulevard

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the proposed One Beverly Hills Overlay Specific Plan Project (herein referred to as "Overlay Specific Plan Project" or "Project"). The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review and accept comments on the Draft SEIR on **Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.** The purpose of this hearing is to review the content and adequacy of the Draft SEIR. The merits of the Project will not be discussed at this hearing; therefore, the Planning Commission will make no decisions regarding approval or denial of the Project. At a future date, a separate, noticed public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to review the merits of the Project and develop a recommendation to the City Council regarding the Project.

Project Location: The Project site is located in the City of Beverly Hills and is bounded on the north by Wilshire Boulevard, on the south by North Santa Monica Boulevard, on the east by the intersection of Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards, and on the west by the City's western boundary, which is contiguous with the Los Angeles Country Club. The site is 17.4 acres (758,064 square feet [SF]) in size and includes Assessor Parcel Numbers 4327-028-002 through -016. The Project site is regionally accessible from Interstate 405 (the San Diego Freeway) and Santa Monica Boulevard, and locally accessible from Wilshire Boulevard. The Project site is currently developed with the Waldorf-Astoria Beverly Hills Hotel (9850 Wilshire Boulevard), Beverly Hilton Hotel (9876 Wilshire Boulevard), a 76 gas station (9988 Wilshire Boulevard), and includes the vacant former location of the Robinsons-May Department Store (9900 Wilshire Boulevard).



Project Background: The 9900 Wilshire Boulevard portion of the site has an approved entitlement for future development (9900 Wilshire Specific Plan) that allows for the construction of up to 193 condominium units and a 134-room luxury hotel. The Beverly Hilton portion of the site has an approved entitlement (Beverly Hilton Specific Plan) that allows for the future construction of 110 condominium units and demolition and reconstruction of approximately 51,600 SF of retail, restaurant, meeting and office space.

The proposed Overlay Specific Plan Project is a unified development plan that encompasses the sites with the currently approved entitlements (9900 Wilshire Specific Plan and Beverly Hilton Specific Plan) and the parcel addressed 9988 Wilshire Boulevard (Gas Station Site). The proposed Project consists of two new residential buildings, a new hotel/residential building, alterations to the existing Beverly Hilton hotel, a below grade parking structure, and structures supporting Project amenities and features. An elevated platform over Merv Griffin Way from the Beverly Hilton to the southwestern property line would be the location of an 8-acre botanical garden that includes water features, pathways, and other amenities. Approximately 4.5 acres of the botanical gardens are proposed to be publicly accessible.

Project Description: The Overlay Specific Plan Project would allow for alternative site development of the 17.4-acre Project site than the site development authorized by the approved 9900 Wilshire Specific Plan, the approved Beverly Hilton Specific Plan, and the C-3 zoning designation applicable to the Gas Station Site. The proposed Project includes the following:

- New 162 residential unit, 499,806 SF, 32-story, 410' tall residential building (Santa Monica Residences)
- New 141 residential unit, 424,266 SF, 28-story, 369' tall residential building (Garden Residences)
- New 37 residential unit and 42 hotel room, 213,966 SF, 11-story, 124' tall hotel/residential building (Wilshire Building)
- New 127,324 SF structure containing amenities and support areas, including 30 residential accessory spaces that could be used for staff housing (Promenade)
- Replacement 37,562 SF, 31' tall conference center for Beverly Hilton Hotel
- Replacement 72,697 SF, 20' tall hotel restaurant, retail, 36 hotel room, and support area structure (Beverly Hilton Enhancement)
- 13.4-acres of open space, including 8-acre botanical garden

Summary Comparison of Approved Entitlements and Proposed Overlay Specific Plan

	Currently Approved Entitlements and Existing C-3 Zoning ¹	Proposed Overlay Specific Plan	Net Change: Proposed Overlay Specific Plan - Currently Approved
Residential Uses (units [sf])	303 [1,068,676]	340 [1,024,553]	+37 [-44,123]
Hotel Uses (rooms [sf])	656 [806,403]	600 [746,323]	-56 [-60,080]
Shared hotel/residential amenities ² (sf)	0	117,232	+117,232
Accessory Spaces (units [sf])	0 [0]	30 [10,092]	+30 [+10,092]

Members of the public may listen to this meeting telephonically at (888) 468-1195 (participant code 105093). Written public comment can be offered electronically prior to and during the meeting by emailing commentPC@beverlyhills.org. Oral public comment can be offered during the meeting by calling 310-285-1020. Live meeting coverage will be available via BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable and webcast live at www.beverlyhills.org/watchlive. If you are an individual with a disability and need a reasonable modification or accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please contact (310) 285-1126 prior to the meeting for assistance.

	Currently Approved Entitlements and Existing C-3 Zoning ¹	Proposed Overlay Specific Plan	Net Change: Proposed Overlay Specific Plan - Currently Approved
Retail Floor Area (sf)	46,686 ³	35,236	-11,450
Total Floor Area Ratio	2.54 ³	2.55	+0.01
Maximum Building Height	9900 Wilshire Boulevard Site: 185'-0" ⁴ Gas Station Site: 45'-0" ⁸ Beverly Hilton Site: 200'-0" ⁵	9900 Wilshire Boulevard Site: 410'-0" ⁶ Gas Station Site: 124'-0" ⁶ Beverly Hilton Site: 124'-0" ⁶	9900 Wilshire Boulevard Site: +236'-0" ⁷ Gas Station Site: +79'-0" ⁷ Beverly Hilton Site: -60'-0" ⁷
Parking Spaces	3,323	2,179	-1,144

¹ Approved 9900 Wilshire Specific Plan and Beverly Hilton Specific Plan
² Shared amenity space includes the Promenade and a park pavilion building
³ The FAR used for the gas station site (9988 Wilshire Boulevard) is the 2.0 FAR allowable under C-3 zoning. Retail floor area is based on 2.0 FAR.
⁴ Measured from +290 datum
⁵ Measured from +285 datum
⁶ Measured from +301 datum
⁷ Height difference measures physical difference (adjusted for datum difference)
⁸ Gas Station Site maximum height is the maximum height allowed under C-3 zoning

Environmental Review: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Beverly Hills has prepared a Draft SEIR to analyze potential environmental impacts associated with development of the Overlay Specific Plan Project. Specifically, the Draft SEIR analyzes the following potentially significant environmental effects of the Project:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Public Services
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

The site is not on any list of hazardous water or disposal sites as enumerated in Government Code Section 65962.5.

Based on the impact analyses in the Draft SEIR, with mitigation, no significant environmental effects are anticipated regarding air quality, biological resources, geology/soils, hazards, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and utilities as a result of the Project. However, environmental effects to cultural resources (historical resources) and noise (in the event construction occurs outside the City's permitted hours) would remain significant and unavoidable after implementation of required mitigation.

Teleconference Meeting Participation: Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, members of the Beverly Hills Planning Commission and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public can participate by listening to the meeting at (888) 468-1195 (participant code 105093) and/or offer comment through email at commentPC@beverlyhills.org. Public comment can be offered during the meeting by calling (310) 285-1020 or by video via at <https://www.gotomeet.me/BevPublic>.

Required 45-Day Public Review Period: The Draft SEIR is being circulated for a 52-day public review period, from Friday, December 18, 2020 to Monday, February 8, 2021. Written comments must be submitted during the comment period, and should be addressed to:

Masa Alkire, AICP, Principal Planner
City of Beverly Hills Community Development Department
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210
Phone: (310) 285-1135
Email: malkire@beverlyhills.org

Oral and written comments regarding the Draft SEIR will also be taken at the January 28, 2021 Planning Commission hearing.

The Draft SEIR is available on the City's website at: www.beverlyhills.org/environmental

Copies of the Draft SEIR are located at:

City of Beverly Hills City Hall Planning Division and Office of the City Clerk 455 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210	Beverly Hills Public Library 444 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210
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Due to the on-going Covid pandemic, public access to City Hall and the public library is currently limited and/or restricted. Please contact Masa Alkire, project planner, if you need assistance accessing the Draft SEIR.

The case file on this Project, which includes the plans and applications, is on file at the Planning Division, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210. If there are any questions regarding this notice, or if you would like to review the file or receive copies of available documents, please contact **Masa Alkire, AICP, Principal Planner at (310) 285-1135 or via email at malkire@beverlyhills.org.**

Masa Alkire, AICP
Principal Planner

Metro Announces New Closures for San Vicente Boulevard

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Metro has announced a new closure in connection with the Purple Line Extension Project. Beginning on Dec. 19 and continuing on subsequent weekends, southbound San Vicente Boulevard at the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard will be closed to through traffic. The travel lane from southbound San Vicente Boulevard to westbound Wilshire Boulevard will not close. A detour route will be in place over the duration of each weekend closure.

The exact closure dates are Dec. 19-21; Jan. 9-11; Jan. 16-18 and Jan. 23-25.

Traffic control may be implemented as early as 5 a.m. on Saturday mornings and will be continuously in place as late as 6 a.m. on Monday mornings. These hours allow crews to begin work immediately upon arrival at the work zone.

Drivers are urged to take the following detours:

Southbound San Vicente Boulevard: Turn left on Beverly Boulevard, heading east. Turn right on La Cienega Boulevard, heading south. Turn left onto Olympic Boulevard, heading east. Turn onto San Vicente Boulevard.

Southbound San Vicente Boulevard (Local Access): Turn right on Wilshire

Boulevard, heading west. Turn left on La Cienega Boulevard, heading south. Turn left on Olympic Boulevard, heading east. Turn onto San Vicente Boulevard.

Eastbound Burton Way: Turn right on La Cienega Boulevard, heading south. Turn left on Olympic Boulevard, heading east. Turn onto San Vicente Boulevard.

Access to driveways in the closure areas will be maintained. Additionally, access for emergency vehicles and first responders will be maintained.

Metro also cautions that construction may have relocated bus stops or changed bus routes. For information changes to Metro service, please call 323.GoMetro or visit: <https://www.metro.net/service/advisories/>

Metro Bus Line 30 will be detoured around this work zone during these weekend closures.

Residents should note these additional important facts:

- Construction within project staging yards is 24-hours/day.
- All work has received necessary permits and approvals.
- Access for pedestrians will be maintained outside of the construction zone. ●



Sandra Spagnoli

(Spagnoli Suit continued from page 1)

Due to reorganizations enacted by Spagnoli, the three were reclassified back to Traffic Control Officers in February of 2017.

While the demotion did not lead to an immediate decrease in salary, it did have a financial impact. The three plaintiffs lost their contractual cost of living pay increases, which would have annually increased their base pay, overtime pay and retirement pay. As a part of a broader restructuring, Parking Enforcement Officers and Parking Control Officers were also reclassified as Traffic Control Officers. In their cases, though, the change resulted in a raise. According to the complaint, "It was only the 5 Black supervisors who were affected adversely by

the 'reclassification.'"

In the complaint, the officers allege that "racial animus was a motivation for Chief Spagnoli's decision to 'merge' the Parking Enforcement Division within the Police Department." The complaint also details a number of interactions with Spagnoli that the Black officers felt indicated a discomfort or "animus" toward Black people.

Spagnoli, a 33-year law enforcement veteran at the time of her appointment, became the first female police chief in Beverly Hills' history. Within the following four years, at least 21 current and former employees filed actions accusing the chief of misconduct that included anti-Semitism, homophobia, and affairs with subordinates. The lawsuits also contained allegations of insensitive and discriminatory behavior by other officers on the force.

"In the department, there were depositions claiming that supervisors and/or managers made comments about African-Americans that should never be tolerated in the workplace," said Gage, who has represented most of the claims against Spagnoli. "This includes referring to African-Americans as 'lazy' or members of the Black Mafia. We are not aware of the City taking any corrective action against those employees who were accused of racism. Indeed, it appears they have been promoted."

The conclusion of the Routt case marks the last of Gage's pending lawsuits against the BHPD regarding Spagnoli's actions. ●

When Needed Most, Donor-Advised Funds Empower Charitable Giving

By Steve Gamer

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In the realm of trusts-and-estates attorney Paul Gordon Hoffman, planned charitable giving is every bit as personal as it is professional. A founding member of the nationally recognized Los Angeles law firm Hoffman, Sabban & Watenmaker, APC, Paul routinely advises clients on matters related to charitable planning and how it fits into the scheme of their larger estate plans.

Away from the office, the attorney practices what he counsels clients. For Paul and his wife, Sue, giving back plays a prominent role in their lives, and their donor-advised fund (DAF) at the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles (The Foundation) provides the ideal charitable vehicle for doing so.

While the Hoffmans sustain a range of causes of shared importance to them through the DAF they established in 2012, the charitable fund also enables them to respond generously and nimbly in times of crisis, including support in the aftermath of catastrophes such as the Santa Barbara wildfires and Louisiana hur-

ricanes. Most notably, though, it is their giving during the current global pandemic that has taken on personal importance, with the couple stepping up their giving for COVID-19-related response and relief efforts.

"What is our DAF for if not to be used for a once-in-a-lifetime event like the current pandemic?" Paul commented, adding that The Foundation's online COVID-19 Response Hub provided a source to help them identify vetted causes and programs worthy of support.

He continued: "Our DAF enables us to support a wide range of causes more efficiently and strategically, provides us with a lot of flexibility, and affords us access to The Foundation's helpful guidance with our giving when we need it, as it has done during the pandemic."

Why did the Hoffmans, as well as hundreds of others, select Foundation DAFs as the best vehicle to conduct their philanthropy?

Streamline Your Giving

DAFs offer many of the advantages of a private foundation without the costs and administrative complexities of a private foundation.

One of the smartest ways to enhance your philanthropy is by establishing a DAF—essentially a charitable-giving account—at The Foundation. It provides convenience and flexibility for your donations, allowing you to give more strategically. You can fund a DAF with a variety of assets and can recommend grants to your favorite charities, Jewish or secular, on your

own schedule. You may select investment options to potentially grow your fund as The Foundation streamlines the entire process by handling all the administrative responsibilities, freeing you to focus on the joy of giving.

The benefits of a donor advised fund at The Foundation include:

- With an initial contribution of at least \$5,000 in cash, you can create your own donor-advised fund, **receive an immediate fair-market-value charitable tax deduction**, and have your charitable dollars in one convenient account where you can maintain total privacy about your giving.
- By using appreciated assets such as marketable stocks and bonds, real estate, or interests in a limited liability company to fund your DAF, in addition to the fair-market-value tax deduction, you will **avoid all capital gains tax on your gift**. And, through thoughtful pre-planning, a **DAF can even help maximize tax benefits** in the event of the sale of a business.
- **You can recommend grants of \$100 or more to a nearly limitless range of nonprofit organizations**, Jewish or secular, locally, nationally, or in Israel via 24/7 online access to your fund. Plus, you can review your fund's balance and giving history and add to your fund anytime with a credit card or online check.
- If your fund's balance is \$50,000 or more, you can access several types of investment options providing **diversity and potential tax-free growth of your fund's assets**.

Additionally, our Center for Designed Philanthropy offers **complimentary philanthropic consultations and educational programs** on giving more strategically. For example, we can help you determine which causes to support based upon your own passions and fields of interest.

Finally, **DAFs afford the ability to name your children as successor donor advisors**, effectively creating the closest equivalent to a private family foundation without the cost and administrative hassles of establishing and maintaining one.

Multigenerational Giving

Studies indicate that children whose parents actively discuss giving are significantly more likely to become charitable adults themselves than those with parents who do not. This same research shows that charitable families volunteer more and consider themselves happier and closer-knit. That's why we suggest engaging your family early on to communicate your charitable values and decision-making process.

To encourage their children's philanthropic values, many Foundation donors have opened DAFs for their children and grandchildren as well, enabling them to experience firsthand the fulfilling power of giving at an early age. Upcoming articles in this four-part series include instilling meaningful giving in future generations of your family, as well as considering charitable legacies.

DAFs and the Tax-Reform Act

The income-tax reforms in 2018 changed the standard deduction and raised numerous questions about its impact on charitable giving. The need for well-planned strategies to maximize the tax benefits of your philanthropy is essential. DAFs offer an ideal vehicle for maximizing the deductibility of your donations, including approaches such as charitable-gift "bunching" or via contributions of appreciated assets.

For the Good of Community

The only cost associated with a DAF at The Foundation is a modest annual fee which covers several important administrative and portfolio management functions. A portion of that fee is reinvested in The Foundation's own grantmaking to numerous causes throughout our community—creating, in effect, philanthropic sustainability.

To explore smart giving strategies—and the fulfillment that comes with it—at this time when it matters most, as well as ways to amplify the impact of your giving, please visit www.jewishfoundationla.org or contact us at (323) 761-8704, or development@jewishfoundationla.org.

About the author: Steve Gamer is vice president of advancement for the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles, which manages more than \$1.3 billion in charitable assets and distributed \$129 million in grants in 2019 to causes locally, nationally and around the world.



UCLA healthcare workers applaud for the vaccine.

(Vaccine continued from page 1)

Nine designated sites in Los Angeles County have received an allotment of the vaccine. Each site is equipped with the ultra-cold storage facilities necessary to keep the vaccine viable. Those sites will then send the vaccine to 83 acute-care hospitals across the County, including UCLA, Providence St. John's, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and Cedars-Sinai. Major healthcare providers such as UCLA Health, Children's Hospital

Los Angeles, and Cedars-Sinai have started inoculating frontline medical staff, marking what experts hope is the beginning of the end of this pandemic.

"I am incredibly excited to be among the first group of healthcare workers to be offered the vaccine," Dr. Sam Torbati, co-chair and medical director of the Ruth and Harry Roman Emergency Department at Cedars-Sinai, said in a statement. On Dec. 17, Torbati became one of the first in the County



Cedars-Sinai worker received the first of two vaccine doses.

to receive the highly anticipated vaccine. "The vaccine gives us an additional, invisible shield and layer of protection."

Along with Torbati, Cedars-Sinai has offered the vaccine to workers in the ICU and Emergency Department. The hospital notes that the vaccine is voluntary.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted emergency authorization to the Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine on Dec. 11. The authorization followed extremely positive results from a trial of the vaccine, which showed a 95 percent effectiveness in preventing COVID-19. The vaccine requires two doses, given three weeks apart.

"The FDA's authorization for emergency use of the first COVID-19 vaccine is a significant milestone in battling this devastating pandemic that has affected so many families in the United States and around the world," FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn said in a statement. "Today's action follows an open and transparent review process that included input from independent scientific and public health experts and a thorough evaluation by the agency's career scientists to ensure this vaccine met FDA's rigorous, scientific standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality needed to support emergency use authorization."

Even as cases and hospitalizations surge, placing additional stress on an already-taxed healthcare system, Torbati says that the vaccine's rollout holds promise to blunt the edge of the pandemic.

"This gives me great hope," Torbati said.

This same sense of hope pervaded the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center on Dec. 16, where mylar balloons and applause marked the first injections of the two-part vaccine. Emergency physician Dr. Medell Briggs-Malonson, the first at the hospital to receive the dose, described feeling optimistic.

"I had a couple of butterflies, but then actually coming down and really realizing this was going to be the first shot and the first vaccine and then we can hopefully start to return to normalcy, it took all the flutters away," she said in a statement. The next in line, nurse Nicole Chang, did not share Briggs-Malonson's initial reservations. "I was like, 'Please, let me go first! I'm so excited,'"

said Chang, who works in the COVID-19 unit at UCLA Health Santa Monica Medical Center. In all her enthusiasm, Chang said she barely felt the vaccination itself. "It felt like nothing. I didn't even feel a pinch!" But reflecting the trauma experienced by frontline healthcare workers in this pandemic, she noted the relative costs of a pinch against the virus. "A pinch is nothing compared to what these people go through [with COVID-19]," she said. "I've seen the devastation it causes."

St. John's Hospital, which is managed by the healthcare administrator Providence, has also begun the vaccination process. "This is a major scientific milestone that will help us to curb the spread of a disease that has brought the world to a standstill," said Dr. Rod Hochman, president and CEO of Providence. "We are working to get the vaccine to the frontlines as quickly as we can, starting with our highest risk caregivers."

Still more good news greeted healthcare providers as they administered the first doses of the vaccine across the country. On Dec. 16, the FDA acknowledged reports that Pfizer's five-dose vials seemed to hold even more doses. While vaccines will commonly contain slightly more than the advertised dosage to guard against spillage or error, the reports indicated an even greater excess in Pfizer's vials. In a discovery worthy of Hanukkah, some vials provided six, even seven doses, potentially expanding the nation's limited supply by millions of doses.

"At this time, given the public health emergency, FDA is advising that it is acceptable to use every full dose obtainable (the sixth, or possibly even a seventh) from each vial, pending resolution of the issue," the agency said in a tweet.

On Dec. 17, an FDA advisory panel of outside doctors and immunologists issued an endorsement to the FDA to grant emergency use of the vaccine produced by Moderna. The FDA is expected to grant the emergency authorization as soon as Dec. 18.

The second vaccine will be welcomed news in the Southland. On Dec. 17, intensive care units around Southern California reached a grim milestone of 0 percent capacity. ●

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Mary Wells



Rachelle Marcus



Noah Margo



Tristen Walker-Shuman



Dr. Amanda Stern

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Beverly Hills City Councilmember Lili Bosse administered the oath of office for Rachelle Marcus, who was installed as the new president, which was followed by the ceremonial installation of the new vice president, Tristen Walker-Shuman.

Walker-Shuman's husband, David Shuman, administered her Oath of Office. Both Marcus and Walker-Shuman's terms expire in December of 2022.

Outgoing BHUSD Board President Isabel Hacker and Board Member Mel Spitz were both bid an official farewell and recognized with a formal resolution.

Bregy shared his thanks and gratitude to the outgoing members.

"We've had some really tough times," said Bregy. "But from the smallest of details to the largest of decisions, we've appreciated the honest conversation, the ongoing dialogue to improve what we do as a cabinet and how we do it, and how we communicate it, and we couldn't have done it without you."

"We are delighted to hit the ground running with our newly installed Board of Education. I have every confidence that they will lead us through what is now the worst time of the pandemic for our community toward the best educational decisions for all of our students, staff, and families," Bregy told the

Courier.

Wells and Stern are new to the BHUSD Board of Education, while Margo is entering his third term.

Wells, who works as a construction manager, has lived in Beverly Hills for the past 13 years and previously had been a parent there. Since 2016, she has served as a member on the BHUSD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee supervising the spending for projects funded by voter approved bond Measures E and BH.

"I'm so grateful for the trust that you've placed in me to be the steward of our children," Wells said. "I believe in the singular power of education to transform the lives of those who are afforded it. BHUSD is uniquely positioned to be able to facilitate great outcomes, and I'm dedicated to working hard to ensure our students achieve both successes academically, and in life."

Stern has been a resident of Beverly Hills for 16 years and is a BHUSD parent. She is a board-certified, licensed educational psychologist specializing in the assessment of children in public schools. Stern holds a doctorate and earned her master's degree in human development from Harvard University.

"It is truly an honor to join everyone this evening as I assume the role of a trustee for our school district." Stern said. "As I have gotten to know my fellow board members, I can say

without reservation, that our schools and the students we serve are truly in good hands. I hope to warrant your trust, your confidence, and your support as we navigate these trying

times."

The next BHUSD Board of Education meeting will be held on Jan. 12, 2021. ●



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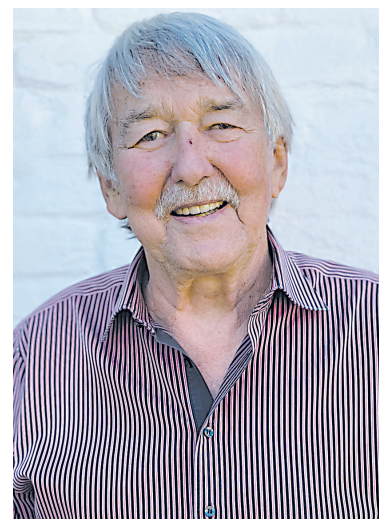
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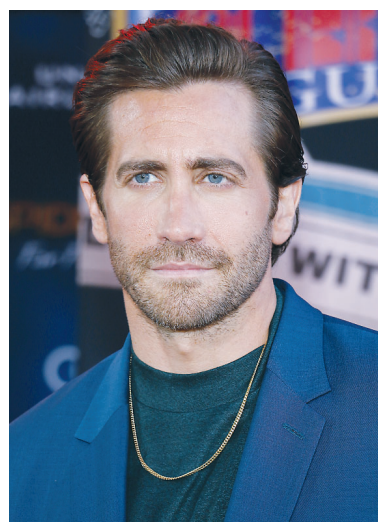
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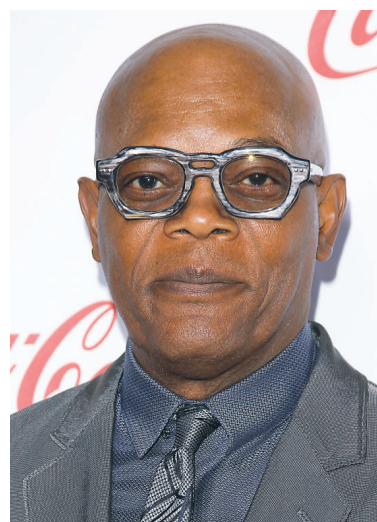
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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You call yourself "easy-going" because you're pretty accepting of situations and people. Although, when it comes down to it, you're not so easily won. It takes a special combination to light you up, which happens today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If life's a journey, then follow the rules of a savvy traveler; don't overpack. If you bring half as much as you want to, you'll be unencumbered. Rule two: Take twice as much money as you think you'll need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you have a choice, it's better to copy someone who is already doing the work than to gather up theoretical knowledge. You could spend hours learning and still not have the practical experience necessary to do the job.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've the sense that you're getting ready for something, though you may not be sure what. The vision is as faint as a drive-in movie played in the dead of noon. Don't you worry. Dusk comes soon enough.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If the best you can say of a connection is that it's easy, then you've said a lot. Sometimes the best camaraderie is lighthearted, breezy and even somewhat insubstantial, as it gives you a break from the burdensome side of life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have the urge to share what you know, and it's important that you do so. People will be better for it. Just don't expect a response. This is new information, will need to be repeated and will take time to soak in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Charm may be your go-to, but it won't be your bread and butter. (Man does not live by bread alone.) Give extra attention to the tangible takeaway. What are you really offering?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You successfully resist the urge to react to frustrating circumstances. Cool people keep their cool. Also, the calm allows your mind to move easily into problem-solving mode.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your attitude impresses others and makes your life a lot more pleasant. It boils down to this: No matter what you encounter, you turn it into something good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No matter how spectacularly enticing the deal is, it still isn't worth chasing after. If the other people involved get that your offering is valuable, they'll come after it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Much of your success hinges on sticking with the focus and topics that inspire, entertain, forward the action, engender trust and feel all-around wholesome and healthy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Fear can topple you, or you can topple fear. When you think about all the things

you do now that you couldn't do before, you realize just how effective you are when you face fear head-on.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 18). You make decisions to support long-term relationships, finances and health. The action required may not be as convenient or fun as some options, and yet your choice will still be intensely satisfying. This is a pleasurable journey to a prosperous future. In May, you'll be paid-off and use the money for a new venture. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 7, 11 and 20.



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THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE
12/18/20

CINÉMA VÉRITÉ

BY DAN MARGOLIS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Dan Margolis, of Westfield, N.J., is a semiretired software applications trainer. In his spare time, he referees high school basketball games and plays keyboard in a "dad-rock band," Landing Party — so named because all the members are "Star Trek" fans. Dan has been solving puzzles since he was a teenager. The first ones he constructed were on graph paper back in the day. This is his fourth crossword for The Times and his first Sunday. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Advice columnist Savage
 - 4 Out of tune ... or bubbles
 - 8 Saturn or Mercury, once
 - 11 ___ fever
 - 16 Prayer leader
 - 18 Opening opening?
 - 20 Yeats or Keats
 - 21 Pliocene, e.g.
 - 22 Something to build on
 - 23 Ancient Aegean land
 - 24 The fly in fly-fishing, e.g.
 - 25 Turn
 - 26 Indy film? (1981)
 - 30 Render unnecessary
 - 31 Female deer
 - 32 Classic sci-fi anthology whose first story is titled "Robbie"
 - 35 Sound from a flock
 - 36 Road movie? (1950)
 - 40 Some M.I.T. grads: Abbr.
 - 41 Bizarre
 - 43 React to a stubbed toe, maybe
 - 44 Confident juggler's props
 - 45 Film director's cry
 - 46 Blood work locales
 - 49 Sound of relief
 - 52 Cannoli ingredient
 - 56 PG movie? (1992)
 - 63 Anthem opening
 - 64 A little bit of work
 - 66 Brush off
 - 67 Draw out
 - 69 One whose range goes from about F3 to F5, musically
 - 70 Hilarious folks
 - 72 World capital with the Gangnam district
 - 74 Challenge
 - 75 Hummingbird-feeder filler
 - 77 Blatant
 - 79 N.Y. engineering sch.
 - 80 Actress de Matteo of "Sons of Anarchy"
 - 81 Family film? (1972)
 - 84 Barely contain anger
 - 86 ___ glance
 - 87 Thor : Thursday :: ___ : Wednesday
 - 89 Suffix with hero
 - 90 Oration station
 - 94 Cleverly self-referential
 - 98 Social stratum
 - 100 Common 99¢ purchase
 - 103 Dock-udrama? (1954)
 - 108 Spendthrift's opposite
 - 110 ___ Palace, Indian tourist attraction
 - 111 Perfectly timed
 - 112 Pilot, e.g.
 - 114 Short film? (1989)
 - 118 Where Minos ruled
 - 120 Safe, on board
 - 121 Violet variety
 - 122 Wait in neutral
 - 123 Jack rabbits, but not rabbits
 - 124 Saturnus or Mercurius
 - 125 Part of a sewing kit
 - 126 Nair rival, once
 - 127 Not so moving?
 - 128 Nile reptile
 - 129 Its name is derived from the Greek for "I burn"
 - 130 OB/GYNs, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 Wear off?
 - 2 Easygoing
 - 3 Hometowners
 - 4 Toy (with), as an idea
 - 5 Least strict
 - 6 ___ mundi
 - 7 Popular ABC programming block of the '90s
 - 8 "Perhaps"
 - 9 Fine spray
 - 10 66 and others: Abbr.
 - 11 One of the Borgias
 - 12 Rubber-stamp, say
 - 13 Kids use it for texts
 - 14 "Vous êtes ___" (French map notation)
 - 15 Grp. with the Vezina Trophy
 - 17 Pastels and charcoal, for two
 - 19 Swear words?
 - 20 More than enough
 - 27 Enjoy some dishes without doing dishes, perhaps
 - 28 Hasten
 - 29 ___ Tuesday (Aimee Mann's band)
 - 33 Dot follower
 - 34 Some ESPN highlights, for short
 - 37 Something often underlined and blue
 - 38 Half-moon tide
 - 39 ___ the crack of dawn
 - 42 Balderdash
 - 45 Trickster of Shoshone mythology
 - 47 Short-legged hound
 - 48 Fuel additive brand
 - 50 17, for an R-rated movie
 - 51 Director Ashby
 - 52 Dappled horse
 - 53 Key
 - 54 Hidden downside
 - 55 Man's name that's another man's name backward
 - 57 In poor condition, as old machinery
 - 58 Cholera
 - 59 ___ about (approximately)
 - 60 Undesirable plane seat
 - 61 Often-animated greeting
 - 62 Yes or no follower
 - 65 Flub
 - 68 Eye drop
 - 71 New Deal program, in brief
 - 73 Co. with brown trucks
 - 76 Palindromic title
 - 78 See 118-Down
 - 82 Lady of Spain
 - 83 Anti-mob law, for short
 - 85 Baby shower gift
 - 88 Photographer Goldin
 - 90 ___ Pérignon
 - 91 ___ given Sunday
 - 92 "My package arrived!"
 - 93 Alcoholic drink consumed in one gulp
 - 95 French stars
 - 96 Clench
 - 97 Utah national park
 - 99 Bit of ranch dressing?
 - 100 Got around
 - 101 Street vendor
 - 102 Radio buttons
 - 104 First name of a literary "Papa"
 - 105 Diminutive
 - 106 Cat's pajamas?
 - 107 Extends a tour
 - 109 Invite to enter
 - 113 Parts of kingdoms
 - 115 When repeated, a "Seinfeld" expression
 - 116 Scruff
 - 117 Masseur's target
 - 118 With 78-Down, Greek letters that together sound like a world capital
 - 119 Dashed

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Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2831

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS EXTENDING URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2826 MODIFYING MEDICAL USE REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ZONES IN THE CITY, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislative Findings.

The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills finds and determines that the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic has required significant changes to the operations of businesses in the restaurant, retail, office, and service industries. This shift in operations has resulted in negative economic impacts, including the closure of businesses in the City of Beverly Hills, the substantial shrinkage of revenue in certain sectors, and the loss of jobs. The demand for brick-and-mortar office and commercial spaces has decreased, and further economic changes affecting commercial leasing demand are expected, while the demand for medical use space has remained more consistent and medical uses are more insulated from economic downturns. The City Council finds and determines that modifying the medical use restrictions will provide commercial landlords with greater flexibility to lease vacated commercial spaces which may enable greater economic stability during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Any vacant commercial space and associated blight resulting from declining businesses would create significant risk to the public, health, safety and general welfare of the City. As such, the City Council wishes to consider changes to the medical use regulations in commercial areas of the City.

Because the public process of adopting these ordinances may be lengthy, and to prevent the increase in vacant commercial spaces in the intervening period, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20-O-2826, an interim ordinance that took effect immediately on November 17, 2020, (the "Interim Ordinance"). The Interim Ordinance changes the medical use regulations for commercial areas of the City.

Section 2. Authority.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, the City Council may adopt, as an urgency measure, an interim ordinance that prohibits any uses that may be in conflict with a contemplated zoning proposal that the City Council is considering, studying, or intends to study within a reasonable period of time. After public notice, the City Council may extend the interim ordinance by a period of ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days, pursuant to Government Code Section 65858. Notice of the public hearing at which the City Council considered adopting this extension ordinance was duly published on November 27, 2020 in the *Beverly Hills Courier*, and on November 26, 2020 in the *Beverly Hills Weekly*.

Section 3. Urgency Findings.

The City Council finds and determines that failing to implement immediate changes to its medical use regulations in commercial areas of the City would result in an immediate threat to the public health, safety, and general welfare. As described in Section 1, the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closures of non-essential businesses and capacity limits on businesses is affecting the viability of City businesses and the City faces an increase in vacant commercial space.

Such business closures and capacity limits and the resulting economic impact are affecting landlords' ability to rent out vacant commercial space, which may cause blight and economic instability, and thus places the public health, safety, and general welfare at risk during the Council's review and

consideration of permanent regulations. To preserve the public health, safety, and general welfare, the City Council declares it necessary that this Ordinance take immediate effect to prevent these harms.

Section 4. CEQA Findings.

The City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption and implementation of the Interim Ordinance or extension thereof may have a significant effect on the environment. This extension of the Interim Ordinance does not authorize construction and, in fact, represents minor alterations in land use limitations and does not result in any changes in land use or density in order to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare. This extension is therefore exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Section 5. Severability.

If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall be and remain in fully force and effect.

Section 6. Approval and Extension of Ordinance.

This Ordinance, adopted as an urgency measure for the immediate protection of the public safety, health, and general welfare, containing a declaration of the facts constituting the urgency, and passed by a minimum four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council, shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall amend and extend the effect of the Interim Ordinance for a period of ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days. After notice pursuant to Section 65090 of the California Government Code and public hearing, the City Council may extend the effectiveness of the Interim Ordinance for an additional one year period, as provided in Government Code Section 65858.

Section 7. Publication.

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and her certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

ADOPTED: December 8, 2020

LESTER J. FRIEDMAN
Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:
HUMA AHMED (SEAL)
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
GEORGE CHAVEZ
City Manager

SUSAN HEALY KEENE
Director of Community Development

VOTE:
AYES: Councilmember Gold, Councilmember Bosse, Vice Mayor Wunderlich, and Mayor Friedman
NOES: Councilmember Mirisch
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The following is/are doing business as: **GCMS CONSTRUCTION** 332 S. Crescent Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212; P.O. Box 77, Beverly Hills, CA 90213; **Michael Gordon** 332 S. Crescent Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Michael Gordon, Owner**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 12, 2020; Published: November 27, December 04, 11, 18, 2020 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020186152
The following is/are doing business as: **1) WHAT A PAIR 2) THE BOOK FOUNDATION** 9663 Santa Monica Blvd. #927 Beverly Hills, CA 90210; **Make Good, Inc.** 9663 Santa Monica Blvd. #927 Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed May 2006: **Ruth Stafford, CEO**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 12, 2020; Published: November 27, December 04, 11, 18, 2020 **LACC N/C**

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The following is/are doing business as: **SELTZER REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION COMPANY** 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; **Michael Seltzer** 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; **Sheldon Seltzer** 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Michael Seltzer, General Partner**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 12, 2020; Published: November 27, December 04, 11, 18, 2020 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020186160
The following is/are doing business as: **1) BEVERLY ALCOTT APTS 2) GLENVILLE APTS 3) 1110 OAKHURST APTS 4) 3112 BAGLEY APTS 5) 3116 BAGLEY APTS 6) DETROIT APTS 7) DOHENY APTS 8) GLENDON APTS 9) MALCOLM APTS 10) REXFORD APTS** 10433 National Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034; **Kelman-Bronstein Corporation** 10433 National Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Paul E. Bronstein, President**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 12, 2020; Published: November 27, December 04, 11, 18, 2020 **LACC N/C**

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 20SMCP00399 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of:
SOLOMAN LEVI GHALCHI
To all interested person(s):
Petitioner: **Amanda Hannah Zarabi Ghalchi and Daniel David Ghalchi**
current residence address:
450 N. Palm Dr. #106, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse, on November 06, 2020** for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
SOLOMAN LEVI GHALCHI
Proposed Name:
JACOB SOLOMAN GHALCHI

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: **February 05, 2021** Time: **8:30am** Dept: **K**
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:
"No, he is an infant."

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:
Amanda Hannah Zarabi Ghalchi and Daniel David Ghalchi
Judge of the Superior Court
Laurence H. Cho, Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk, By: Marcos Mariseal, Deputy Clerk
Dated: **November 06, 2020**
Published: **December 11, 18, 25, 2020, January 01, 2021**
Beverly Hills Courier

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tishman Speyer Properties (Owner), owner of the building at 9242 Beverly Boulevard in Beverly Hills, California, plans to remove the barrel arch ceiling containing a mural entitled "Projector" by Terry Schoonhoven (Mural) in connection with upcoming renovations to the building. As this Mural may be considered to be a "work of fine art" subject to the provisions of the California Art Preservation (CAPA), this notice of the intended removal and destruction of the Mural is provided to the general public and interested art organizations in accordance with California Civil Code section 989(e)(2)(A).

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Interested parties should contact Owner's Representative: Lindsay M. Tabaian, Esq., Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP, 865 S. Figueroa St., 28th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017; (213) 955-5597. Published: 12/18/20 Beverly Hills Courier

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 20SMCP00225 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of:
Oliver Joshua Hakim

To all interested person(s):
Petitioner: **Oliver Joshua Hakim**
Presently over 18 years of age, current residence: Beverly Hills, CA filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse on July 14, 2020 for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: **Oliver Joshua Hakim**
Proposed Name: **OLIVER MEHDI HAKIM**

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.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
Date: December 18, 2020
Time: 8:30 AM Department: K Room: A-203
The address of the court is: Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
Reason for name change: To commemorate my late grandfather.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed: **Oliver Joshua Hakim**
Judge of the Superior Court: Lawrence Cho
Executive Clerk: Sherri R. Carter • Deputy: Jacob Bradley
Dated: July 14, 2020 Published: 11/27/20, 12/04/20, 12/11/20, 12/18/20

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN Order No: 1590219CAD TS No: T20-03016 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN, DATED 11/25/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Witkin & Neal, Inc., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to that certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Claim of Lien (hereinafter referred to as "Lien"), recorded on 11/27/2019 as instrument number 20191308048, in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, and further pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded on 6/26/2020 as instrument number 20200699825 in said county and further pursuant to California Civil Code Section 5675 et seq. and those certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded on 8/23/1987 as instrument number 87-1359409, WILL SELL on 11/19/2020, 10:00AM, Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 at public auction to the highest bidder for lawful money of the United States payable at the time of sale, all right, title and interest in the property situated in said county as more fully described in the above-referenced Lien. The purported owner(s) of said property is (are): RHODA J. SHARP, TRUSTEE OF THE RHODA SHARP TRUST DATE 3/18/99. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property is purported to be: 200 NORTH SWALL DR., UNIT 404, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211, APN 4335-020-126. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale is: \$33,258.65.

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00 OBITUARIES



Shari Able
(1939 - 2020)

Shari Able, née Shari Rita Sklar, died suddenly on December 8, 2020. She was 81 years old. She was writer-producer of *Miss Freud*, a feature film profiling the life of Anna Freud. She completed over forty screenplays during her prolific career. Shari was a beloved friend and colleague to many aspiring writers, actors, lyricists and musicians, as well as an exuberant and talented member of ScreenwritingU, Toastmasters and Success Masters. Shari is survived by her daughter, Nancy Partos (Diane Tenaglia) and son, Michael Partos (Yukie), four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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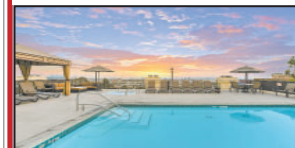
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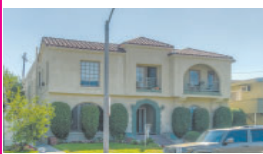
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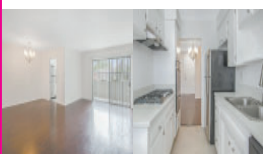
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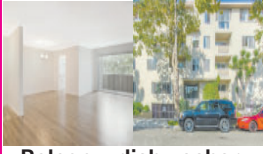
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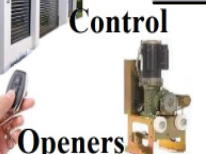
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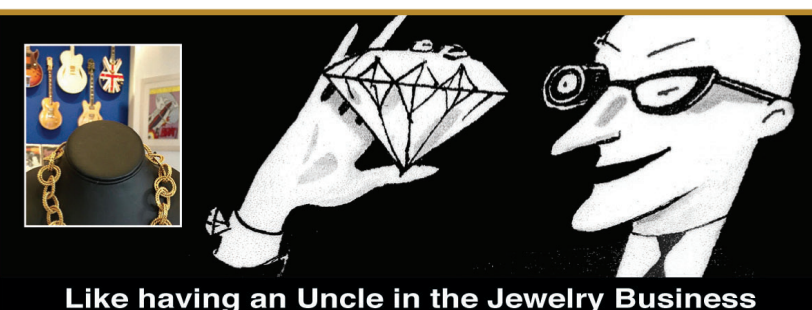
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