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Louis Vuitton Men's Temporary Residency Arrives in Beverly Hills

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The much-anticipated Louis Vuitton Men's Temporary Residency is here, and it couldn't have come at a more auspicious time. Beverly Hills has come alive in the past week, as outdoor dining returned after a two-month

stay. Sidewalks are busy, spirits are high and the Louis Vuitton installation at 468 North Rodeo Drive is a celebratory backdrop. The Temporary Residency comes to Beverly Hills as the last stop in a global rollout. Its raison

d'être is the Louis Vuitton Men's Spring-Summer 2021 Collection, a sensation in its live show debuts in Shanghai and Tokyo last summer.

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Louis Vuitton trucks arriving in Beverly Hills Photo Courtesy BFA.com

City Council Authorizes Additional \$1 Million for Private Security in Beverly Hills

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

In a brief Regular Meeting on Feb. 3, the Beverly Hills City Council passed a series of motions that included the extension of contracts with two private armed security companies for the next eight weeks. The price tag for the extension comes out to nearly \$1 million. The Council also heard updates on Kindness Week, which will begin on Feb. 14.

"The City of Beverly Hills has experienced unprecedented protest activity since

May 2020 and continues to experience protests for a variety of reasons throughout the Business Triangle and in Beverly Gardens Park," a staff report compiled for the meeting reads. "While the City is not anticipating extensive civil protests in Beverly Hills, staff believes it would be beneficial for the City to remain alert and able to respond quickly to civil protests."

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Canon Drive Restaurants Try To Expand

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On Feb. 2, the Beverly Hills City Council held a regular Study Session during which a proposal detailing plans for two temporary outdoor dining tents and subsequent street closures in front of Spago and Nusr-Et restaurants was discussed. Nusr-Et is a new steakhouse helmed by Turkish chef Nusret Gökçe, known globally as the "Salt Bae."

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Geffen Playhouse's "Citizen Detective" has been extended by popular demand. In this virtual show based on an unsolved 1920s Hollywood murder, audience members become the detectives in a case that mixes theater, mystery, and collaborative code breaking. Join in this interactive experience that questions the collective obsession with solving the impossible. "Citizen Detective" will take place via the Zoom video conferencing platform and each performance is limited to a maximum of 24 participants.

<https://www.geffenplayhouse.org/shows/citizen-detective/>



FEB. 5 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES - "FIRST FRIDAYS CONNECTED: L.A. AT THE INTERSECTIONS" - "SOLACE IN SCIENCE" 6 - 8 p.m.

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is connecting audiences to timely discussions and music with this season's virtual "First Fridays Connected: L.A. at the Intersections." On Feb. 5, the program features KCRW resident DJ Novena Carmel and a special cocktail presented by Elle Nucci. A live stream discussion follows around "Solace in Science." After the discussions, enjoy an indie rock and electronic pop performance by Vagabon. This event is free, and reservations are required. Only one reservation per household is needed. <https://nhm.org/calendar/nhm-first-fridays-connected-february>

FEB. 5 BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL DANCE COMPANY CONCERT 7 p.m.

The Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) Dance Company Virtual Concert premieres on Feb. 5 and can be accessed any time after the premiere on the website. All of the dance pieces have been made into dance films. The concert features guest choreographers Sam Allen, Victoria George, Neaz Kohani and Janet Roston, as well as work by BHHS Artistic Director Dana Findley. The show also has seven student choreographers. There is no cost to watch the concert, although donations can be made to the BHHS Dance Company program at bhhs.bhusd.org/dancedonations/. https://bhhs.bhusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2060691&type=d&pREC_ID=2124242

FEB. 5 - 6, 12 - 14, 19 - 21, 26 - 28 DRIVE-THRU FAIR FOODIE FEST

Experience a free drive-thru Fair Foodie Fest at the Rose Bowl Stadium starting on Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. Classic fair fare is available for purchase. Online tickets include a voucher for a free powdered sugar mini funnel cake. Enjoy a safe, in-car, take-out experience perfect for 2021. Only credit cards will be accepted. It is located at the Rose Bowl Stadium, 1001 Rose Bowl Drive, Lot K, Pasadena.

<https://www.fairfoodiefest.com/>



FEB. 6 THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC "ICONS ON INSPIRATION: MUSIC AND MUSINGS BY GUSTAVO DUDAMEL AND SPECIAL GUESTS" 6 p.m.

Music and Artistic Director Gustavo Dudamel and the Los Angeles Philharmonic present a celebratory, star-studded online event, "Icons on Inspiration." Available for free beginning Feb. 6, "Icons on Inspiration" transforms the LA Phil's annual winter gala, the largest fundraising event of its year, for the streaming era. The program features Dudamel with the LA Phil, joined by a diverse roster of talented artists and renowned cultural icons. The LA Phil performances were recently filmed at the Hollywood Bowl. The program features Dudamel in one-on-one online conversations with Julie Andrews, Katy Perry, Natalie Portman and others. The free broadcast will remain available through March 6.

<https://www.laphil.com/support/icons-on-inspiration>

FEB. 6 THE CRITICS CHOICE ASSOCIATION: "CELEBRATION OF BLACK CINEMA" 8 p.m.

The Critics Choice Association presents the third annual "Celebration of Black Cinema" hosted by author and media personality Bevy Smith. Following its digital premiere, the event will be shared with the public on KTLA and offered to all Nexstar Media Group television stations on Feb. 6. The late Chadwick Boseman will receive the Performance of the Year Award for his portrayal of Levee, an ambitious musician struggling to earn the recognition he deserves in a world and a recording studio built against him. A special donation in Chadwick Boseman's name will be designated to provide scholarships to students participating in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Gold Program.

<https://www.criticschoice.com/celebration-of-black-cinema/>

FEB. 7 SUPER BOWL LV 3:30 p.m.

The 55th Super Bowl and the 51st modern-era National Football League (NFL) championship game will decide the league champion for the 2020 NFL season. The American Football Conference champion Kansas City Chiefs (who are also the defending Super Bowl champions) will play the National Football Conference champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The game takes place on Feb. 7 at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers will be the first team to play a Super Bowl in their home stadium when Tampa Bay's Tom Brady will be chasing his seventh championship ring, while Kansas City will be attempting back-to-back titles. The game will be televised nationally by CBS. Country music singer Eric Church and R&B singer Jazmine Sullivan will perform the national anthem, while the halftime show will be headlined by The Weeknd.

<https://www.nfl.com/super-bowl/>

FEB. 9 HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA - "THE CZECH SCROLL STORY: WORLD WAR II TO THE DIASPORA" 11 a.m.

Holocaust Museum LA presents "The Czech Scroll Story: World War II to the Diaspora" on Feb. 9. Lois Roman, trustee of the Memorial Scrolls Trust, will virtually discuss the scrolls' fascinating journey and survival from the Holocaust. A series of miracles allowed the huge hoard of over 1,000 Czech Torah scrolls to survive the Holocaust and stand as tribute to the communities that perished. After collection by German officials in 1942, and then storage in a ruined synagogue in Michle outside of Prague following the war, the 1,564 scrolls were purchased and brought to London in 1964. The Memorial Scrolls Trust was born to protect the scrolls and share their story. The scrolls have been dispersed on permanent loan to Jewish communities around the world. <https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/event-details/the-czech-scroll-story-world-war-ii-to-the-diaspora>

FEB. 9 BRECK FILM SOCIETY: "ALMOST FAMOUS" - EMMY NOMINATED DOCUSERIES 5:30 p.m.

Breck Film Society hosts "Almost Famous," a series of Emmy-nominated docuseries, which are available nationwide through its virtual streaming platform from Feb. 9 - 14. The shorts share stories from Ed Dwight, the man who was almost the first black astronaut, to Kim Hill, the original female vocalist of the Black Eyed Peas. Director Ben Proudfoot captures unique moments in history that were shifted by prejudice, sexism or just sheer bad luck. Proudfoot and Hill will participate in a live Q&A online on Feb. 9 during which viewers are encouraged to ask questions. Tickets are \$12. Visit the website for more information. <https://www.breckfilmfest.org/bfs>

FEB. 9 THE LOS ANGELES MUSEUM COUNTY OF ART - COOKING WITH LACMA: VEGAN COCONUT FLAN INSPIRED BY FRIDA KAHLO 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Cooking with LACMA invites chefs and culinary historians to teach recipes related to artworks at the museum. Join Jocelyn Ramirez of Todo Verde for a live cook-along inspired by Frida Kahlo's painting "Weeping Coconuts (Cocos gimientes)!" The program includes an introduction of the Mexican artist's work followed by a demonstration by Chef Ramirez on how to make vegan coconut flan. Prepare the ingredients on the website ahead of time, ask Chef Ramirez questions about the recipe and cook along. The free event will take place via Zoom and RSVP is required.

<https://www.lacma.org/event/cooking-lacma-vegan-coconut-flan-inspired-frida-kahlo>

FEB. 11 LOS ANGELES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND NYC'S KAUFMAN MUSIC CENTER: WORLD PREMIERES BY FELLOWS IN LUNA COMPOSITION LAB PROGRAM 4 p.m.

Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra (LACO) teams up with New York City's Kaufman Music Center (KMC) to present a special digital performance featuring the world premieres of eight works by the 2019-20 Fellows in the KMC's Luna Composition Lab program. The virtual program, filmed in Zipper Hall at The Colburn School in Los Angeles, includes LACO artists performing new works by teen composers. The program was recorded last fall. It is free and can be streamed on demand following its premiere on the LACO's website, YouTube and Facebook live channels.

<https://www.laco.org/>



FEB. 11 SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER: "CARTOONING THROUGH CHAOS" VIRTUAL TALK 7:30 p.m.

Skirball Cultural Center presents "Cartooning Through Chaos" virtual talk as part of a limited series, "LA Reflections: Shifting Culture," which provides curated panel discussions with creative voices. Join for a discussion with award-winning, LA-based cartoonists: Lalo Alcaraz ("La Cucaracha"), Darrin Bell ("Candorville"), and David Glenn Brown ("Los Angeles Sentinel") in conversation with journalist Patt Morrison of the Los Angeles Times. The virtual talk is free and reservations are required.

<https://www.skirball.org/programs/>



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Governor Newsom Extends Eviction Moratorium

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Governor Newsom

Governor Gavin Newsom signed on Jan. 29 an extension to the state's eviction moratorium through June 30, taking action just days before existing protections were set to expire. The bill, Senate Bill 91, also establishes the State Rental Assistance Program to allocate the \$2.6 billion in federal rental assistance California will receive. The program funnels aid to both renters struggling with payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic and also landlords. But

as the City Council discussed in its Feb. 2 Study Session, Beverly Hills is not eligible to receive direct funding for the program and must go through Los Angeles County.

"Tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to the property owners, but you cannot evict them for not paying that past due rent," explained Policy and Management Analyst Cynthia Owens.

"This law not only provides greatly needed support for tenants, but also provides relief to small property owners in need of assistance to pay for mortgages, thanks to \$2.6 billion in federal stimulus funding," said Newsom in a statement.

Under the measure, landlords will be prevented from evicting tenants who pay at least 25 percent of their rent and attest under penalty of perjury that they have been impacted economically by COVID-19. The State Rental Assistance Program will begin accepting applications from property owners and tenants in March.

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City Council Charts Legislative Course for 2021

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



The Beverly Hills City Council reviewed and finalized the city's legislative agenda for the new year at its Jan. 3 Study Session. The agenda foreshadowed a year focused on curbing multiple pandemic-related crises—both public health and economic—and addressing the existing housing crisis in California. On the local level, many on the Council expressed concerns with the direction of newly elected District Attorney George Gascón. The council also weighed the unique proposition of hiring a public relations firm to combat the negative image of Beverly Hills as "the bad guys" in the housing space and defending the idea of the single-family home.

Each year, the city establishes a legislative platform that outlines its legislative priorities. When legislation comes before state and federal lawmakers, the city's advocates turn to the platform for direction on the city's position. The platform exists as an "evolving document" that changes from year to year. The staff report compiled for the Jan. 3 Study Session identified 11 changes to the platform.

"I think the changes to the legislative platform are largely consistent with the principles that we already had in the legislative platform," said Vice Mayor Robert Wunderlich, who serves as one of two City Council liaisons on the Legislative Lobby Committee.

Some of the additions and modifications to the platform include support for legislation that would provide funding to local governments for COVID-19 and COVID-19 related infrastructure projects; support for legislation that would protect single family housing; and opposition to the creation of Housing Accountability Unit within the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which would increase state oversight of local housing concerns.

The 2021 platform also dropped the primary focus from the year before, the failed Keeping California Safe Act, or Proposition 20, a tough on crime initiative that would have rolled back criminal justice reforms ushered in by Propositions 47, 57, and Assembly Bill 109. But even with the failure of Prop. 20, criminal justice remained in the foreground for many councilmembers.

"Although the Keeping California Safe Act failed, I do think that the elements in it, reflected in the passage of Prop 47, and 57, and AB109, in particular, are things that we need to keep an eye on," said

Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold. "And as concerned as I am about those in any circumstance, I'm more concerned now with the current LA County District Attorney, who has indicated a preference not to prosecute people."

City staff and the city council liaisons also floated the proposal of retaining a public relations firm "to develop messaging to State Legislature regarding legislation on housing and zoning for housing," according to the staff report. "The goal of the PR firm would be to better communicate information on why local control of zoning for housing is best left to individual jurisdictions [and] local elected officials better understand the need of their community."

"Part of the problem is that, right now, there is a narrative created by Sacramento. [California Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)] is always invoking Beverly Hills: We're the bad guys, we're why there's no housing," said Councilmember John Mirisch. "But it's basically an attack on single family homes, which people like Weiner consider to be racist, immoral, evil."

The idea's reception among other councilmembers was, as Gold put it, lukewarm. "In order to do it, we need more than just us," he said, arguing that Sacramento would not be inclined to care about Beverly Hills on its own. "When we first started [discussing this], somebody had suggested that we needed to find a sister city that was having a similar problem, like maybe Compton. And if we get together with them, now we get some attention."

"I also feel very uncomfortable with the hiring of a public relations company," Councilmember Lili Bosse added. "To me, even the fact that one has to hire one already works against us, because I think people say, oh, well, they had to hire a public relations company."

Mirisch clarified the intent behind the proposal, saying that the recommendation on the table was only to direct City Spokesperson Keith Sterling to look into the idea. "It's not just PR to spin things, it's about a strategy, which could very well involve what Julian said. We need to figure out a way to combine with other areas throughout Southern California and create a cohesive strategy that says why their narrative is wrong."

Part of the blame for the threats to local control of housing lay at the feet of the League of California Cities (Cal Cities), the Council said. Cal Cities, of which Beverly Hills is a member, is an association of most cities in California that advocates for local self-governance and autonomy. According to the Legislative Lobby Committee and its liaisons, though, Cal Cities failed in 2020 to oppose legislation that would limit local control over issues like zoning and housing. **(Legislative continues on page 15)**

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Public Health Warns Against Super Bowl Parties

BY ANA FIGUEROA



As Beverly Hills inches toward 2,300 confirmed cases of COVID-19, residents are encouraged to heed advice from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) regarding this weekend's Super Bowl. Namely, if you're thinking about having a Super Bowl party, don't do it. In the weeks following every holiday, and many major sporting events, the county experienced increases in cases, and then hospitalizations and deaths. Public Health recommends residents enjoy the Super Bowl and cheer for their team from their homes with those they live with. Residents should connect virtually with their friends and not gather with people from outside their households to watch the Super Bowl.

As of Feb. 4, Public Health has identified 1,129,503 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 17,308 deaths. Additionally, a third case of COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7, the variant discovered in the United Kingdom (U.K.), has been identified. Presence of the B.1.1.7 variant in L.A. County means virus transmission can happen more easily, and residents and businesses must be more diligent at implementing and following all standard public health safety measures, including face coverings, distancing, and handwashing, put in place to prevent additional cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Along with the majority of the state, L.A. County is in the most restrictive purple tier in the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. In order to move into the red tier and have additional opportunities for reopenings, L.A. County's daily case rate must be at or below seven new cases per 100,000 people and the County's test positivity rate must be at or below eight percent. As of Jan. 23, L.A. County's adjusted case rate is 38.7 new cases per 100,000 people and the test positivity rate is 11.3 percent.

Public Health notes that residents have a long way to go before transmission in the county is considered no longer widespread. By following all the rules, progress can be

made toward a less restrictive tier.

"We share our deepest condolences to everyone who is mourning the loss of a family member, a loved one or a friend. Our prayers are with you always," said Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.E.d., Director of Public Health. "Super Bowl parties have the power to derail our recovery and given the likelihood that there are more infectious variants circulating in our community, let's not take chances with our own health and the health of others by creating easy opportunities for the virus to spread. This weekend, we ask that you not share with others your respiratory droplets, which are more easily spread when we raise our voices, cheer, sing, and chant. The serious consequences of gathering indoors with people outside of your household to watch the Super Bowl is just not worth it."

Public Health also indicates that it is constantly aligning vaccine strategies to reach the most vulnerable. "As a reminder, we are prioritizing vaccinating individuals 65 years and older, while working with our partners and the state to further plan for vaccinating additional workers in the prioritized groups. Given the limited weekly shipments, a limited vaccine supply requires balancing priorities. While the state is updating its distribution plans, the County must also look at how best to protect the most vulnerable with the goal of reducing mortality. We ask for patience until we receive all the vaccine we need to get to everyone who wants to get vaccinated," said a statement.

At this time, COVID-19 vaccine remains very limited. Public Health's www.VaccinateLACounty.com connects residents eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations to appointment registration links and much more. For those without access to a computer or the internet or with disabilities, a call center is open to help schedule appointments at 833-540-0473 daily from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. ●

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BY TERRY FEIT,
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Creative Ideas for Valentine's Day

BY CAROLE DIXON

While many COVID-19 restrictions still loom over Los Angeles County, there are plenty of creative ways to celebrate Valentine's Day that incorporate romance, gastronomy, wellness and adventure.

Mobile Mixology from Maybourne

The Maybourne Beverly Hills is bringing hand-crafted cocktails from some of London's finest hotels (and fellow members of the Maybourne Hotel Group family) right to your door. The Mobile Mixologist program incorporates a large black SUV with a portable bar set up in the back. It arrives to your home, ready to serve a menu of classics that include The Connaught Martini and Claridge's Flapper plus a local Maybourne Margarita. Bar snacks include olives, mixed nuts and cheese crisps, with additional food items such as cheese and charcuterie or caviar available as well. While the white-gloved mixologist is preparing your drinks, sip a glass of Champagne, which is also provided from the roving bar. Order within a 10-mile radius of the hotel on Canon Drive every Wednesday through Sunday for \$150 per person. maybournebeverlyhills.com

The Finishing Gourmet

In the past year, ho-hum delivery in plastic packaging has morphed into inventive meal kits. The Finishing Gourmet is a step above both concepts. The company delivers a fine caliber steakhouse experience from Bocuse d'Or Chef Robert Sulatycky. Meticulously pack-aged steaks, seafood, salads and sides arrive with condiments organized in servable glass jars. Boxes also include cooking utensils and a quality knife to slice into a juicy 38-ounce cowboy steak (should that be your cut of choice). All you need to do is quickly sear the meat, open a bottle of wine and light the candles. Prices start at \$125 per person. thefinishinggourmet.com

Chocolate Tasting Classes

The old-fashioned heart-shaped box of chocolates with a red bow is a perennial favorite, but why not try a more creative option this year? Impress your love with a virtual chocolate tasting or chocolate making class by chocolate expert Ruth Kennison of The Gourmandise School and The Chocolate Project. Spend an hour learning about the origins, craft-making process while eating rare, small-batch chocolates from around the world or Zoom into her two-hour live-stream classes where you'll make "The World's Best Chocolate-Caramel Tart" and other treats. The chocolate trivia challenge adds a competitive twist for some fun with other couples or friends. Prices range from \$100 per household (ingredient lists are ordered separately) or group classes (with tasting kits sent in advance) starting at \$35 per person. chocolate-project.com

If you'd rather opt for store-bought confections, try the rare but increasingly popular ruby chocolate, crafted from ruby cocoa beans. This newer, pink-hued option was created by Belgian-Swiss company Callebaut in 2017, but you can find it closer to home now at Compartes in Brentwood or West Hollywood. compartes.com

Flower Arranging Class or Club

Instead of gifting a single Valentine's Day arrangement, extend the gesture for an entire year with a monthly subscription from the Bouqs in Venice (bouqs.com), which start at under \$50 for a variety of peonies, roses, lilies, orchids, and sunflowers. Or gift a flower arranging class from Alice's Table (alicestable.com), featuring farm-fresh flowers delivered nationwide to your door before a virtual class ensues. Tickets start at \$65 each.

For a floral pièce de resistance, add a one-of-a-kind hand-blown vase from Saban Glass. Owner and philanthropist Cheryl



Cheryl Saban in her glass studio.

Saban handcrafts the works of art in over 22 colors at her local studio. After taking a recreational class and falling in love with the artistic process of glass blowing, Saban's "hobby" became a full-time endeavor with partial sales from her highly sought-after works of art supporting various charities. "Valentine's Day has always been a special day for me, beginning in grammar school, with the sweet hand-written Valentine notes we giggled about, and the colorful candy hearts we gave one another," said Saban. "As adults, Cupid still inspires us to declare our love. One special way to do that is by giving your loved one the gift of beautiful flowers in a colorful vase. Our Flora vase is the perfect shape and size for your Valentine's bouquet." Prices start at \$150. SabanGlassware.com. (Allow at least three weeks for delivery.) The vases are also available through Sonny Alexander florists on Pico Boulevard, known for their stunning rose arrangements. Sonnyalexanderflorists.com. Anthropology also carries a small assortment of Saban's best-selling drink wear and tabletop items if you are on the hunt for more items quickly.

Pen a Love Letter Contest

Find your inner Shakespeare or Neruda with the Peninsula Beverly Hills and award-winning artisanal tequila Mijenta. The pair have teamed up for the "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" cocktail collaboration and the "With Love" social media campaign. The public is invited to submit a letter to or from someone they love. The prize is either a stay for two at the hotel, dinner at The Belvedere

or a couple's spa treatment. For more details, visit www.instagram.com/thepeninsulabh, then e-mail your love letter to marketing-pbh@peninsula.com to be considered. Three winners will be announced on March 15.

Sensory Perfume Experience

Instead of simply presenting your beloved with a bottle of their favorite scent, book a private appointment at the renowned French fragrance house that opened a museum-worthy boutique at Two Rodeo. Parfum Henry Jacques embraces the concept of building a fragrance wardrobe from 50 signature scents that are housed in chic bottles and custom-designed collectible boxes of wood, fabric and lacquer. Prices start at \$500. parfumshenryjacques.com

Couples Massage in Malibu

A drive out to Malibu is a relaxing and romantic pursuit any time of year. CURE is a private medical wellness center situated just across the road from Nobu Ryokan on Pacific Coast Highway. This healing spot offers guests expansive deck cabanas and couples treatment rooms with ocean views for massages from reiki (perfect if you prefer no-touch therapy) to reflexology. Of course, gloves and masks are worn by the therapists. Massage prices start at \$210 per person. curedaily.com

Dining at Sea in Santa Barbara

If you'd rather get out of town, head north to the Santa Barbara Sailing Center for a new Dining at Sea excursion. The nautical experts have partnered with Spanish



The Finishing Gourmet Photo by John Troxell

eatery Loquita for a three-hour outing with Chef Nikolas Ramirez. This private dining experience is held on an open-air yacht in the Santa Barbara Harbor with the restaurant's specialties from tapas to paella with wood-grilled seafood. Sip your signature gin and tonic as panoramic views of the American Rivera float by at sunset. Prices start at \$275



"The Best is Yet to Come," 2018, Lakwena Maciver Screenprint in colors.

per person. sbsail.com/dining-at-sea-2/

Take a Romantic Stroll

If you're looking for a romantic place to take a stroll, consider the tranquil Self-Realization Fellowship Lake Shrine. It's a hidden 10-acre garden in Pacific Palisades for meditation and self-reflection, and it's free. You can walk the peaceful grounds hand-in-hand with a pathway that surrounds the lake dotted with statues and small waterfalls. You can also get a workout in by hiking up 105 steps to the temple with a stunning panoramic view. Who couldn't use a little bit of inner peace and healing in nature after 2020? Parking is available in front and reservations are required at yogananda.org. And, if you're longing to get back to familiar haunts, Will Rogers State Park, Griffith Park and Runyon Canyon hiking trails are open, but make sure to abide by social distancing requirements.

Create an Artistic Card

For a fun and creative family pursuit, you can join a Zoom art class to make Valentine's cards. The Brentwood Art Center is hosting a one-hour free Valentine's Day card workshop on Feb. 13 at 1:30 p.m. The positive

Manifesto of London-based artist Lakwena Maciver serves as the inspiration for the class and instructor Kira Lynn Caine invites you to use some of those messages (found on the website registration link), but now is the time to add your own personal sentiment to your one-of-a-kind creation. You will need to have handy colored pencils, markers, a glue

stick, scissors, construction paper and old magazines for creating collages, and graphic patterns. Your kids will love it and it might even take you back to your old school days. A hand-crafted card will mean so much more to the recipient than the generic store-bought variety this year. brentwoodart.org/workshops/valentinescards-workshop ●



Dining at Sea Photo by Kate Winter



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Community

(Louis Vuitton continued from page 1)

The livestream of the Shanghai show alone garnered 1.1 million views on YouTube, proving that despite a pandemic, the fashion show must go on.

Spotlight on Rodeo Drive

The Louis Vuitton Men's Temporary Residency is enlivening Rodeo Drive with a bright red bespoke "shipping container" façade, black and white patterned window coverings and giant inflatable cartoon-like characters (explained below) hovering above the entrance and on the roof. The installation is expected to generate the same level of attention as the wildly successful "Louis Vuitton X" exhibit that celebrated Louis Vuitton's legacy of artistic collaborations. That activation was in place for five months in the same space in 2019. Alas, the Louis Vuitton Men's Temporary Residency will be in Beverly Hills only through early March. And current Health Orders dictate a 25 percent maximum occupancy level at any given time. Fortunately, one needn't be inside to enjoy everything the Temporary Residency has to offer. QR and Snapchat codes on the exterior walls allow bystanders to interact with animated characters and generate shareable content. More surprises await inside, as discovered by the Courier during a sneak preview before the official Feb. 5 opening.

The 1,600 square-foot retail space stages the Louis Vuitton Men's Spring-Summer 2021 Collection in red shipping containers, which will be available for purchase. On the floor, black and white tiles are arranged in hypnotic patterns. An entire wall is taken up by a video screen playing a permanent loop of "Menswear Moments" from current collections. Inside the containers, displays feature jackets, sweaters, shirts and bags in vibrant blue, orange, yellow and green. The collection's edgy "cartoon" mascots are visible as designs embedded on bags and accessories, even serving as stuffed toys affixed to some pieces. As set forth in more detail in the Jan. 15 Courier Exclusive ("Louis Vuitton Men's Temporary Residency Heading to Beverly Hills"), the characters came to life during the early days of the pandemic.

The Journey's Origins

When it became clear last year that fashion weeks would not go on as usual, global brands vied to outdo each other virtually. None incorporated as imaginative a means as Louis Vuitton Artistic Director Virgil Abloh. He debuted a short film at Digital Fashion Week in Paris in June 2020, entitled "The Adventures of Zooom with friends." Part animation, part live-action, the film introduced a surreal but laid-back cast of animated characters. Their ranks included Joe, the huge, anthropomorphized orange



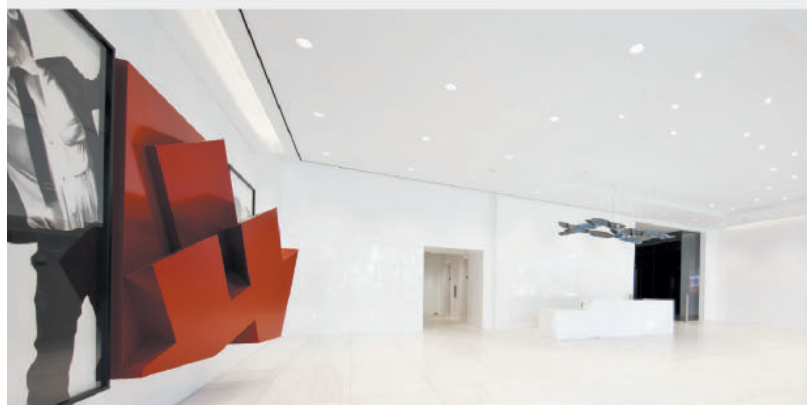
Rodeo Drive exterior of the Louis Vuitton Men's Temporary Residency Photo Courtesy BFA

dog reclining at the building's entrance. Joe's signature look includes a mod suit and a set of shades in the familiar black and white checkered patterns that are emblematic of the collection. Joe's cohorts include a bird-like creature, as well as a unicorn, a green dragon, purple dinosaur and a big, smiling flower, among others.

In the film, the disparate crew sets out for adventure in Paris. They then hop aboard a barge loaded with shipping containers

carrying signature Louis Vuitton trunks. Presumably, the Spring-Summer 2021 collection has been packed inside. The collection was given the name "Message in a Bottle," a fitting ode to the theme of venturing out into the unknown. In the summer of 2020, the same could be said of every industry, not simply fashion.

A few months after the film's debut, the Zooom with friends characters resurfaced in the live runway shows in Shanghai and



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The interior retail space features the red shipping containers. Photo Courtesy BFA

Tokyo. This time, however, they took the form of giant inflatables. The gang next appeared at a Temporary Residency at the Miami Design Center in December. That activation disassembled and traveled to Beverly Hills in a truck caravan of—what else—bright red shipping containers.

The Collection

The Chicago-born Abloh is the first

African American to head a French luxury design house. He is outspoken on issues of inclusivity, diversity, and the need to set examples for others. One of the central themes of his Men’s Spring-Summer 2021 collection involves the timeliness of fashion. As such, the collection invokes four methods of upcycling: new looks made from recycled material, looks repeated from the Fall-Winter 2020 collection, looks freely created by the

studio during the lockdown using recycled material and new looks created from existing ideas. It is a serious through-note in a collection that is above all, a whimsical amalgam of several different influences. As WWD noted in a September 2020 review of the Tokyo runway event, accessories included "hats reminiscent of Johnny Depp’s Willy Wonka and sunglasses that recalled the device worn by LeVar Burton in ‘Star Trek: The Next Generation.’”

Abloh credits the Ghanaian heritage of his parents as well as visits to a Parisian toy store as inspiration for the “puppets, patterns, palette and accessories” found in the collection. Glancing around the Rodeo Drive installation, it is easy to see the connection. The fashion press last year credited Abloh with brightening up an otherwise subdued time with his playful designs. The same can be said about the Louis Vuitton Men’s Temporary Residency on Rodeo Drive. ●



The Men’s Spring-Summer 2021 Collection on display Photo Courtesy BFA



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Visionary Women Hosts Suze Orman in Virtual Salon

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Suze Orman

The women's empowerment nonprofit, Visionary Women, held a virtual event Feb. 3 with personal finance guru Suze Orman. The #1 New York Times best-selling author,

two-time Emmy Award winner, host of the popular "Women & Money" podcast, magazine and online columnist, writer, producer, and top motivational speaker,

Orman is America's most recognized expert on personal finance.

Entitled "Riding Out the Storm with Suze Orman," the complimentary Visionary Women webinar addressed some of the challenging economic and personal finance issues resulting from the global coronavirus pandemic. Mae Cheng, senior vice president of Barron's Group at Dow Jones, moderated. The event drew a national audience, furthering the organization's ongoing initiative to support women and girls beyond the boundaries of Los Angeles.

During the one-hour virtual webinar, Orman described the new year as "The Great Reset." She provided a roadmap for ensuring a manageable financial cushion. She touched upon the housing and stock markets, ROTH IRA retirement accounts, credit card and student debt, cybercurrencies and the importance of saving.

Orman also spoke of the emotional challenges of difficult economic times,

and specific ways women can support each other. She encouraged actions that provide a direct impact on individuals and communities in need. She praised organizations such as Visionary Women and others that provide a strong community of peers and mentors, those that donate ideas, guidance, propel women to greater heights emotionally and encourage self-worth.

Visionary Women is a Los Angeles non-profit, membership-based community dedicated to women empowering and supporting other women, and girls. The progressive organization supports women's initiatives both locally and internationally by providing a unique platform highlighting relevant issues and advancing leadership. To watch Visionary Women's "Riding Out the Storm with Suze Orman" on-demand and for more information on Visionary Women and the upcoming virtual salons, visit www.visionarywomen.com.

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Salon Owner Indicted on Seven Counts for Capitol Riot

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

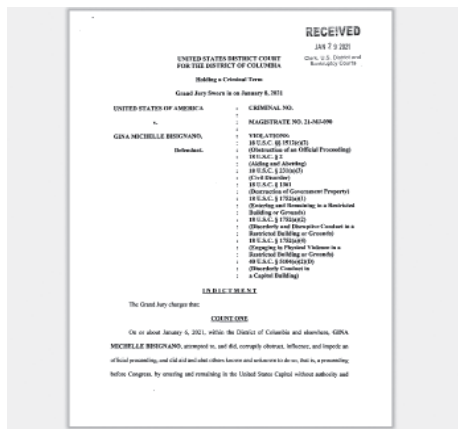


Gina Bisignano at the Freedom Rally

A federal grand jury for the District of Columbia has indicted Beverly Hills resident Gina Michelle Bisignano on seven charges related to her conduct at the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. Bisignano, along with two other Beverly Hills locals, became one of the scores arrested by federal authorities in the aftermath of the incursion. Along with living in Beverly Hills, she also owns a local business, Gina's Eyelashes and Skincare. Bisignano faces years in prison if found guilty.

The grand jury charged Bisignano with Obstruction of an Official Proceeding, Aiding and Abetting, Civil Disorder, Destruction of Government Property, Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds, Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds, Engaging in Physical Violence in a Restricted Building or Grounds and Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building.

Bisignano and two other Beverly Hills



Federal indictment of Gina Bisignano

residents, John Strand, 37, and Dr. Simone Gold, 55, were arrested over the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday weekend by the FBI, with assistance by the Beverly Hills Police Department, pursuant to federal charges filed in Washington, D.C. They appeared in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California in downtown Los Angeles on Jan. 19. Both Gold and Strand were released on bail. Bisignano was granted bail in her initial hearing, but a D.C. judge stayed her release on appeal.

"The magistrate here in Los Angeles on Tuesday afternoon set bond for Bisignano, which we objected to on behalf of our colleagues in the District of Columbia," United

States Attorney's Office Director of Media Relations Thom Mrozek previously told the Courier. "Later that evening, prosecutors in D.C. obtained a stay and a detention order from a judge in D.C."

Bisignano appeared in court on Feb. 4, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia Public Affairs Specialist Shelia Miller told the Courier. She could not give more information on the nature of the hearing by press time. Close friends of Bisignano have told the Courier that she has retained the services of a lawyer in D.C. While the court has ordered Bisignano transported to D.C., she currently remains in detention in California, according to U.S. Marshals spokesperson Lynzey Donahue.

Bisignano, Strand and Gold each have close ties to the Beverly Hills Freedom Rally, the weekly pro-Trump demonstration that has taken place since July. Many other regular attendees of the rally also went to the Capitol. While they remain out of custody as of press time, many of them are persons of interest for the FBI and the D.C. Metropolitan Police.

According to the FBI's Statement of Facts for Bisignano, she originally came under scrutiny after the Bureau received at least six tips identifying her as a participant at the riot. In one video widely circulated online, Bisignano even shares her first and last name, her city of residence, and her Instagram account.

In a story in the Jan. 15 issue of the Courier,

"Beverly Hills Salon Owner Recounts Her Actions in D.C. Riots," Bisignano spoke about her role in the failed insurrection. In fact, the FBI's Statement of Facts for Bisignano, compiled by a member of the Bureau's Washington Field Office's Joint Terrorism Task Force, cites reporting by the Courier. The Courier conducted extensive interviews with Bisignano in the week after the attempted insurrection, in which she admitted to entering the Capitol, but claimed that she was escaping the throngs of rioters.

"BISIGNANO told the news outlet [Courier] that she filmed herself at the Capitol building, during the time when rioters had stolen police shields and were deploying pepper spray on the officers," according to the statement filed in federal court. "BISIGNANO also admitted entering the Capitol building itself through a window, the glass of which had been broken by another rioter."

"I got caught up. I didn't do anything to hurt anybody," Bisignano, owner of Gina's Eyelashes and Skincare, told the Courier prior to her arrest. She went to the Capitol after President Trump called on his supporters to attend a rally on Jan. 6. "If enough patriots got together to rightfully assemble and put pressure, chant and cheer like we do, they would think, 'Okay, we the people—we the people are speaking.'" ●



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard**, will hold a public hearing to consider:

EXTENSION OF AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING SECTION 10-2-303 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ADJUSTING LOT LINES THAT ARE BETWEEN JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

The Council will consider whether or not to extend the interim Urgency Ordinance for a period of ten months and fifteen days, in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 65858. The extension of the interim Urgency Ordinance will require a four fifths vote by the City Council. In summary, the interim ordinance amends section 10-2-303 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to prohibit a lot line adjustment that would either create or expand a lot that crosses the City boundary.

This Urgency Ordinance has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. The adoption and implementation of the Urgency Ordinance represents minor alterations in land use limitations and do not result in any changes in land use or density, and the average slope of the City is less than 20 percent. It can therefore be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed amendments may have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, the City Council will consider the staff recommendation to find the Urgency Ordinance exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15305 of the California Code of Regulations.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20 members of the Beverly Hills City Council and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference/video conference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public can access City Council meetings telephonically, through live webcast, and BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable.


To submit Audio/Oral comments during the hearing call: (310) 288-2288, to submit written comments please email: cityclerk@beverlyhills.org, to submit video comments (during public comment only) use <https://www.gotomeet.me/BevPublic>

It is recommended that public written comments be submitted to the City Clerk's office by 12:00 p.m. on the meeting date. Public comments will also be taken during the meeting when the topic is being reviewed by the City Council. Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. Written comments will be allowed with a maximum of 350 words, which corresponds to approximately 3 minutes of speaking time. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, it will not be a part of the record. Public comment via video conference will be 3 minutes per each individual comment, subject to City Council discretion.

Any interested person may participate in the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the City Council. According to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the Council's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Chloe Chen, Associate Planner**, Community Development Department, at (310) 285-1194 or cchen@beverlyhills.org. The case file, including a copy of the proposed urgency Ordinance, is available for review by contacting the planner above. In addition, a staff report on this matter will be available at least ten days in advance of the meeting date by contacting the planner above.

HUMA AHMED
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 25, 2021

TIME: 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: Meeting will be held via teleconference; details provided below

PROJECT ADDRESS: 9111 Wilshire Boulevard
(between N. Oakhurst Drive and N. Doheny Drive)



The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the following:

A request for a one-year time extension for a previously approved Conditional Use Permit and Historic Incentive Permit to establish a 154-room hotel, with restaurant and ancillary uses, within an existing 10-story office building on the property located at **9111 Wilshire Boulevard**. The Planning Commission previously approved the entitlements on January 23, 2020 (Planning Commission Resolution No. 1907). Pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code §10-3-2862, the approval was valid for a period of one year and would lapse unless physical construction of the permitted project had commenced. However, the period may be extended no more than two times for additional one year periods. The requested one-year time extension would extend the existing approvals until January 23, 2022.

This project was previously assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. A Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Existing Facilities) and a Class 31 Categorical Exemption (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation) was previously issued pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines. There have been no substantial changes to the project and no substantial changes to the environmental that would cause the project to significantly impact the environment. Therefore, there is no substantial evidence that the approval of the requested extension may have any significant environmental impact. The original Class 1 Categorical Exemption and Class 31 Categorical Exemption continue to represent the independent judgment of the City and no additional environmental review is required under CEQA.

How to Participate

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 via video at <https://www.gotomeet.me/BevPublic>.


Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. In order to have written material included in the Commissioners' packet, it must be received no later than 8 calendar days before the date of the hearing.

Comments will be read into the record, with a maximum allowance of 3 minutes per individual comment (approximately 350 words), subject to the Commission's discretion. It is recommended that written comments be submitted prior to the posted meeting date/time. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, but before the close of the meeting, the comment will still be included as a part of the record of the meeting, but will not be read into the record.

According to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the City's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing. Please note that any comments received prior to or during the public hearing will be considered as part of the public record.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Cindy Gordon, AICP, Senior Planner**, in the Planning Division at (310) 285-1191, or by email at cgordon@beverlyhills.org. Copies of the project plans and associated application materials are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by contacting the project planner listed above.

Sincerely,
Cindy Gordon, AICP, Senior Planner

 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.

Outdoor Dining in High Demand in Beverly Hills

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Parties outside of Il Pastaio on Jan. 30 waiting to be seated

Outdoor dining is in high demand in Beverly Hills since it was allowed to resume on Jan. 29. Last weekend, excited customers filled the tables that lined the busy streets of Canon and Beverly Drives, while waitstaff bustled about taking orders in masks and face shields. City streets were filled with both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, invigorating a town that

had on the previous day appeared empty and closed. The public's enthusiastic response to more open air options has city officials discussing a more permanent future for outdoor dining.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) issued new guidelines for outdoor dining on Feb. 2.

The updated protocols require tables to be spaced at least eight feet apart to ensure physical distance of at least six feet between customers; tables are limited to no more than six people in the same party; hosts are required to verbally inform the party that everyone sharing a table must be from the same household; televisions must be either removed or off; restaurants must utilize a reservation based system; entertainment options are prohibited; face masks and shields are required for all employees and waitstaff, as well as for customers, when not eating. Additionally, employees are prohibited from eating or drinking except during their breaks.

"With the pandemic, we did start the OpenBH program, but the initial focus of that program was on tables on the sidewalk or parking spaces in front of the stores," Vice Mayor Robert Wunderlich said during a Feb. 2 regular Study Session. "I think we should be open to the possibility that when we do review OpenBH, we may find that people have really liked this. We may find that we want to make this more permanent, or at least aspects of it more permanent, and we should be open to that. We should let people experience the benefits of something and see whether or not we want to keep those benefits more permanently."

Pasquale Vericella, who opened the Italian restaurant Il Cielo on Burton Way 35-years-ago, told the Courier his staff is ecstatic to be back. "They came in a couple of days before to help us to arrange everything," Vericella said. "They're like family."

In addition to three outdoor dining areas, Il Cielo has obtained a permit from the city through OpenBH to place tables along the sidewalk to accommodate more guests. For Valentine's Day weekend, the Italian eatery is also putting up a 10-foot-wide tent. Vericella is considering keeping the tent up for a few weeks to keep dinner guests warm as the temperatures drop in the evening. Vericella is choosing the option of 50 percent capacity as opposed to spacing tables eight feet apart. "The dining tables that we use are very small, around 30 inches, which makes it a little easier," he said.

"It's been a little crazy, people are really excited to be out dining again," Vericella told the Courier. "It's really like revisiting old friends and people that you haven't seen in a while, and it was really nice. It's so heartwarming to know that you have customers that are loyal coming back to eat and new people that have never been to the restaurant before. It was just so exciting opening again. More so than the previous times." ●

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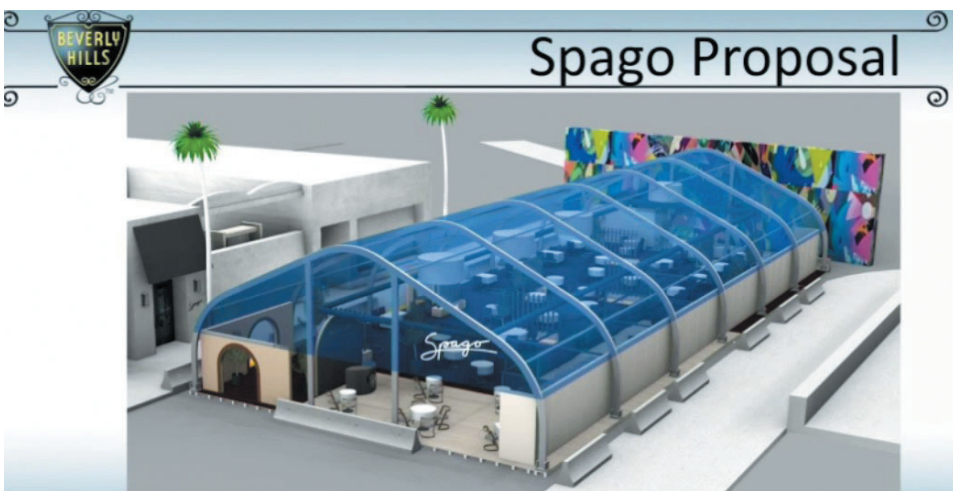
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Rendering of proposed outdoor tent in front of Spago.

(Canon Drive continued from page 1)

At issue is the city's current OpenBH program, which allows businesses to temporarily extend their services to adjacent areas such as parking lots and the public right of way by acquiring a Special Event Permit to include street closures and tent structures. Currently, there are 104 businesses in the city participating in the program. The proposed temporary outdoor dining tents and street closures in front of Spago and Nusr-Et, respectively, would include restricted public access to the sidewalks, to Wilshire Boulevard and the Canon mural wall.

"This is a perfect example of our community working together," said Councilmember Lili Bosse, a liaison for the Rodeo Drive, Special Events and Holiday Program Committee. "It really is something that we should all be very proud of. When we had our liaison meeting, there were a few loose ends that needed to be tied, and the direction that we had given was to reach out to neighboring businesses, to work with MTA, to make sure that the traffic control plan had no significant impacts, and to maintain the U-turn and the valet. With all of that being said, they accomplished all that and more. So, we as the liaison wholeheartedly supported this and feel very excited about having this in our city. We feel very strongly that we need to continue to partner with our restaurants and help them."

In addition to the baseline request of installing a temporary outdoor dining tent at both 176 and 184 North Canon with the closure of the street in front of the restaurants, the City Council is being asked to consider the waiver of applicable fees, including the street closure fee and meter revenue, and that the city absorb costs related to traffic circle equipment and staff time.

The Council also considered whether to condition approval of the building permits with prior approval by the L.A. County Department of Public Health (Public Health). However, in this, Nusr-Et requested that they be granted the ability to install the tent without Public Health approval at the same time as Spago.

"Nusr-Et is in somewhat of a catch-22 situation in that they cannot get approval for their temporary structure until they have Health Department approval for their brick-and-mortar actual physical structure," Laura Biery, marketing and economic sustainability manager, said. "So in order to not disrupt the street and the traffic flow, and have additional impacts due to construction twice, they would like to have the ability to construct their temporary tent at the same time as this temporary tent is constructed,

full well knowing they are accepting the risk that they may or may not receive Health Department approval, and that they will not be able to receive their OpenBH permit or inhabit the tent or do any type of outdoor dining until that Health Department approval has been granted."

The fourth and final item presented for consideration was that the project be reviewed with the applicants and Council liaisons roughly six months from the installation of the tent. "Applicants have requested that these projects be up for the full duration of any pandemic restrictions," Biery said. "That's any type of percentage restrictions or spacing restrictions on outdoor or indoor dining to allow them to get the full return on investment of these temporary tent structures." At the meeting, representatives from both restaurants were there to answer questions from council.

Neighboring businesses called in during public comment to express support.

The tent proposed by Spago can accommodate over 100 guests, and the temporary structure will be the closest to the Canon mural wall, directly in front of the restaurant's existing brick and mortar building. The proposal was first presented during a Jan. 6 Beverly Hills City Council Liaison Meeting for the Rodeo Drive Special Events Holiday Program Committee. "Guests will be spaced safely, with an overhead blue tent to allow for circulation ventilation and airflow that is recommended by health experts," Magdalena Davis, Special Event and Filming Coordinator, said. "There's also indoor electrical heating from a power system inside the restaurant. Two non-connecting walls are now allowed by state and county health departments, and the final plans turned into staff will reflect that."

The California State Health Department has released updated guidelines, stating that two walls and a roof may be constructed for outdoor dining tent structures, as long as the walls be non-contiguous. While city staff have submitted both the proposed tent plans to Public Health for review, the agency has not yet provided their approval, but have confirmed they are in the process.

While the launch date for Nusr-Et has been pushed back, the steakhouse hopes to open temporarily in an outdoor fashion so as not to delay the entire opening of the restaurant. The tent proposed by Nusr-Et can seat up to 60 guests and would also be situated in front of their brick-and-mortar location. "The seating capacities that you see before you for both tents are based on health department approval," Davis said. "It's worth noting that the Nusr-Et group is



Outdoor dining underway at Spago on Jan. 30. Photo by Bianca Heyward

working to obtain a health permit sign off for their actual brick-and-mortar restaurant location so that they may then receive review and approval for this temporary expansion."

The fiscal impact for the proposal is approximately \$12,000. Costs associated with traffic control measures, including signage, safety equipment, and Metro mitigation fees will be absorbed by both restaurants.

When asked by Councilmember Julian Gold how Spago would handle crowd control, the general manager, Steve Scott Springer, responded.

"There's a two-layer check-in system where you get checked into the front, and then a station where your temperature is taken, and we ensure that you have a mask before you enter the space. And then there are dots on the ground where we separate each of the parties together. And then we also control very carefully the amount of covers that we take and that the arrivals

are staggering. We've become pretty skilled at crowd control and keeping everybody safe. That's a big priority for us, as I've said many times here. This is our method of getting back to normal, so we embrace these requirements. I want to keep everybody safe and employed."

"There is unanimity in terms of the request for the tents," Mayor Lester Friedman said. "In terms of the waiver of the fees, I think there's unanimity on that issue. The condition that the health department issue the permit for Spago prior to the building permit, and not the same for Nusr-Et because of the pickle that they're in. I think we're in agreement with that. Obviously, the opening will be dependent upon the Department of Public Health issuing the permit."

Mayor Friedman added: "I think that in good conscience, it will be up for at least six months, plus whatever other period of time is necessary." ●

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In addition to providing aid to income-qualified tenants financially impacted by the pandemic, the program incentives property owners to forgive back rent. By waiving 20 percent of unpaid rent, landlords become eligible for 80 percent in rent reimbursements for amounts owed between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021. If a landlord does not agree to participate in the program, qualified tenants can still receive 25 percent of the total back rent for the covered period.

The rent subsidies are available to households with incomes at or below 80 percent of Area Median Income, with priority for the most disadvantaged households and those experiencing unemployment for the preceding 90 days at the time of application.

Given the speed at which the urgency bill passed through the legislature, Beverly Hills had little chance to lobby to receive direct aid for its residents.

"Unfortunately, we just could not work around it with how quickly it did

fly through—it's going to provide direct funding to residents or jurisdictions over 200,000 residents. But we are going to be able to receive funding indirectly through our county for this program," Owens said. The staff report compiled for the meeting notes that only 24 of California's 482 cities would qualify for direct funding under this standard, excluding cities like Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, and Santa Monica.

"Santa Monica isn't even 200,000 people; they're going to be left out on this. [Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica)] still voted in support of this bill, because of that indirect funding stream that we'll be able to have access to," said Owens.

In the Study Session, the Council included direct aid for all cities as a part of the city's legislative platform. The platform informs the city's advocates and lobbyists on how best to represent the city's interests in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

"There should be as much funding not just for us, but for all cities under 200,000," said Councilmember John Mirisch. ●



Nastec security guards at Beverly Gardens Park

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The city first contracted with two private armed security companies, Covered 6 and Nastec International, Inc., in anticipation of unrest around the Nov. 3 general election. While Beverly Hills remained mostly undisturbed during the election and protracted vote tally, the weekly Freedom Rally has continued to marshal on Santa Monica Boulevard each Saturday with occasional appearances from counter-protesters.

The initial contracts with Covered 6 and Nastec ran the city about \$1.4 million. Soon, residents began taking note of the myriad SUVs with flashing white lights patrolling the city and idling in alleyways. As the protests continued, the Council extended the contracts on Dec. 22 through Jan. 31. The extension came at no cost in the case of Nastec, but cost \$365,000 for Covered 6.

The city issued a second amendment to the contracts at the end of January to give the city time to consider another extension, which the Council agreed on in the Feb. 3 Regular Meeting. The total cost for the third contracts amendments is more than \$880,000, bringing the total sum of private security expenses since election week to over \$2.6 million.

Protests in the city have declined over recent months, with the Freedom rally shrinking from its pre-election peak of 4,500 to roughly 15 on Jan. 31. Nonetheless, the country remains in a state of alert following the incursion at the nation's Capitol on Jan. 6. Many Freedom Rally attendees took part in the events of the day, with three Beverly Hills residents facing federal charges and more arrests likely in the coming weeks. As the staff report notes, the Acting Secretary

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The Committee recommended that the Council authorize Mayor Lester Friedman to sign a letter to Cal Cities criticizing their recent actions, or lack thereof.

"I think sending this letter is consistent with our prior discussion about being part of a greater group who's advocating for the positions that we favor," said Wunderlich.

"[I am] disappointed by the fact that [Cal Cities has] taken such weak positions on critical matters of local democracy and community self-determination," said Mirisch.

"They need to do a better job of doing

what they exist for, which is to protect local democracy under the understanding that decisions are made better at home than in Sacramento, especially in these critical times when cities are under attack."

The Council accepted the recommendation of the Committee to send the letter, but Councilmember Bosse noted the limitations of a letter, however strongly worded. "Sometimes a letter is just the letter and doesn't create change," she said.

"I'm not advocating to leave the league, but I think that should not be off the table at all," said Mayor Friedman. ●

of Homeland Security issued an unprecedented bulletin about threats from domestic extremists on Jan. 27. No other bulletin on record has warned about domestic threats.

"Information suggests that some ideologically-motivated violent extremists with objections to the exercise of governmental authority and the presidential transition, as well as other perceived grievances fueled by false narratives, could continue to mobilize to incite or commit violence," the bulletin reads.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) specified that the bulletin does not refer to a specific danger, but to a heightened possibility of violence following the inauguration of President Joe Biden.

On a less menacing note, the Council heard updates from the Human Relations Commission on the upcoming Kindness Week, which will take place from Feb. 14

to Feb. 19. Taking into account the on-going pandemic and the limitations it places on events, this year's Kindness Week will involve plenty of virtual activities. The marquee event takes place on Feb. 16 at 6 p.m., when author and television host Leon Logothetis will sit for a virtual talk and Q&A.

"For over a decade Mr. Logothetis has traveled the globe to over 100 countries to highlight the good and humanity as seen in the Netflix series, The Kindness Diaries," said Human Relations Commission Chair Ori Blumenfeld.

The significance of the start date did not go unnoticed by the Commission. As an acknowledgement of both Valentine's Day and Kindness Week, the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club will sponsor 200 roses for isolated seniors who participate in the city's meal delivery program. ●



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Birthdays



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February 8



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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you accidentally turn right when you meant to turn left, then do it twice more. Suddenly, you'll be headed in the intended direction. Bonus: You know more scenery than you otherwise would have.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One of the biggest things you miss about being in large groups is the unpredictable sights and encounters that happen when a cross-section of people gather. You'll get a version of that today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are more important to the action than you think. Your contribution may not seem quantifiable, but it's definitely real. There will be a different outcome because you were there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's not like you were planning on losing it over a wonderful development, but whatever "it" is, say goodbye! Don't worry, all reason will be restored in time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Socrates delivered words pertinent to your day when he said: "True knowledge

exists in knowing that you know nothing. And in knowing that you know nothing, that makes you the smartest of all."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The first step in accepting responsibility is to recognize there is one. You're usually the first to do it. Today, you'll pick up the ball that you didn't even drop. Don't hold it. Pitch it right back into the game.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do not assume that people are acting out because of what they know or feel to be true. Behaviors unfold for various reasons -- including and especially group identity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You aspire to understand how a thing works, but you'll always have a special appreciation for the fun that comes out of these early moments of learning in which you have no idea what you're doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's not so hard for you to think of today's interesting bit of trouble in a variety of ways. It's like you're scrubbing a toolbar of photo filters to find the one that gives the most appealing look to the thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What do child stars and baby brothers and prodigies from all walks of

life have in common with you today? You all know how embarrassing it can be to grow up in front of people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is a game, and you're a player. Today, it will require you to accept and abide by rules that are very different from those existing outside the confines of the game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's an implied statute of limitations on a lot of the bad things that happen to people. Compassionate supporters like you are willing to listen right up to the point in which

it's healthier to offer a tougher version of love.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 5). Your genius is in realizing what's worth working on. Subtle tweaks of thought, tone and behavior will add up to blessings of magnitude. You will master a skill and be impressed how much this actually changes your circumstances. Good news in the family realm kicks off a series of celebrations and purchases. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 28, 1, 19 and 40.



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2/3/2021, 300 Block of N
LA PEER DR

THEFT - PETTY

1/30/2021, 9400 Block of
OLYMPIC BLVD

**BURGLARY - FROM A
MOTOR VEHICLE**

1/28/2021, 300 Block of S

RODEO DR

1/30/2021, 300 Block of S
CAMDEN DR

2/1/2021, 400 Block of
TROUSDALE PL

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

1/29/2021, 100 Block of S
HAMEL DR

VANDALISM

2/1/2021, 9400 Block of
BRIGHTON WAY

1/30/2021, 200 Block of S
REXFORD DR

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1/29/2021, OLYMPIC BLVD
/ REEVES DR

THEFT - GRAND

1/30/2021, 300 Block of S

SWALL DR

2/2/2021, 9600 Block of
WILSHIRE BLVD

2/2/2021, 8800 Block of
WILSHIRE BLVD

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Jim Hilger, of Amarillo, Texas, is a retired computer analyst and educator. Besides making crosswords, he enjoys collecting 45 r.p.m. records (he has more than 10,000 of them), cartooning and watercolor painting. "Most of my paintings end up looking like cartoons, however," he says. The starting point of this puzzle was 38-Across. Jim apologizes in advance to the maker of every product he has "misplaced" herein. — W.S.

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ORDINANCE NO. 21-O-2833

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING SECTION 10-2-303 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ADJUSTING LOT LINES THAT ARE BETWEEN JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF.

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

WHEREAS, Section 10-2-805 of the City of Beverly Hills Municipal Code provides for the approval of a lot line adjustment if the adjustment will not deny access to any parcel, will not result in a conflict with any public or private easement, and when the proposed lot configurations meet all standards of the zoning, subdivision, and building ordinance provisions, except that existing, legally non-conforming lots need not meet all standards of the zoning, subdivision, and building ordinance provisions, provided that the adjustment will result in either a decrease or no change in the degree of any existing nonconformity, and will not create a new nonconformity;

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 66412(d) requires the City to approve a lot line adjustment between four or fewer existing adjoining parcels where the land taken from one parcel is added to an adjoining parcel and where a greater number of parcels than originally existed is not thereby created, provided that the resulting parcels conform to the City's General Plan, any applicable specific plan, any applicable coastal plan, and the City's zoning and building ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City has received an application to adjust a lot line that is coterminous with the City boundary, which if approved, would result in a parcel located both within the City and another city; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of similarly situated properties that are split by a property line that overlays the City boundary; and

WHEREAS, when a parcel is located both within the City and another city, then a portion of the parcel is subject to the City's regulations and development standards, and a portion of the parcel is subject to the regulations and development standards of that other city; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have authority over the development of land within the jurisdiction of another city; and

WHEREAS, a lot line adjustment that results in a lot with a split jurisdiction will not conform to the City's General Plan or the City's zoning and building ordinance because the City's General Plan and zoning and building ordinance will not apply to that portion of the lot which is in the other jurisdiction. This will negatively impact the public health, safety, and welfare because buildings can be built with Beverly Hills access, utilities, and other services that do not comply with Beverly Hills codes, and buildings can be built under another city's zoning regulations without appropriate setbacks; and

WHEREAS, the City Municipal Code does not currently address the adjustment of a lot line that is coterminous with the City boundary resulting in a parcel or parcels located both with the City and another city; and

WHEREAS, the City will study the potential impacts to the public health, safety, and welfare resulting from a parcel under split jurisdiction and develop appropriate regulations regarding if and under what circumstances adjusting a lot line that is coterminous with the City boundary may be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that if the City does not adopt this Urgency Ordinance, then under existing City regulations, lot lines that are coterminous with the City boundary may be adjusted to create parcels located within the City and another city, and therefore, would create a current threat to the public safety, health and welfare.

Section 1. Authority.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, the City Council may adopt, as an urgency measure, an interim ordinance to protect the public safety, health, and welfare to prohibit uses that may be in conflict with a zoning proposal that the legislative body, planning commission or the planning department is considering or studying or intends to study within a reasonable time.

Section 2. CEQA Findings.

This Ordinance and the Amendment were assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. The City Council finds that adoption of the Amendment is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15305 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because the average slope of the City is less than 20 percent and the Amendment represents a minor alteration in land use limitations and does not result in any changes in land use or density. In addition, the City Council finds that the adoption of the Amendment will not have a significant environmental impact and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, which states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. This exemption is applicable because the Amendment would not result in physical changes to the subject properties other than the adjustment of lot lines, and no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment exists.

Section 3. The City Council hereby amends Section 10-2-303 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to add a new paragraph E and re-lettering existing paragraph E to read as follows, with all other provisions in Section 10-2-303 remaining in effect without amendment:

"E. City Boundary: A lot line shall not be adjusted which would either create or expand a lot that crosses the City boundary.

F. Variances: Whenever the size of the parcel of land to be subdivided, its street and alley frontage, its contour, and its location with reference to surrounding property, are such that the requirements of this section work undue and unusual hardship, and a different size and arrangement would not result in undue detriment to surrounding property or the residents thereof, the planning commission may, in its discretion, approve a different size and arrangement of the lots in the proposed subdivision."

Section 4. 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 full force and effect.

Section 5. Approval and Extension of Ordinance

This Ordinance, being an Interim 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 continue in effect for a period of not longer than forty-five (45) days. After notice pursuant to Section 65090 of the California Government Code and public hearing, the City Council may extend the effectiveness of this Interim Ordinance as provided in Government Code Section 65858.

Section 6. Publication.

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and

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his certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Adopted: January 26, 2021

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

VOTE:
AYES: Councilmember Gold, Councilmember Bosse, Councilmember Mirisch, Vice Mayor Wunderlich, and Mayor Friedman
NOES: None
CARRIED _____

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020008241

The following is/are doing business as:
1) **HOT ROX BY ILENE** 2) **SWEET LAURA**
3) **DAUGHTER OF PEARL** 4) **I.C. JEWELRY**
5) **RENEE ILENE**
4629 Fulton Ave. #203, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423;
Ilene Cohen 4629 Fulton Ave. #203, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 1996: **Ilene Cohen, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 12, 2021; Published: January 22, 29, February 05, 12, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020008243

The following is/are doing business as:
1) **CLAMDIGGIN** 2) **CLAM DIGGIN**
3) **CLAMDIGGING** 525 Westbourne Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90048; **Alexandra Fisher** 525 Westbourne Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90048; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed December 2020: **Alexandra Fisher, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 12, 2021; Published: January 22, 29, February 05, 12, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020008245

The following is/are doing business as:
BARNES INTERNATIONAL REALTY
9465 Wilshire Blvd. #300, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; **DG Luxury International Properties CA** 9465 Wilshire Blvd. #300, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed February 2016: **Daniel Azouri, President:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 12, 2021; Published: January 22, 29, February 05, 12, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020008247

The following is/are doing business as:
1) **SPIRITUAL REBEL** 2) **REBEL WITH A CAUSE**
3) **SPIRITUAL REBEL LA** 9461 Charleville Blvd. #216, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; **Trisha Paschke** 9461 Charleville Blvd. #216, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed April 2016: **Trisha Paschke, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 12, 2021; Published: January 22, 29, February 05, 12, 2021 **LACC N/C**

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
for the
DRILLING OF NESTED MONITORING WELL
AT 2323 SOUTH LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD
Within the City of **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

BIDS – The City of Beverly Hills, CA invites electronic bids for the **DRILLING OF NESTED MONITORING WELL AT 2323 SOUTH LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD (RFB-21-350-2)** within the City of Los Angeles, California. The City will receive such bids electronically via PlanetBids up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., on **Thursday, February 25, 2021.** Bid results will be sent to all respective bidders via PlanetBids.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING – A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2021 at 11:00 am online via Google Meet. The meeting information is as follows:

Topic: Drilling of Nested Monitoring Well at 2323 S. La Cienega Blvd.
Time: February 16, 2021 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/hkr-ckkh-ckk>

SCOPE OF THE WORK - The contract work to be performed under these specifications shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements and supplies necessary for or appurtenant to DRILLING OF NESTED MONITORING WELL at 2323 S. La Cienega Blvd. within the City of Los Angeles, California in accordance with the Project Specifications

In general terms, the contract work for this project shall consist of the following items of work:

ITEM NO.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES	DESCRIPTION
1	1 LS	Mobilization/Demobilization
2	300 LF	Noise Attenuation / Suppression
3	1 LS	Fluid Storage and Disposal
4	1 LS	OPTIONAL: Fluid Treatment, Discharge, & NPDES Compliance
5	1 LS	Surface Conductor Casing
6	75 LF	Pilot Hole Drilling - Phase 1
7	1 LS	Downhole Geophysical Surveying
8	75 LF	Deep Conductor Ream
9	152 LF	Deep Conductor Casing
10	1 LS	Alignment Survey of Deep Conductor Casing
11	350 LF	Pilot Hole Drilling - Phase 2
12	3 EA	Isolated Aquifer Zone Testing
13	350 LF	Pilot Borehole Ream
14	2 EA	Caliper Surveys
15	2 EA	Magnetic Deviation Surveys
16	1 LS	Borehole Bottom Seal
17	1,095 LF	Well Casings
18	225 LF	Gravel Pack
19	120 LF	Bentonite Seals
20	149 LF	Annular Grout Seal
21	3 EA	Casing Alignment Survey
22	24 HRS	Standby Time
23	32 HRS	Mechanical Well Development
24	1 LS	Chemical Well Development
25	24 HRS	Pumping Development
26	3 EA	Low Flow Groundwater Sampling
27	3 EA	Video Surveys
28	500 LF	Abandonment & Destruction

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form may be inspected and downloaded from the City's webpage (<http://www.beverlyhills.org/tags/bids/>). Then click on the link "**Click Here for Public Works Department Solicitations**".

CITY CONTACT – General questions or requests for site visits can be directed to the project manager, Tristan D. Malabanan, P.E. at tmalabanan@beverlyhills.org.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE - The preliminary opinion of probable cost of construction of this Work has been prepared and the said estimate is \$915,000.

NOTICE— Fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14400, et seq., Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020021587

The following is/are doing business as:
1) **W/C : M/C INK** 2) **WOLF & CROWN MEDIA COLLECTIVE**
1643 S. Carmelina Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90025; **Matthew S. Burkes** 1643 S. Carmelina Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed March 2016: **Matthew S. Burkes, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 27, 2021; Published: February 05, 12, 19, 26, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020021591

The following is/are doing business as:
1) **ASHER COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE** 2) **ASHER COMMERCIAL**
221 S. Doheny Dr. #108, Beverly Hills, CA 90211; **Jerry Asher** 221 S. Doheny Dr. #108, Beverly Hills, CA 90211; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 2010: **Jerry Asher, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 27, 2021; Published: February 05, 12, 19, 26, 2021 **LACC N/C**

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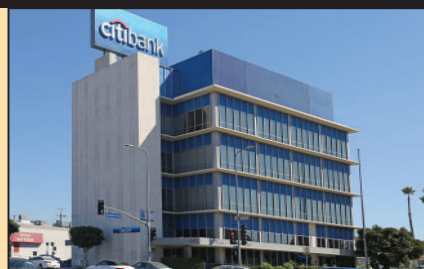
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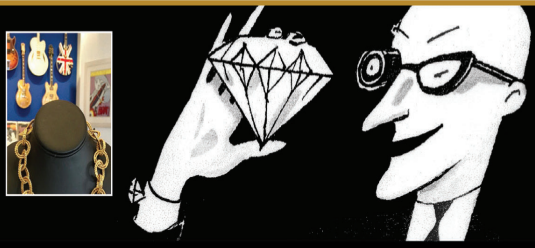
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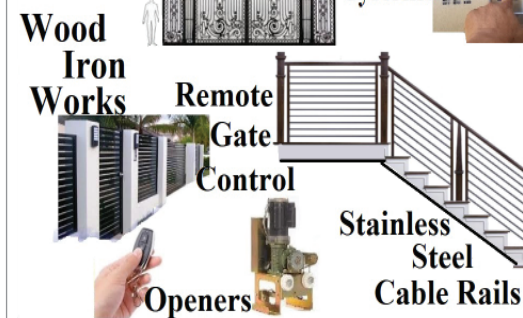
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