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☁️ Saturday	65°   48°
☁️ Sunday	64°   49°
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## BHUSD Board Installs New Officers



Photo courtesy BHUSD

The BHUSD School Board and BHUSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy at the Dec. 17 Organizational Meeting

BY SELINA KAUSAR

The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) held a special Organizational Board of Education Meeting and Installation of the 2024-2025 officers on Dec. 17. Two new board members, Sigalie Sabag and Russell Stuart,

joined the BHUSD board amidst poignant moments of reflection, gratitude and celebration at the highly attended event. The board also discussed various committee assignments and roles, including liaison positions for city relations and health and safety.

See BHUSD, page 13

## Beverly Hills Recreation and Parks Commission Discusses E-Bike Safety

BY SELINA KAUSAR

The Beverly Hills Recreation and Parks Commission meeting on Dec. 16 marked the commission's final meeting of the year. Members discussed several key topics, such as the increased use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) in the city and the success of recent community events like Yappy Hour and Holidays at Greystone. The commission also discussed updates on the Arnaz Mini Park playground renovation and plans for the pickleball courts. Upcoming events and leadership transitions were highlighted, with Chair Amie Sherry's dedication to the commission celebrated.

Lieutenant Renato Moreno from the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) presented the commission with information on the increased use of electric bicycles in the city. Under the California Vehicle Code, e-bikes must have pedals and a motor below

See E-BIKE SAFETY, page 10

## Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism Focuses On Strategy

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

On Dec. 11-13, mayors from around the country along with international delegates met in Beverly Hills to discuss strategies to combat antisemitism in their cities and towns.

Organized by the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) and the city of Beverly Hills, the 2024 Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism was attended by over 200 people. Among the participants and speakers were Beverly Hills Mayor Lester Friedman, Vice Mayor Sharona Nazarian, Councilmembers John Mirisch, Craig Corman and Mary Wells and Beverly Hills Chief of Police Mark Stainbrook.

The event, held at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel and the Wallis Annenberg Center for Performing Arts, encouraged mayors



Photo by Jessica Ogilvie

Mayor Lester Friedman and Sunny Isles Mayor Larisa Svechin at the summit

to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of antisemitism to create clear parameters for defining and adjudicating hate crimes.

That definition states, "Antisemitism is See ANTISEMITISM SUMMIT, page 10

## Defendant Sentenced in Jewelry Store Robbery

BY SEAN BECKNER-CARMITCHEL

After pleading guilty for his participation in the 2022 smash-and-grab robbery of Luxury Jewels of Beverly Hills, Jimmy Lee Vernon III was sentenced to 80 months in federal prison last week and must also pay \$2,674,600 in restitution fees.

In a statement, United States Attorney Martin Estrada said, "This defendant took part in a blatant assault on a store operating in daylight hours, believing he could rob and intimidate others with impunity. Now, he will serve a lengthy sentence in federal

See SENTENCING, page 13



# Courier Calendar

**NOW - DEC. 24**

**SKYLIGHT ROW DTLA:**

**LOS ANGELES CHRISTMAS MARKET  
WED.-SUN. 4-10 P.M.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE 12-5 P.M.**

Skylight ROW DTLA presents the first-ever Los Angeles Christmas Market. Guests can be transported to the bustling Christmas markets of Germany, complete with string lights, freshly baked treats, festive activities, and holiday music. Attendees may explore dozens of open-air booths featuring seasonal favorites like soft pretzels, hot chocolate, crispy schnitzel, and displays of handicrafts made by local artisans. Weekday admission is \$20 and weekend admission is \$27. ROW DTLA is located at 777 S. Alameda St., Los Angeles. [christmasmarketla.com](http://christmasmarketla.com)

**NOW - DEC. 24**

**LAS POSADAS AT OLVERA STREET  
6:30 P.M.**

Las Posadas has been a part of Olvera Street since its founding in 1930. Reenacting the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem with traditional songs, colorful costumes, and vibrant music brings one of the oldest Christmas stories to life. While the event is rooted in Christian and Catholic traditions, all are welcome to participate. Each night the crowd gathers as the pastores, or shepherds, are led by the angel to ask for shelter at one of the shops on Olvera Street. Initially turned away, Mary and Joseph are finally given shelter and songs of celebration can be heard up and down Olvera Street. The procession starts and ends at the Avila Adobe, the oldest house in Los Angeles. At the end, each visitor is given a cup of hot champurrado and a piece of delicious pan dulce, or sweet bread. This is a nine night festival, ending on Christmas Eve with a live Mary and Joseph, honoring the birth of Jesus. Events

of the evening include a children's piñata at 6:30 p.m., the procession of Mary and Joseph at 7:15 p.m. and the Rondalla del Sol from 6:30-8 p.m. [olveraevents.com](http://olveraevents.com)

**NOW - DEC. 26**

**WESTFIELD CENTURY CITY:  
"THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE"**

Guests of Westfield Century City can step into a world of wonder at the Holiday Village, where the magic of the season comes to life. Visitors may stroll through a winter wonderland of festive shops at The Market, sip cheer at Blitzen's Bar, enjoy live performances under enchanting snowfall, meet Mr. & Mrs. Claus and create memories that will sparkle for years to come. The market features vendors such as Barquita, Cookie Dough Dreams, Gone Bananas Bread, Good Quality Human, Leffiro, New York Puzzle Company, North Pole Wrapping, PURETOY, ROYCE, SuperMouth, Ua Body Hawai'i and Warmies. Westfield Century City is located at 10250 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. [westfield.com/united-states/centurycity](http://westfield.com/united-states/centurycity)

**NOW - JAN. 5, 2025**

**HAUSER & WIRTH:**

**"FIRELEI BÁEZ: THE FACT THAT  
IT AMAZES ME DOES NOT MEAN I  
RELINQUISH IT"**

**TUES.-SUN. 11 A.M.-6 P.M.**

New York-based artist Firelei Báez has achieved wide acclaim over the past decade for her rigorous paintings, drawings and immersive installations that explore the influences of the Afro-Caribbean diaspora. Conjuring forgotten narratives, Báez carefully fills history's lacunae with joyful rebellion. In her first exhibition with Hauser & Wirth since joining the gallery in 2023, Báez presents new large-scale canvases, drawings and

her first-ever bronze sculpture at the gallery's Downtown Arts District center in Los Angeles. Complex and layered, Báez's work depicts fantastical hybrid figures and reimagined worlds. Employing beauty to reprocess the enduring effects of violence and trauma, Báez challenges traditional representations of history, nationality, gender and race. United by common cause, the paintings incorporate a wide range of subjects including art history, science fiction, anthropology, pop culture, folklore and fantasy. Hauser & Wirth is located at 901 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles. Admission is free. [hauserwirth.com](http://hauserwirth.com)

**NOW - JAN. 5, 2025**

**"L.A. ZOO LIGHTS: ANIMALS AGLOW"  
6-10 P.M.**

The L.A. Zoo presents "Animals Aglow" for the holiday season. Guests can explore an immersive landscape with dazzling new lantern sculptures of larger-than-life animals and holiday wonders, for a nature-focused seasonal celebration that's as inspiring as it is breathtaking. This year's experience features all-new sights and delights and the return of Santa himself. (Santa photos available for an additional fee.) Sensory-friendly, pride night and holiday pajama event evenings are available. Ticket prices vary based on date. The LA Zoo is located at 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles. [lazoo.org](http://lazoo.org)

**NOW - JAN. 6, 2025**

**HOLIDAYS AT UNIVERSAL  
STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD  
9 A.M.-10 P.M.**

Holidays at Universal Studios Hollywood features numerous seasonal attractions for the Holiday Season. Attractions include Grinchmas, Christmas in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, holiday

photo opportunities, and a decorated Universal City Walk. Tickets start at \$109 for one day. Universal Studios is located at 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City. [discoveruniversal.com](http://discoveruniversal.com)

**NOW - JAN. 10, 2025**

**L.A. KINGS HOLIDAY ICE  
4 P.M.-12 A.M.**

The annual LA Kings Holiday Ice brings outdoor ice skating to L.A. LIVE on Peacock Place right out front of Crypto.com Arena. Guests can skate their way into the holiday season and enjoy the rink while it is here for a limited time. Besides skating, patrons of the ice rink can receive a discount when dining at surrounding restaurants such as Lazy Dog, Savoca or Sendero. Tickets are \$25 for admission and include skate rental. L.A. Live is located at 800 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles. [lakingsholidayice.com](http://lakingsholidayice.com)

**DEC. 21**

**THEATRE 40: "CHRISTMAS SHOW"  
3 P.M.**

On Dec. 21, Theatre 40 will be presenting its Holiday Show at the Westwood branch of the Los Angeles Public Library. It is located at 1246 Glendon Ave., Los Angeles, near the corner of Wilshire and Westwood Boulevard. Theatre 40 actors Kevin Dulude, Daniel Leslie, Melanie MacQueen and LeeAnne Rowe will be reading humorous and heartwarming tales of the season. Among the authors represented are Joan Didion, Lemony Snickett, Kenneth Grahame and Laurie Lee. Admission is free and cookies will be served. This is a non-ticketed event and no reservations are necessary. [theatre40.org](http://theatre40.org)

**DEC. 24**

**THE MUSIC CENTER:**

**"L.A. COUNTY HOLIDAY  
CELEBRATION"  
3-6 P.M.**

The 65th annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration offers Angelenos of all ages the opportunity to honor the dynamic, rich cultures of the county and experience the spectacular show like never before. Viewers can enjoy a diverse lineup of 28 L.A.-based artists, including many past favorites and some exciting new talent, presented with a fresh look and feel to welcome a new generation of audiences. With performances by choral groups, dance troupes, music ensembles and new artistic genres this year, such as a circus act and a marionette performance, the Holiday Celebration brings holiday cheer to all who attend and into the homes and hearts of all who tune in. See the L.A. County Holiday Celebration live at The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion or watch it on PBS SoCal/stream online at [pbssocal.org](http://pbssocal.org). Admission is free with a ticket reservation. The Music Center is located at 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles. [musiccenter.org](http://musiccenter.org)



Santa for Theatre 40's "Christmas Show" on Dec. 21

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## Lawsuit Filed Against Beverly Hills Fertility Doctor

BY ANA FIGUEROA

A lawsuit filed on Dec. 19 in the Los Angeles Superior Court alleges that Beverly Hills fertility specialist, Hal Danzer, M.D., impregnated a woman with a stranger's sperm rather than her husband's sperm without the couple's consent. The woman gave birth to twin girls but did not discover until this year that her husband had no biological relationship with them.

The twins are now in their late 30s.

Plaintiffs in the case are the unnamed couple, described in the complaint under the pseudonyms "John Doe" and "Jane Doe." They claim that for nearly 40 years, the family believed that the husband was the biological father of the twins, one of whom now has a child of her own.

The complaint states that as a young couple, the plaintiffs turned to Danzer, a well-known fertility specialist, to help them start a family. They underwent successful treatment in 1986. Unbeknownst

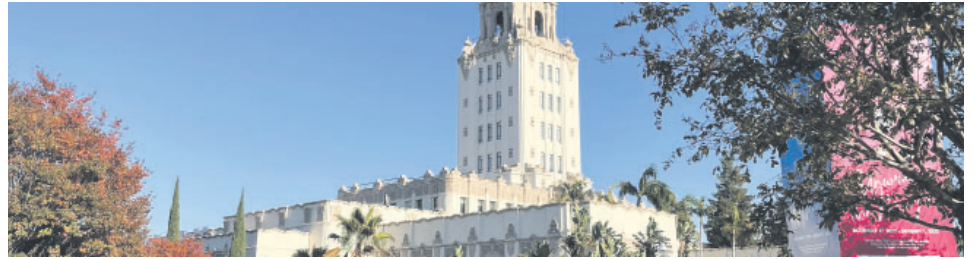
to them, the sperm used to conceive the twins belonged to a stranger named Dennis Goldman.

The twins made the discovery about their paternity after tests through Ancestry.com and 23andMe revealed no relation to their father. The suit alleges that the actual sperm donor, Goldman, produced several other biological children through Danzer and his now-shuttered fertility clinic, Los Angeles Fertility Institute. Moreover, the complaint states that Goldman suffered unspecified medical issues and died young, raising the specter of health concerns for the twins.

The complaint alleges causes of action for battery, fraud, infliction of emotional distress, professional malpractice and breach of contract. It states that Danzer co-founded and currently practices at the Southern California Reproductive Center in Beverly Hills.

This is a developing story, which the Courier will continue to follow. ●

## Recognition and Celebration at Health and Safety Commission Meeting



BY SELINA KAUSAR

The Dec. 16 Health and Safety Commission special meeting highlighted the contributions of former commissioners as well as year-end reflections on the achievements of 2024. The commission recognized significant accomplishments, including the emergency water supply initiative and various health and safety presentations. The meeting also featured reports from the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD), Beverly Hills Fire Department and Human Services, detailing crime statistics, emergency responses, and outreach efforts.

Former Planning Commissioner and Public Works Commissioner Jerrold Felsenthal's achievements were recognized at the start of the Dec 16 Special meeting, where he was presented with an official certificate of recognition. Felsenthal was celebrated by fellow commissioners as well as members of the public for his contributions to emergency preparedness and community resiliency. During his tenure on the Planning Commission, Felsenthal championed the development of new local water supplies and increased water storage. He created an integrated water resource master plan and supported the move forward by joining the Clean Power Alliance for Renewable Energy. A strong advocate of the Beverly Hills community, Felsenthal was involved in several projects that bettered the city. These projects include the reconstruction of North Santa Monica Boulevard, safe plugging of former Venoco oil wells at Beverly Hills High School, major water main replacements on Loma Vista Drive and water treatment plant rehabilitation and expansion.

Reports from priority agencies began with Rachelle Marcus, Board Vice President of the Beverly Hills Unified School District. Marcus informed the commission of various end-of-semester activities taking place at the BHUSD as well as an update on the move to Hawthorne Elementary School. "We are in talks with the city right now to go ahead and do an early childhood center on the south side, which will probably include more preschool and other special things, like 'mommy and me'... so it's really going to be a fantastic thing," Marcus said.

BHPD Lieutenant Andrew Myers reported on various crime statistics from November 2024, with total crime up by 32% from October. Myers reassured attendees that this statistic follows a historic low of recorded crimes in October 2024, and that the current rate is within the typical five-year average for November. Spreading some holiday goodwill, Myers also

shared details on the BHPD's monthly visits to Cedars-Sinai which has seen them connect with over 120 children over the last 17 months. These visits have included volunteers from the community relations unit, school resource officers, mental health evaluation team, patrol, detectives and dispatch, among other units. Moreover, for the past two years, BHPD has partnered with Cedars-Sinai to host a holiday Christmas party at Roxbury Park for discharge patients and their families.

The final priority agency to speak to the commission was the Beverly Hills Fire Department, represented by Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Poirier. Poirier discussed fire prevention efforts, emergency medical services and recent fire responses. He also highlighted the Beverly Hills Fire Department's proactive response to the recent fires in Malibu. "They asked for mutual aid resources, so Beverly Hills contributed an engine company and four of our personnel to that fire effort," Poirier said. "In addition to the things we do here in town, we do send resources out, and they do a fantastic job supporting our partners, who then support us in our times of need as well," he concluded.

Chair of the Beverly Hills Health and Safety Commission Erica Felsenthal reviewed the major accomplishments of the commission for 2024. A 12-page document of accomplishments included emergency water supply initiatives, social media safety awareness and various health and wellness projects, such as the second annual Beverly Hills Day of Wellness and monthly 'Moment of Mindfulness' presentations. "I'm proud of all of us ... it was a good year," Felsenthal said.

Felsenthal thanked the 2024 outgoing Vice chair Helena M. Rosenthal for her service over the year and remarked on the exciting things to come during Rosenthal's tenure as chairperson for the commission in 2025. "As outgoing chair, I'd like to express my gratitude for your support, guidance, elite volunteerism, leadership and camaraderie. Thank you. It's been fun," Felsenthal concluded.

A meeting of celebration and gratitude, the commission ended by expressing thanks for Cathy Baker's many contributions to the Health and Safety Commission. Baker, who served as chair in 2021, navigated the COVID-19 pandemic as well as focusing on smoking education, resiliency and promoting the benefits of physical resiliency during her time at the commission. Baker said, "It was not only a privilege to serve, but to serve among this particular group and this particular staff was an honor of a lifetime." ●

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# Jamie Foxx Involved in Incident at Mr. Chow



BY SEAN BECKNER-CARMITCHEL

A physical altercation involving actor/musician Jamie Foxx at Beverly Hills restaurant Mr. Chow has prompted a Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) investigation. The altercation reportedly happened at Foxx's birthday celebration, during which he was struck by a drinking glass thrown by someone seated at another table.

According to the BHPD, officers responded to a report of a possible assault with a deadly weapon at the restaurant around 10 p.m. on Dec. 13. Lieutenant Andrew Myers of the BHPD told the Courier, "During the initial investigation there was insufficient information

to establish an aggravated assault occurred. Later, investigators determined that during the altercation Foxx was struck with a drinking glass resulting in injury. The report was later upgraded to an aggravated assault."

Myers said that the department is interviewing witnesses and is "trying to determine who is involved, but we don't know who they work for."

The Oscar-winning Foxx turned 57 on Dec. 13. Foxx recently revealed that a stroke had led to his hospitalization in April 2023. "Someone from another table threw a glass that hit him in the mouth," a spokesperson for the actor said in a statement to The Los Angeles Times. "He had to get stitches and is recovering. The police were called, and the matter is now in law enforcement's hands."

The Courier spoke to one person who said they witnessed the event. The witness claims that the altercation was between Foxx's party and crew members of Dickhouse Productions, the production company best known for producing "Jackass" as well as its numerous spinoffs. As of press time, the production company has not responded to the Courier's attempts for comment. ●

# Planning Commission Approves Oakhurst Drive Project

BY MADELEINE BENN

At its Dec. 12 Regular Meeting, the Beverly Hills Planning Commission voted to approve the projects at 412 N. Oakhurst Dr. and 9737 Wilshire Blvd. The project at 412 N. Oakhurst had its Development Plan Review, Density Bonus Permit and R-4 Permit granted, while the property at 9737 Wilshire Blvd. was granted a Conditional Use Permit.

Commissioner Lou Milkowski recused himself from the Oakhurst Drive matter, as his residence is less than 500 feet from the premises. The plan for the property is to build a new eight-story, 52-unit multifamily residential building on a double-jurisdictional property located in both Beverly Hills and Los Angeles. Twelve units are in Beverly Hills, six of which are as a result of the Density Bonus. The R-4 Permit allows for an additional walkway. Two of the three affordable housing units would be set aside for very low-income households and one for a low-income household.

Associate Planner Minjee Hahm presented the project to the commission, providing analysis regarding everything

from the dual jurisdiction to the allotment of parking spaces per unit, with eighteen proposed for Beverly Hills-based units. The city of Los Angeles already approved their portion of the project, including finding the project to be exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations. Hahm emphasized that pursuant to state density bonus laws, cities are required to provide concessions for projects that qualify for a density bonus, including waivers. The property at 412 N. Oakhurst Dr. had two concessions, a reduction in minimum unit size and an additional walkway in the front, and four waivers, including deviations from code in building height and side setbacks. Hahm also noted the project qualifies for a Class 32 CEQA exemption as an in-fill development project.

Project Applicant Oakhurst Skyline LLC, as represented by Avi Stieglitz and architect Zoltan Pali, known for designing the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, spoke to the project's aesthetic appeal and the challenge of working on a dual jurisdiction project. Comments from current See PLANNING COMMISSION, page 15

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## The Courier Goes to Europe for the Holidays

The holiday season presents lots of opportunities for Courier readers to travel, and they are taking their preferred reading material along with them. Beverly Hills residents Jill and Mike Erman and George and Gail Baril recently brought their copy of the Courier along with them on a trip to Rome, Italy (left). And Courier columnist Eva Ritvo, M.D., and her daughter, Gigi, showed off their copy of Holiday STYLE as they continued their European adventure with a visit to the Senate Square Christmas Markets in Helsinki, Finland.





### 2025 GOLDEN GLOBES ROAD CLOSURES

January 3, 2025 - January 6, 2025  
Event Date: **January 5, 2025**

■ EVENT AREA
■ LOCAL ACCESS STREET
■ CLOSURE

**North Santa Monica Blvd.:**

- **Westbound Lanes:** Complete lane closures, from Wilshire Blvd. to Century Park East, from **9:00 p.m. on Friday, January 3, 2025, through 5:00 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025.**
- **Eastbound Lanes:** Complete lane closures, from Century Park East to Wilshire Blvd. from **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2025, through 5:00 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025.**

**Wilshire Blvd.:**

- **Eastbound/Westbound Lanes:** Lane reductions take place at **9:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2025.**
- **Eastbound/Westbound Lanes:** Complete lane closures, all of Wilshire Blvd. between Comstock Ave. and South Santa Monica Blvd. will be closed from **5:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 5, 2025, until 5:00 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025.**
- **Eastbound Lanes of Wilshire Blvd.:** Limited closure at Beverly Glen Blvd. with local access only to residents in the 10200 - 10300 blocks of Wilshire Blvd. beginning **9:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2025, until 5:00 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025.**

**Whittier Dr., Trenton Dr., Greenway Dr., Carmelita Ave., Elevado Ave. and Lomitas Ave.:**

- Select streets will have limited closures beginning at **5:00 a.m. Sunday, January 5, 2025, to 5 a.m. Monday, January 6, 2025.**

**For questions and concerns before the day of the event,** please call our askBH Customer Service line at (310) 285-1000 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday and the after-hours Golden Globes Hotline that will be active on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. at (310) 550-4680.

# LACMA



## A STARRY HOLIDAY

Create your own holiday story under the stars at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, where a new exhibition looks to the heavens for inspiration and insight. All galleries are open and filled with stellar moments—from a room filled with Picassos to 1,000 toy cars speeding through an imaginary city. Make LACMA your place to gather in wonder with friends and family.

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## ‘Once Upon a Mattress’—Dive In, Swim the Moat



Photo by Joan Marcus

Michael Urie, Sutton Foster and the cast of “Once Upon a Mattress”

BY NEELY SWANSON

Sing songs; chime bells; rock the rafters! “Once Upon a Mattress” has laid siege to the Ahmanson and you will be helpless to avoid its spell. A fractured fairy tale adaptation of “The Princess and the Pea,” this hilarious retelling has hummable tunes by Mary Rogers and exceedingly clever lyrics by Marshall Barer. This revival, direct from Broadway, also boasts a new adaptation of the original book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer with more contemporary references by Amy Sherman-Palladino (“Mrs. Maisel,” “Gilmore Girls”).

Have you ever wondered what Vaudeville was like at its height when Buster Keaton, Mae West, Fanny Brice, W.C. Fields, Burns and Allen and the Marx Brothers ruled the stage? “Once Upon a Mattress,” which started life as a fleshed-out sketch at an adult camp in the Poconos, will give you that shiver of recognition. Improvisation is the very skeleton of this show; it’s built into its DNA. It’s all controlled chaos and silly plot points. At any moment you expect a red nosed clown to appear, honk his horn and spray the audience with water from a squirt gun and you wouldn’t be far wrong.

The Jester opens the show singing “Many Moons Ago,” serving as a narrative to the history of this medieval kingdom prior to the current time in 1432. Little has changed. The kingdom is ruled by King Sextimus, muted by a curse, and his domineering wife Queen Aggravain, a fitting name if ever there was one. A bride must be found for their son Prince Dauntless, a misnomer because there

is nothing that doesn’t daunt him. Mommy will not allow him to marry anything but a true princess, as determined by the tests she administers. Think Final “Jeopardy” with a question that even Ken Jennings can’t answer. Dauntless, clueless to Mommy’s machinations, is frustrated to say the least. Making matters worse, no one in the kingdom is allowed to marry until he does, something that presents a problem to the lovely Lady Larken and her dimwitted but handsome beau Sir Harry. She’s pregnant and unless Harry can find a viable princess she is doomed to disgrace. Off he goes and when he returns, with said real princess, all hell breaks loose and the story takes off into the stratosphere. Unable to wait for the slower moving Harry (it’s not just his movements that are slow), the princess, Winnifred the Woebegone of the Marshlands Kingdom, has swum the moat, eager to meet her future betrothed. Looking much like the creature from the black lagoon, Aggravain is in shock. “She swam the moat?!”

Of course, it’s love at first sight between the eternally hamstrung Dauntless and the very take-charge, crude princess whose farts and burps and overall filth make them opposites destined to attract. She is the antithesis of his mother and that is already appeal enough. I’m sure I don’t have to tell you the rest of the fairy tale, but Aggravain and the Wizard will devise the perfect test that will reveal Winnifred, Fred to her friends, as a false princess, yet another to lose the derby.

The songs were written when Broadway tunes were hummable. I had to restrain myself from singing along because this has

always been one of my favorite musicals and I play the soundtrack from the original recording often. That original production was made famous because of a show-stopping performance in 1959 by a Broadway newcomer named Carol Burnett. Burnett set the standard and no replacement or, up until now, revival has fully succeeded because of comparisons to her performance, real or imagined. The show is dependent on a star with charisma, comedic chops, and a vocal range that plays on that very comedic timing. Luckily, this production has just such a star Winnifred in Sutton Foster whose arrival on the scene in muddy, stinky raggedy clothes and ratty hair, literally and figuratively, stops the show and turns the pleasant little tale on its ear. Watching this wild-eyed fish out of water take in her surroundings and the royals is jarring, made more so by her virtuosic scene of gorging on grapes, obviously an unknown commodity to the girl from the land of mud and filth, that reveals her comic bona fides. Unafraid to be disgusting, it’s like an orchestrated fart

joke that keeps on giving.

Sutton Foster, the multi-Tony award-winning musical actress, shows herself to be a rare combination of Mary Tyler Moore with her smile and lithe balletic leg extensions combined with the physical comedy that Lucille Ball made famous. Her comedic range is as breathtaking as her pratfalls. She’s the effortless front and center of every scene. Think Lucille Ball stomping those grapes or, even more aptly, stuffing those chocolates into her already full mouth. Who wouldn’t fall in love with her?

Well, maybe not Queen Aggravain, played by the hilariously evil Ana Gasteyer, whose Broadway and television credits are testaments to her believable over-the-top performance as the mother from hell.

Michael Urie, last seen at the Ahmanson in “Buyer and Cellar,” is perfect as the clueless Dauntless who is finally willing to risk the wrath of his domineering Mommy Dearest. Daniel Breaker, with his melodic tenor, is the Jester, the narrator who liltily sings the expositional narration while being the link to the various heroic characters. Oyoyo Joi is a perfect ingénue as Lady Larkin. Her song to her dullard of a lover, Sir Harry, entitled “In a Little While,” announcing their impending event is as clever and melodic an announcement as you will ever hear. It’s unimaginable that no one has seized on this song as part of the playlist for a gender reveal party. Her beloved, Sir Harry, is played by Ben Davis whose double takes, cluelessness and purity of heart goes hand in hand with his marvelous singing, pushing the comedy of this hilarious show even farther.

From the tight-fitting bodice of Aggravain to the snug little tights on Dauntless, to those dirty rags and slippers designed to make Fred’s feet look ginormous are by costume designer Andrea Hood, further enhanced by the inventive wig and makeup design of J. Jared Janas. The minimalist scenic design, necessary because the stage is shared with the orchestra, sequestered behind the so-called moat wall, adds to the improvisational feel that allows the viewer to fill in the details. Directed by Lear deBessonet and choreographed by Lorin Latarro, they keep things moving at a feverish pace.

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Mayor Friedman and members of the Beverly Hills City Council pose at Beverly Gardens Park with mayors who attended the summit.

#### ANTISEMITISM SUMMIT, from page 1

a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

Beverly Hills was the first city in the nation to formally adopt the definition on Jan. 28, 2020.

The effort to encourage the implementation of IHRA’s language was laid out in a presentation on the morning of Dec. 12. by Evan Bernstein, Vice President of Community Relations at the Jewish Federations of North America.

After sharing the details of two incidents of antisemitism to which he’d borne witness in the aftermath, including a 2019 shooting in and around a kosher market in Jersey City, N.J. that left six people dead, Bernstein addressed municipal leaders in the crowd directly.

“These are real people, real faces, real stories,” he said. “It’s not just numbers... and you can do something about it. What is the action item that we can give to you as leaders in your community? It is to absolutely get behind International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s working definition of antisemitism.”

Adding that the IHRA definition is not legally binding but rather intended to serve as a guide, Bernstein said the phrasing was intentionally designed to leave room for political discussion and the expression of opinions.

“It was carefully crafted to protect free speech and the articulation of legitimate criticism of Israeli governmental policies,” he said. “The goal is to provide clarity and cohesion in identifying antisemitic acts ... contributing to broader efforts to protect Jewish communities and promote tolerance and human rights.”

Later, on a panel that included Chief Stainbrook and Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman, officials discussed strategies that have worked to keep local Jewish communities safe.

Noting that Beverly Hills has a robust surveillance infrastructure in place to prevent criminal activity, Stainbrook said that one of

the most important elements in combatting antisemitism was also ongoing, proactive communication. This, he said, became even more important in the wake of the Oct. 7, 2023 attacks on Israel by Hamas, which has been designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S. State Department since 1997.

“Within Beverly Hills, we have outreach through our communication units to all the Jewish institutions in the city,” said Stainbrook. “So, when Oct. 7 happened, we were already doing outreach and making sure people who were very afraid knew what we were doing.”

Hochman noted the importance of proactive accountability and partnership. Individuals who would commit acts of antisemitism, he said, must know in advance that there will be repercussions.

“The people doing it have got to know where the line is,” said Hochman. “Exactly at what point will you start enforcing the laws? ... Silence doesn’t work. Silence isn’t proactive. So, accountability needs to be put out there very clearly as to where the lines are, and if you cross them, what the real consequences are.”

Hochman then discussed the significance of partnership between groups who are frequently targeted by hate crimes. In addition to an uptick in antisemitic acts in recent years, so too have crimes increased against the Black, Latino, Asian, Muslim, LGBTQ+ communities and more.

“Turns out, to fight antisemitism, you actually have to fight all different types of hate crimes,” said Hochman. “You want to make sure you establish those partnerships with all the other groups.”

As the day came to a close, Mayor Friedman joined Larisa Svechin, the mayor of Sunny Isles Beach, Fla., for a brief recap of their recent trip to Israel, which was sponsored by CAM. Beneath photos of Be’eri, a kibbutz targeted in the Oct. 7 Hamas attack, Friedman encouraged audience members not to be afraid to travel to the country.

“For the most part, the majority of us represented areas where there is support of Israel,” he said. “I think that was really important for [Israelis] to know. In fact, people that we would meet along the way would tell us that they are so glad that we are there to tell them what’s going on.” ●

#### E-BIKE SAFETY, from page 1

750 watts. Moreno described e-bikes as more akin to motorcycles than bicycles, citing the growing importance of parental education on how powerful some of the e-bikes they may buy their children really are. Some have the potential to reach speeds over 50 miles per hour. Officer Joel Givens, a 20-year veteran of the BHPD, is a subject matter expert in the traffic bureau who deals with stopping individuals committing traffic violations, often on electric bicycles and motorcycles. He presented the commission with a detailed presentation on the different classes of e-bikes, the applicable laws and regulations, and his enforcement experiences dealing with the unsafe operation of these vehicles.

“People see us pulling over a 10-year-old for not wearing a helmet. That kind of looks like we’re not being fair, and just taking the fun away from things, when in fact we’re just trying to keep them safe,” Givens said, reiterating the BHPD’s ultimate goal of protecting residents, especially children, from the potential dangers of e-bikes.

Givens confirmed that a safety program is in the works with the school district and community relations that will allow parents and children to learn more about proper e-bike safety before obtaining a permit to park bikes at school. California law stipulates all e-bikes must follow the same rules as conventional bicycles, including helmet usage for riders 17 and under and restrictions such as not riding on sidewalks.

On Dec. 18, the BHPD announced more details of this safety program in a press release. Titled the ‘E-vehicle Permit Program,’ this collaborative initiative between the BHPD and BHUSD will mean students and parents now need to sign an agreement form acknowledging the laws and rules of both the California Vehicle Code and BHUSD in order to park on campus.

Reflecting on the success of various events held over 2024, the commission heard details about the second Yappy Hour event held at the Beverly Hills Community Dog Park on Dec. 8. The event featured the return of Santa Paws, who was played by the Community Services Director Stephanie Harris. The Amanda Foundation brought eight dogs available for adoption to the event and took donations of used towels and linens. There were various photo op stations set up too, including a winter wonderland and a Hanukkah photo op. A resounding success that the community responded well to, the event resulted in eight new dog park registrations and over 50 photos were taken. Commissioners discussed the potential for future Yappy Hour events, such as a Valentine’s Day-themed event for single dog owners.

In addition to celebrating the successes of 2024, the meeting also featured updates on the commission’s plans for the year ahead. Recreation Supervisor Nicole Sims

provided a detailed overview on plans for Summer Camp 2025, which will run from June 2-July 25. Registration will open on March 26 for residents and April 2 for non-residents. New additions to the next summer camp include a theatre camp, an entrepreneurial, “Shark Tank” style camp and an introduction to pickleball. Teen camp offerings will be expanded too, to include a sports-focused camp alongside the traditional teen camp. Further suggestions were made by the commission for improvements to the teen camp, such as resume-building workshops, more field trips and an e-bike safety camp with a police officer to educate teenagers.

A pressing matter of discussion was the Arnaz Mini Park playground. The playground is a small, 450-square-foot area that was last renovated in 2008. The existing fire truck play equipment has reached the end of its usable life. Consequently, the city’s landscape architect presented the commission with a conceptual plan for the new playground redesign. It would feature a set of cubes that can be climbed on and between, providing interpretive play options as well as sensory components and perforated metal butterflies. Commissioners suggested the city explore additional play elements, climbing features, and ways to incorporate more interactive and tactile components. The estimated cost for the new playground is between \$150,000-\$260,000.

An update was also provided on the pickleball court project. The commission had previously recommended having 16 dedicated pickleball courts and maintaining 16 tennis courts at La Cienega Park, at a repainting cost of around \$10,000 per court. This recommendation is still in the process of being finalized and presented to the City Council liaisons. Sherry addressed resident concerns about potential noise issues, confirming that she is exploring the use of “ghost balls,” which are supposed to be a quieter pickleball option.

The Dec. 16 special commission meeting concluded with various words of gratitude for Sherry’s dedication and leadership over the past year. A public comment by Human Relations Commissioner Noelle Freeman read, “Amie exemplifies selflessness and leadership by example. We are truly fortunate to have you in a place of service, and we look forward to seeing the continued positive impact of your efforts.”

Sherry ended the meeting with a nod to her time serving as chair as well as what’s to come in 2025. “I’ve been lucky to serve on this commission for almost six years, and this has been my second round as chair, which has been so fulfilling. I will continue to be a participant in this community and do whatever I can for things that I feel are important. I know [Vice Chair] Deborah Termeie will take the reins beautifully, as well as [Commissioner] JR Dzubak,” Sherry said. ●

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## Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There's someone who loves you wholly and completely without limits or conditions. Can you see yourself the way this person sees you? Can you afford yourself as much grace and kindness? That's the challenge to take on.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If you stayed where you belong all of the time, your life would feel small indeed. New activities are inherently uncomfortable, but you don't mind it because an expanding comfort zone is the cost of success.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Unguarded communication bonds people, but so do restraint and good manners. Today you will strike the ideal balance, building trust with respectful interactions that also convey warmth and familiarity.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Correction can happen without punishment. This applies when you're teaching yourself, too. A supportive inner dialogue and allowing large margins for error will optimize the learning environment.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have to be perfect to be loved, and anyone who puts a lot of rules around what you must be to win their approval is structuring a transactional relationship. Such a relationship is valid, but ignore its limits at your own peril.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Emotional and physical bruises work in the same way -- tender until healed. It's common not to know an injury exists until something brushes against it. Today helps you realize what parts of you shouldn't be pressed right now.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Effective communication isn't just about self-expression. You make sure others understand you and feel understood by you. A conversation will serve the same purpose as a pop quiz, revealing what people know and expect about each other.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's fun to go places with people you enjoy, although you know the secret: Life is about the company. The venue and particulars matter little; good company will double your fun on any kind of excursion.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today you lack pretension, are averse to striving and wish only to share

the most genuine parts of you. Your values are right in line with what it takes to create meaningful, lasting friendships.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's an air of mystery to the goings on of the day and sometimes you're a part of the adventure, serving up an enigmatic puzzle for others to work out. Offering up very little information will add interesting insight into the assumptions of others.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today

offers a uniquely clear understanding of what it has taken for you to get this far in life. Yesterday is gone but not forgotten. Your history will be alive with new things to teach you as you view it from where you are now.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). To work best, you must focus, and to focus you must be free of distraction in both your inner and external environment. Finding quiet and peace in the world will help you find it within yourself.



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**BHUSD, from page 1**

Highlighting a strong partnership between the city of Beverly Hills and the district, the event was attended by several community leaders including Vice Mayor Sharona Nazarian, Councilmembers John Mirisch, Craig Corman and Mary Wells, Beverly Hills Chief of Police Mark Stainbrook and Deputy City Manager Keith Sterling.

Nazarian told the Courier, "It was an honor to swear in two strong, capable women who join a board that now includes four remarkable female leaders—a reflection of the growing trend of women stepping into leadership roles in our community. As this new board of five steps into its role, I want to acknowledge the incredible teachers, administrators and staff who form the backbone of our schools. Our community has entrusted them all with our most precious assets—their children—and I have every confidence in their ability to lead with purpose, compassion and strength as we work together to build a brighter and more united future for our district."

The event opened on a high note, with performances by the Beverly Hills High School Madrigal Singers led by their teacher Ethan Smith and a rendition of "God Bless America" by Joy Weiser. Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy remarked upon the district's achievements and the collaborative leadership of the outgoing and

incoming board members, before the board turned their attention to a resolution honoring current President Amanda Stern.

"It's been a real honor over the last four years," Stern said, "And it's an honor to continue to serve an incredible city and incredible District." Stern will remain an active member, having recently won a second term serving on the BHUSD board.

Heartfelt gratitude was also expressed to outgoing board member Noah Margo. Margo has an extensive history in the education sector, having served as a dedicated member of the BHUSD for 13 years, making him one of the longest-serving elected officials on the Board of Education. Margo was commended by board members for his leadership and contributions to the BHUSD throughout various initiatives. With a strong focus on student growth, Margo allocated funding to raise student achievement, supported the PSAT and SAT for all high school students, expanded access to AP courses and advocated for classroom-based solutions for student success, alongside many more initiatives. After a detailed resolution was read out, several board members and community members offered tributes and expressed their thanks for Margo's leadership, dedication and positive impact on the district and its students over the years.



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Burglars smashed and grabbed jewelry from Luxury Jewels of Beverly Hills.

**SENTENCING, from page 1**

Vernon faced a statutory maximum of 20 years in federal prison. Deshon Bell, a co-defendant, pleaded guilty in December 2023 to one count of Hobbs Act Robbery and is serving a federal prison sentence of one year and one day. Another co-defendant, Ladell Tharpe, pleaded guilty on Sept. 30 to one count of Hobbs Act robbery and will have a sentencing hearing on Jan. 6, 2025.

Vernon was charged along with two other adults and one minor. The indictment describes the group driving together in three different vehicles from Long Beach to Beverly Hills before the robbery. Vernon's cell phone fell out of his sweatpants pocket while he was committing the robbery and left it behind. According to an affidavit previously filed in this case, the phone was later recovered by law enforcement.

The group made off with approximately 19 bracelets, seven pairs of earrings, four necklaces, a pair of obelisks, eight rings and 20 watches, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

After the robbery, the group ran out of the store and left behind a vehicle which had been reported stolen in Long Beach four days before the robbery. According to court documents, one of Vernon's accomplices posted various pictures of large stacks of money and a message praising his "robbery gang," just two days after the robbery.

Peter Sedghi, the CEO of Luxury Jewels of Beverly Hills, described the events on the day of the robbery for the Courier. "I was sitting in my office, and we have special glass." He described loud sounds coming from the robbery, "sledgehammers hitting the glass, it sounded like gunshots. I hit the burglar alarm, I told my employees to hit the floor, and I grabbed my gun. One of my employees that sits up front told me, 'Pete, shoot them! Pete, shoot them!' They saw me with the gun and started running."

Both the FBI and the Beverly Hills Police Department investigated the robbery. Assistant United States Attorneys Kevin J. Butler of the Violent and Organized Crime Section and Kevin B. Reidy of the Major Frauds Section prosecuted the case.

Previously, a Beverly Hills Police Department spokesman told the Courier, "If you commit a crime in the city of Beverly Hills, we are going to exhaust all leads until we have you in custody and then we will make sure you answer up to charges either on the state or federal level." He then added, "Once we started working with our federal partners, the decision was made to seek federal charges. In the past we have had great results on the federal level."

For his part, Sedghi said that he wanted more time in jail for the robbers. "I think he should have gotten more time. A lot more, for what they did to us not just financially but mentally. He caused emotional damage to my employees."

The store is open now, but Sedghi says after the robbery they had to close for more than a month. "We had to shut down for a while, do inventory, fix broken glass, the windows. It was tough in the beginning." ●

Swearing in new board member Sabag, Nazarian said, "You're no stranger to this district. You've been a deeply invested parent, always prioritizing the success of our students and the wellbeing of our children. I know you're ready to lead with strength and tackle the challenges ahead with courage."

"I do not and will never take this role as trustee for granted. I am truly honored and thrilled to accept the opportunity to serve on the Beverly Hills Unified School District Governing Board. I'm immensely grateful for the trust and support of our Beverly Hills community," Sabag said.

Mirisch then administered the oath of office to Russell Stuart, who is assuming his new role while continuing to recover from injuries sustained in a carjacking incident last month during the Rodeo Drive holiday lighting celebrations. Stuart is looking forward to bringing private sector principles and efficiency to the school district, such that it can operate with the same level of responsibility, transparency and fiscal discipline that successful businesses do.

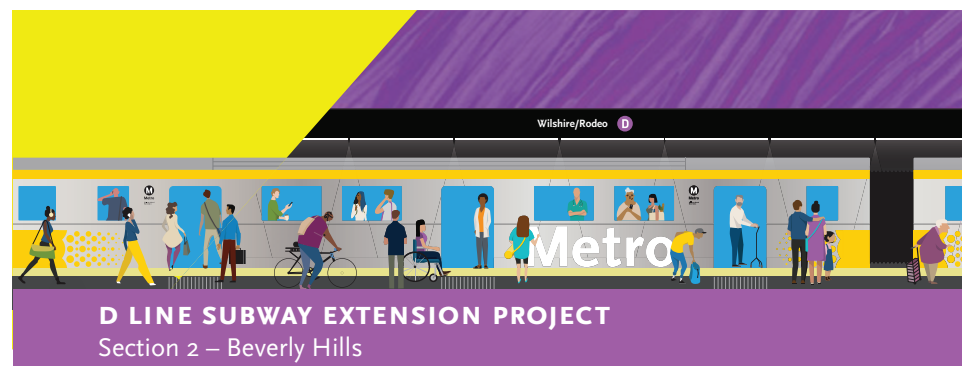
Stuart told the Courier, "[The ceremony] was incredibly humbling, and I'm filled with gratitude for the trust this community has placed in me. As I step into this role, I'm excited to collaborate with parents, teachers and my fellow board members to strengthen our schools. I'm committed to applying private-sector efficiency, accountability and innovation to ensure our children receive a world-class education. Together, we can build a future where every child feels safe, supported and ready to succeed."

After swearing in the new board members, the new board president, vice president and

clerk were elected and agreed upon. Rachele Marcus was nominated and elected unanimously as the new board president. Judy Manouchehri was nominated for the vice president role, and this nomination was seconded and approved unanimously by the board. Manouchehri's father-in-law, Parviz Manouchehri, administered the oath of office, officially installing Judy as the new board vice president. Finally, Stern was nominated and chosen as the new board clerk. The board also discussed and assigned various liaison roles, including City Liaison, Joint Powers Agreement, Health and Safety Commission, Human Relations, Recreation and Parks, District Finance Committee, Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, Wellness Committee and CTE Committee.

When opening the floor to public comments, several students spoke about their disappointment over the suspension of Beverly Hills High School teacher Romeo Carey, who oversaw the student media platform, KBEV. Carey was recently suspended after students published a video about a controversial incident that took place at the school. Parent and graduate of BHHS, Robbie Curtis, told attendees that, "Outrage is brewing not just in the hallways of the high school, but throughout the greater Beverly Hills Community," about Carey's suspension.

Describing Carey as "perhaps the most admired, impactful, popular and beloved teacher at BHHS," Curtis urged the board to conclude their investigation into the incident and imminently reinstate Carey as a teacher in the classroom. ●



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**THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**  
12/20/24 ISSUE

**JUST FOR FUN**  
BY JOHN KUGELMAN / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

John Kugelman, of Gainesville, Va., is a software engineer and musician. Besides making puzzles, John likes to spend his time off rock climbing and attending weekly trivia competitions with his father, sister and niece. Despite what you might think, he laments that "being good at crosswords means jack squat on trivia night." Still, he's holding out hope: "One of these weeks they'll have a Yoko Ono-Brian Eno round and we'll show them all!"

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Candy that resembles a tube of lipstick</p> <p>8 Italian title for Puccini's "Butterfly"</p> <p>14 Over the line</p> <p>20 "Nothing weird about that"</p> <p>21 Figure of speech?</p> <p>22 Tarot card group</p> <p>23 "What a beautiful tackle box!" "Nice casting!" and such?</p> <p>26 Youngest-ever World Cup winner</p> <p>27 Desire</p> <p>28 Hold 'em declaration</p> <p>29 "I'll handle that"</p> <p>30 Actor Steve of "The White Lotus"</p> <p>32 Month, in Monterey</p> <p>33 Snail-paced</p> <p>34 Group formed from the 2023 W.W.E.-U.F.C. merger</p> <p>35 Lasso?</p> <p>41 Daytime TV staple</p> <p>42 Firebirds and Fieros</p> <p>43 ___ de toilette</p> <p>44 Canonized king of Norway</p> <p>46 Dump</p> <p>47 Utmost degree</p> <p>48 Fleece</p> <p>50 Ryan with 12 Olympic swimming medals</p> <p>53 Leaning forward and holding the reins?</p> | <p>57 Certain erogenous zone, familiarly</p> <p>60 Ambulance destinations, for short</p> <p>61 Focus of a House committee</p> <p>62 Liable (to)</p> <p>63 Dutch astronomer for whom an ice cloud is named</p> <p>64 Singer Del Rey</p> <p>66 Country between Ghana and Benin</p> <p>67 Family ___</p> <p>68 A in French class?</p> <p>69 Commenced</p> <p>71 Branded item at a bank, maybe</p> <p>72 Instrument heard on the Rolling Stones' "Paint It Black"</p> <p>73 Accidentally using salt instead of sugar, say?</p> <p>78 Fills in for</p> <p>79 Great Lakes people</p> <p>80 Cuisine with sticky rice</p> <p>81 Mascot of the Baltimore Ravens</p> <p>84 One-up, militarily</p> <p>87 ___ vez (once, in Spanish)</p> <p>88 Toy-centered theme park</p> <p>90 Tusked Warcraft race</p> <p>92 Marathon fee or campaign donation?</p> <p>95 Agcy. that determined fluoride prevents tooth decay</p> <p>96 Cousins of magpies</p> <p>97 Cause of a big bang</p> | <p>98 It's bigger than a butte</p> <p>99 Saxophonist Getz</p> <p>101 Cowpoke's compadre</p> <p>102 Slacked, say</p> <p>104 Wharton major, in brief</p> <p>106 Not being allowed to lick the spatula clean?</p> <p>112 Bested a birdie</p> <p>113 Salt, say</p> <p>114 Join in</p> <p>115 Completes, as a circuit</p> <p>116 ___ Biggums, memorable character on "Chappelle's Show"</p> <p>117 "The other thing is ..."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 ___-Man</p> <p>2 Troop grp.</p> <p>3 One of over 100 for Haydn</p> <p>4 "Fingers crossed that you're wrong"</p> <p>5 Sway</p> <p>6 Pooch in the funnies</p> <p>7 When doubled, something seen atop a pyramid?</p> <p>8 Philosophical believer in essential unity</p> <p>9 Kennedy Center focus</p> <p>10 Skedaddle</p> <p>11 Anti-trafficking org.</p> <p>12 Toddler's term for a farm animal</p> <p>13 Spice planet in the "Dune" universe</p> <p>14 Shadow</p> <p>15 Certain Boolean operators</p> | <p>16 Number of eyes for a tarantula</p> <p>17 Squeamish</p> <p>18 Sorenstam of golf</p> <p>19 Convertible, casually</p> <p>24 Still-life vessels</p> <p>25 Larry ____, founder of Hustler magazine</p> <p>30 Hits with a ray gun</p> <p>31 Over and over</p> <p>32 Chewy Japanese dessert</p> <p>33 Fluffy footstool</p> <p>36 Merlot alternative</p> <p>37 Top section of the food pyramid</p> <p>38 ___ journey (story framework)</p> <p>39 Common sound from a white noise machine</p> <p>40 Totally lose it</p> <p>41 Can</p> <p>45 Dreaded hairstyle</p> <p>48 Animal that fights by "necking"</p> <p>49 Sways</p> <p>51 Far from laid-back</p> <p>52 Fruity-smelling compound</p> <p>53 "___, meet kettle"</p> <p>54 Bocelli, e.g.</p> <p>55 Waterway through Lake Geneva</p> <p>56 Little celebration</p> <p>57 Cheese that's often smoked</p> <p>58 Like some waves</p> <p>59 Wand-waving words</p> <p>64 "Woo-hoo, that's awesome!"</p> <p>65 Suffix with block or stock</p> <p>67 Love all, say</p> |
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ANSWERS FOUND IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...

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| <p>69 Exam for aspiring attys.</p> <p>70 Discussion sites</p> <p>71 Song of praise</p> <p>72 Bloodhound's trail</p> <p>74 Laptop brand</p> <p>75 Acronymic epithet for one who's not conservative enough</p> <p>76 Chin feature</p> <p>77 "Aladdin" character who hates crackers</p> <p>81 PG-13 word</p> | <p>82 Burden</p> <p>83 Mrs. Krabappel's first name on "The Simpsons"</p> <p>85 Fix, as a printer</p> <p>86 "Advance to the ___ Railroad" (Monopoly directive)</p> <p>88 Carter who played Wonder Woman</p> <p>89 "Raging Bull" boxer Jake</p> <p>90 How freelancers work</p> | <p>91 Confirmation, e.g.</p> <p>93 Capital of New South Wales</p> <p>94 Everlasting, poetically</p> <p>100 Lofgren of the E Street Band</p> <p>101 Many think-tank hires, in brief</p> <p>102 "Assuming that's true ..."</p> | <p>103 Word before jelly or Pie</p> <p>104 Gusto</p> <p>105 Morsel for Miss Muffet</p> <p>107 "What did I tell you!"</p> <p>108 Salt</p> <p>109 Résumé fig.</p> <p>110 Gives the nod</p> <p>111 Agent Smith's nemesis</p> |
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**PLANNING COMMISSION, from page 5** residents and families of residents as well as concerned neighbors discussed the sense of community shared at 412 N. Oakhurst Dr., the lack of financial and physical mobility of many of the more senior residents, and the need for the space to remain as is. Demolition is expected to begin in October of 2025. Construction is expected to last 32 months, ending in April of 2028.

“Even if help is offered to find new affordable housing, our building community would be lost,” 78-year-old resident Jenny Ford said. Ford resides at the location with her 86-year-old sister. “Since the day the project sign appeared in front of our building in 2022, mental stress has added to our daily lives.”

As a building with many units under rent control, it was pointed out by several

commenters that it would be nearly impossible to find equivalent living quarters for all current residents at the rate they pay now, especially as many of them have lived there for years going on decades. Seven people, speaking on behalf of themselves and two others, provided in-person public comment, while Community Development Commission Specialist Karen Myron read out many submitted written comments.

“I was very deeply moved on a personal level by the input from current tenants,” Planning Commission Chair Terri Kaplan said. “And I hate feeling like I am the instrument of delivery for something like that. But the state of California has enacted laws that give us and every other city in the state little to really no discretion in situations like this and projects that are proposed under the state housing law.”

Following a period of commissioner questions and rebuttal, the four remaining commissioners took a roll call vote to approve the project. There is an appeal period of fourteen days.

After a brief recess, the commission reconvened to discuss the project at 9737 Wilshire Blvd. a luxury vehicle dealership. Associate Planner Philip Coronel presented the project to the commission, explaining the nature of the lot in the city’s Business Triangle as a luxury exotic vehicle retailer on the ground floor of an existing multi-tenant building. Coronel broke down the business applicant, TBTFW’s, request for a Conditional Use Permit by discussing its appointment-only business model and no test drive policy. The project sought a Class 1 Categorical Exemption from CEQA.

Zach Ersoff, of Spur Ridge Holdings

LLC, as represented by Attorney Murray Fischer, discussed his previous dealings with RD Whittington of Wires Only and his lack of knowledge surrounding Whittington’s alleged improper business practices in the city. At one point, Ersoff was a sublessee at 9030 Wilshire Blvd. and has since disentangled himself from Whittington. He has since moved his inventory to its current location.

Commissioners asked about the movement of vehicles to and from the facility as it pertains to local rights of way as well as inquiring about the city’s right to collect fees from sales. Ultimately, the commissioners voted to unanimously approve the project with the permit coming up for review in one year. This decision is also appealable within a fourteen-day period. ●

# Police Blotter

The following incidents of assault, burglary, DUI arrest, theft and vandalism have been reported. Streets are usually indicated by block numbers.

**ASSAULT - SIMPLE**

12/17/2024, 1:04 a.m. at 700 Block of N. REXFORD DRIVE

12/13/2024, 10:06 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CAMDEN DRIVE

12/12/2024, 2:30 p.m. at 200 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

12/7/2024, 9:42 p.m. at 8400 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

**BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING**

12/8/2024, 8 p.m. at 200 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

**BURGLARY FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE**

12/16/2024, 12:30 a.m. at 400 Block of S. OAKHURST DRIVE

12/12/2024, 6 p.m. at 100 Block of N. GALE DRIVE

12/12/2024, 10 a.m. at 300 Block of N. ALMONT DRIVE

12/7/2024, 4:15 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

**BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE HOME)**

12/5/2024, 7 a.m. at 9300 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

12/5/2024, 6:55 a.m. at 300 Block of S. CRESCENT DRIVE

**DUI ARREST**

12/15/2024, 9:13 p.m. at N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD / WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/13/2024, 2:22 p.m. at 9200 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

12/8/2024, 12:19 a.m. at CARMELITA AVENUE / N. OAKHURST DRIVE

12/6/2024, 1:40 a.m. at N SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD / N. RODEO DRIVE

**MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT**

12/12/2024, 8 p.m. at 500 Block of EVELYN PLACE

12/9/2024, 2:18 p.m. at N LINDEN DRIVE / WILSHIRE BLVD.

12/5/2024, 12:07 a.m. at 200 Block of N. ALMONT DRIVE

**THEFT OF AUTO PARTS**

12/7/2024, 5:51 p.m. at BURTON WAY / ALPINE DRIVE

**THEFT FROM COMMERCIAL BUILDING**

12/14/2024, 6:14 p.m. at 300 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

12/13/2024, 4:28 p.m. at 9500 Block of BRIGHTON WAY

12/13/2024, 4:28 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

**THEFT - GRAND**

12/13/2024, 9:15 a.m. at 600 Block of N. OAKHURST DRIVE

12/13/2024, 3:06 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

12/9/2024, 1:39 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

12/8/2024, 4:59 p.m. at 9500 Block of BRIGHTON WAY

12/7/2024, 2:08 p.m. at 200 Block of S. LA PEER DRIVE

**THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)**

12/15/2024, 9:30 p.m. at 100 Block of N. PALM DRIVE

12/12/2024, 9 p.m. at 100 Block of N. GALE DRIVE

**THEFT - PETTY**

12/16/2024, 11:06 a.m. at 9600 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

12/12/2024, 9:51 a.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

12/12/2024, 8:47 p.m. at 300 Block of MCCARTY DRIVE

12/11/2024, 9:30 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

12/11/2024, 9 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ELM DRIVE

12/8/2024, 8:45 p.m. at 9300 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

12/8/2024, 5:22 p.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

12/8/2024, 4:24 p.m. at 100 Block of N. WILLAMAN DRIVE

12/8/2024, 11:50 a.m. at 300 Block of FOOTHILL ROAD

12/8/2024, 10:38 a.m. at 500 Block of HILLCREST ROAD

12/7/2024, 4:11 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

**THEFT - PETTY (FROM VEHICLE)**

12/16/2024, 5:59 p.m. at 100 Block of N. PALM DRIVE

**VANDALISM**

12/13/2024, 3:30 p.m. at 100 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

12/11/2024, 10:33 p.m. at N. CANON DRIVE / N. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

12/11/2024, 4 p.m. at 9800 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

12/9/2024, 4 p.m. at 300 Block of SPALDING DRIVE

12/7/2024, 6 p.m. at 300 Block of S. WETHERLY DRIVE

12/6/2024, 5 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ROXBURY DRIVE

12/6/2024, 11:34 a.m. at 500 Block of HILLCREST ROAD

# Public Notices

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CASE NO: 24SMCP00646  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

In the Matter of the petition of:  
**PHILIP CHARLES ROSENBLUM**  
To all interested person(s): Petitioner:  
**Philip Charles Rosenblum**  
Presently over 18 years of age, current residence: 469 1/2 S. Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212 filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 on December 12, 2024 for a Decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: **Philip Charles Rosenblum**  
Proposed Name: **SAMUEL PHILIP CHARLES ROSENBLUM**

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:** JANUARY 24, 2025  
**Time:** 8:30 AM **Department:** K

The address of the court is:  
**1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401**

Reason for name change: Petitioner is already known by his proposed name wishes to be known by his proposed name in all personal/business affairs. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed: **Philip Charles Rosenblum**

**Judge of the Superior Court:** Lawrence H. Cho  
**Clerk:** David W. Slayton **Deputy:** L. Kulkin

Dated: December 12, 2025  
Published: 12/20/24, 12/27/24, 01/03/25, 01/10/25  
BHC-R29176

TS No.: P.191-118 APN: 4355-011-017 Title Order No.: 2491061CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/10/2023. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Whitaur Group LLC., A California Limited Liability Company Duly Appointed Trustee: PROBER AND RAPHAEL, ALC Recorded 3/21/2023 as Instrument No. 20230177101 in book N/A, page N/A of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of

Sale: 12/31/2024 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$4,908,518.12 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1754 FRANKLIN CANYON DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS, California 90210 A.P.N.: 4355-011-017 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, bene-

fiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case P.191-118. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case P.191-118 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 11/14/2024 PROBER AND RAPHAEL, ALC 20750 Ventura Blvd., Suite 108 Woodland Hills, California 91364 Sale Line: (916) 939-0772 Phone Number: 818-227-0100 Rita Terzyan, Trustee Sale Officer NPP0467898 To: BEVERLY HILLS COURIER 12/06/2024, 12/13/2024, 12/20/2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024236360 The following is/are doing business as: 1) AMERICAN CONTRACTOR 2) PRE OWNED AUTO 9546 WEST PICO BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90212; Theodore Furs, Inc. 9546 West Pico Blvd. Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION AI #ON 1409680 registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: THEODORE FURS, INC., Theodoros Kyriazis, President. Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 18, 2024; Published: November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2024 LACC N/C

**RFQ #25-350-12**

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
345 FOOTHILL ROAD  
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90210**

**REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION  
OF BIDDERS AND PREQUALIFICATION  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR:  
NOTICE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
QUALIFIED MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS  
LIST FOR VARIOUS HVAC REPLACEMENT  
PROJECTS**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Beverly Hills ("CITY") has determined that all bidders for Notice of the Establishment of a Qualified Mechanical Contractors List for Various HVAC Replacement Projects ("Project") must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid. It is mandatory that all Contractors who intend to submit a bid, fully complete the prequalification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the CITY to be on the final qualified Bidders list.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid. The last date to submit a fully completed questionnaire is **5:00 PM Thursday, January 9, 2025**.

Contractors must register as a vendor at the following website in order to download the prequalification package, and to receive clarifications and notifications when issued.

The Prequalification package may be viewed on, and downloaded from the City's PlanetBids portal: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/39493/bo-bo-detail/104883>

This item is listed as: Notice of the Establishment of a Qualified Mechanical Contractors List for Various HVAC Replacement Projects. Answers to questions contained in the questionnaire are required. The CITY will use these documents as the basis of rating Contractors with respect to whether each Contractor is qualified to bid on the Project, and reserves the right to check other sources available. The CITY's decision will be based on objective evaluation criteria.

The CITY reserves the right to adjust, increase, limit, suspend or rescind the prequalification rating based on subsequently learned information. Contractors whose rating changes sufficiently to disqualify them will be notified, and given an opportunity for a hearing consistent with the hearing procedures described below for appealing a prequalification rating.

While it is the intent of the prequalification questionnaire and documents required therewith to assist the CITY in determining bidder responsibility prior to bid and to aid the CITY in selecting the lowest responsible bidder, neither the fact of prequalification, nor any prequalification rating, will preclude the CITY from a post-bid consideration and determination of whether a bidder has the quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work, and has demonstrated the requisite trustworthiness.

All qualification submittals are required to be submitted electronically via PlanetBids. The electronic submittal system will close exactly at the date and time set forth in this request for qualifications.

Any questions regarding the questionnaire and qualification package should be submitted via PlanetBids by 2:00PM, December 31, 2024. Questions sent via email or over the phone; with the exception of those related to accessing or using PlanetBids, will not be answered.

Contractors are responsible for submitting and having their documents accepted before the closing time set forth in the request for qualifications. **NOTE:** Pushing the submit button on the electronic submittal system may not be instantaneous; it may take time for the Contractor's documents to upload and transmit before the documents are accepted. It is the Contractor's sole responsibility to ensure their documents are uploaded, transmitted, and arrive in time electronically. The

City of Beverly Hills will have no responsibility for documents that do not arrive in a timely manner, no matter what the reason.

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Each questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the Contractor on whose behalf that person is signing. If any information provided by a Contractor becomes inaccurate, the Contractor must immediately notify the CITY and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

The CITY reserves the right to waive minor irregularities and omissions in the information contained in the prequalification application submitted, and to make all final determinations. The CITY may also determine at any time that the prequalification process will be suspended for the Project and the Project will be bid without prequalification.

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The CITY may refuse to grant prequalification where the requested information and materials are not provided by the due date indicated above. There is no appeal from a refusal for an incomplete or late application, but re-application for a later project is permitted. Neither the closing time for submitting prequalification packages for this Project will be changed in order to accommodate supplementation of incomplete submissions, or late submissions, unless requested by the CITY in its sole discretion.

In addition to a contractor's failure to be pre-qualified pursuant to the scoring system set forth in the prequalification package, a contractor may be found not prequalified for either omission of or falsification of, any requested information.

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If the Contractor gives the required notice of appeal, a hearing shall be conducted no earlier than five business days after the CITY's receipt of the notice of appeal and not later than five business days prior to the date of the Notice Inviting Bids for this Project. Prior to the hearing, the Contractor shall, in writing, be advised of the basis for the City's pre-qualification determination.

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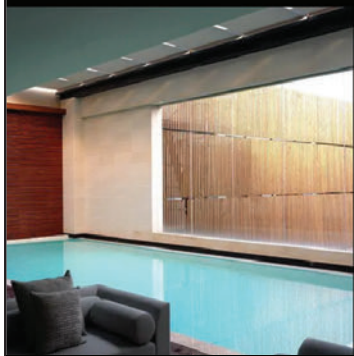
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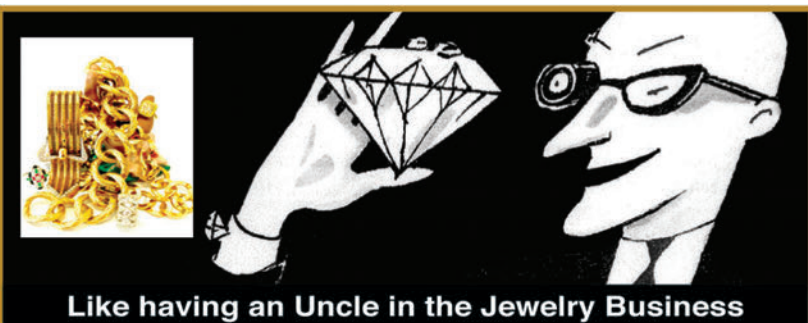
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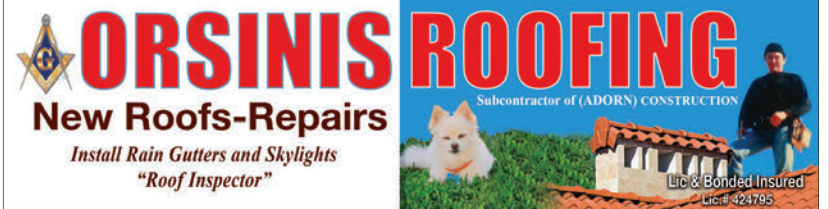
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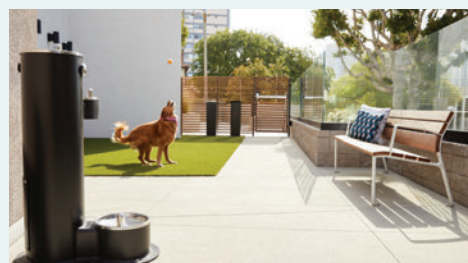
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