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Petition to Recall Gascón Approved

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



A petition to recall District Attorney George Gascón has until July 6 to collect more than 560,000 valid signatures. Photo courtesy of Elise Moore

The Los Angeles County Registrar has approved a petition to recall District Attorney George Gascón, starting the clock on a 160-day window to gather hundreds of thousands of signatures. This marks the second attempt to recall the progressive prosecutor, who was ushered into office amid a wave of criticism of law enforcement and the judicial system.

The petition asks LA County residents whether they want to recall Gascón, arguing that the DA has “deserted crime victims and their families” and “disregarded the rule of law and weakened lawful sentencing

requirements for the most violent criminals.” “George Gascón’s new policies treat career and repeat violent offenders as if they had never committed a crime, ignoring public safety laws approved by the people,” the petition declares.

Hoping to seize on the discontent with Gascón in Beverly Hills, organizers with Recall District Attorney George Gascón plan on holding a petition signing and distribution event on Feb. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Via Alloro Restaurant at 301 N. Canon Drive. (Gascón continues on page 13)

Where to Get Tested for COVID-19 in Beverly Hills

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Even while the omicron surge of COVID-19 cases seems to be on a welcome downhill trajectory, Los Angeles is still registering thousands of infections each day. Whether out of an abundance of caution, in anticipation of an in-person gathering, or for travel purposes, this has meant a sustained demand for testing. The Courier identified a sample of testing facilities around the city that offer various testing services for a range of costs.

Two forms of testing exist to determine whether someone has an active COVID-19 infection, antigen tests and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests. Antigen tests can be administered at home with results in as little as 15 minutes. However, antigen tests are less sensitive than PCR tests. They work best when someone is already symptomatic.

High demand has made them scarce, though the federal government has promised to deliver 500,000 free antigen tests across the country. You can request four free at-home tests at www.covidtests.gov.

Polymerase chain reaction is a laboratory procedure that amplifies genetic signals in a sample to determine whether someone has COVID-19. The tests are better at catching asymptomatic cases or confirming positive results from an antigen test.

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Courier Exclusive: Markowitz Will Seek Beverly Hills City Council Seat

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Markowitz (second from right) with: Fire Chief Greg Barton, Dr. Lee Hilborne, Councilmember Julian Gold, Shirley Reitman and BHPD Lt. Giovanni Trejo

Long-time Beverly Hills resident and civic leader Vera Markowitz has announced that she is running for one of the three City Council

seats on the June 7 Beverly Hills City General Municipal Election ballot.

A resident of Beverly Hills for 50 years, Markowitz is an alumna of Team Beverly Hills, and has long served the community in developing programs ranging from citywide emergency preparedness to work internships for Beverly Hills High School students.

In the last year, Markowitz has become the force and familiar face behind JustInCase BH, the city’s emergency communications and response program proposed by Vice Mayor Lili Bosse.

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BHUSD Holds Special Meeting on Bond Management

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On Feb. 1, the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education held a Special Meeting during which the board authorized staff to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Bond Management Services related to the district’s construction program. The board approved the item with a 4-1 majority, with Noah Margo casting the sole objecting vote.

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Courier Calendar

NOW - FEB. 16

ACADEMY MUSEUM OF MOTION PICTURES: "EVERYDAY LIFE: THE FILMS OF ISAO TAKAHATA"

This February, the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures features co-founder of Studio Ghibli, Isao Takahata. Takahata's body of work does not cohere to a single subject nor a single animation style. Films of note include the World War II tragedy "Grave of the Fireflies," the retrospective "Only Yesterday," and the animals of "Panda! Go Panda!" and "Pom Poko."

These films and more are scheduled for showing at the Academy Museum, with full details and tickets available online. Tickets for adults are \$10, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for students and children. Proof of COVID-19 vaccine and mask wear are required to enter the Academy Museum. <https://www.academymuseum.org/en/series/everyday-life-the-films-of-isao-takahata>

NOW - APRIL 4

"PRINCESS DIANA EXHIBITION: ACCREDITED ACCESS"

WED. - SUN. 11 A.M.-6 P.M.

The Princess Diana Exhibition provides the documentary experience through the format of an exhibition. The show combines stories told by royal photographers Anwar Hussein and his sons Zak and Samir, contextualized by their original images. The exhibition provides otherwise unseen insight into Princess Diana and the royal family due to the photographer's unique perspectives. The experience is located at 315 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, and takes 60-90 minutes to complete. General admission for adults is \$25, and VIP tickets are \$37. Masks are required for guests regardless of vaccination status.

<https://princessdianaexhibit.com/los-angeles/>

FEB. 4-5

THE BROAD STAGE: CIRCA'S "SACRE" 7:30 P.M.

Circa Ensemble will perform a circus setting of Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" in a show of acrobatics at The Broad Stage. In addition to Stravinsky, the show will also feature a new composition by Philippe Bachman, as well as overall direction by Yaron Lifschitz. Tickets range from \$45-\$65. Attendees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear a mask inside for admission.

<https://www.thebroadstage.org/performances/2021-22/dance/sacre>

FEB. 4-6

EL CAPITAN THEATRE: DISNEY'S "HERCULES"

10 A.M., 1 P.M., 4 P.M., 7 P.M.

The El Capitan Theatre presents showings of the animated film "Hercules." "Hercules" is a retelling of Greek mythology, the story of demigod Hercules and his journey to prove himself worthy of residing on Mount Olympus. Besides daily showtimes, there are also pajama party screenings on Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a.m. At these showings, guests receive a breakfast at their reserved seats while wearing family-friendly pajamas. Tickets are \$25 each for all ages. Standard showings are \$12 for all ages, with a family pack available for \$48 that includes four reserved seat tickets and four 64-ounce popcorn tubs.

<https://elcapitantheatre.com>

FEB. 5

DESCANSO GARDENS: POETRY READING 2 - 3:30 P.M.

In celebration of camellias, a flower that can bloom even in harsh conditions, Descanso Gardens will host a poetry reading. Descanso has more than 3500 known camellia plants with over 600 varieties. At this event, poets from Los Angeles will share poems about nature.

The program will be led by Naomi Hirahara and feature poets Traci Kato-Kiriyama, Kenji Liu, Phoebe MacAdams, Mariano Zaro, and Gloria Alvarez. At the conclusion of the readings, attendees will be invited to a mini workshop on haikus, free with admission. No advanced registration is required. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$11 for seniors and students with ID, \$5 for children 5-12, and free for children under 5.

<https://www.descansogardens.org>

FEB. 5

SABAN THEATRE: BETH HART WITH QUINN SULLIVAN 9 P.M.

Beth Hart, Los Angeles native and GRAMMY-nominated blues artist performs Feb. 5 at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills. The show will be opened by Quinn Sullivan, 22-year-old guitarist and songwriter who recently released a new album. Tickets begin at \$50 each. Proof of COVID-19 vaccine or negative test and masks are required.

<http://www.saban.theater/events/beth-hart-4251164/>

FEB. 5-6, 10-12

SUPER BOWL LVI EXPERIENCE PRESENTED BY LOWE'S

To celebrate Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles, Lowe's presents an interactive football theme park at the LA Convention Center. The event will include autograph opportunities with current and past NFL players, games, and merchandise for sale. Tickets are available now through the NFL OnePass App (required for entry) or online. Hours vary on each day. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for those who take the Metro to the event, and free for kids 12 and under. Attendees must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccine for entry and wear a mask at all times.

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

FEB. 7

THEATRE 40: MONDAY NIGHT SEMINARS: "BOHEMIAN SEACOAST" AND "NETHERLANDS" 7 P.M.

Theatre 40 resumes its popular Monday Night Seminars on Zoom. Theatre 40 actors perform a live reading of a different play each evening, followed by a Q&A period. This session, the theme for the plays is "Strange Plays for Strange Days." There are two plays on the evening of Feb. 7, "Netherlands" and "Bohemian Seacoast" by Don Nigro. "Netherlands" is a play about a conversation between a hallucinating Vincent Van Gogh and a girl in a park. Van Gogh then gifts her his ear, initiating the unexpected. "Bohemian Seacoast" is a story about a Shakespearean scholar, Delia Bacon, who is convinced that Francis Bacon was the true playwright of Shakespeare's works. While in Shakespeare's tomb, Delia has the opportunity to address Shakespeare's ghost directly. All of these seminars are free events. However, Theatre 40 is a non-profit, so donations are appreciated on their website. The following link can be used to access the event at 7 p.m. <https://theatre40.org>

FEB. 8 - MAR. 13

GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE: "POWER OF SAIL" 8 P.M.

Geffen Playhouse will host the West Coast premiere of "Power of Sail," a play by Paul Grellong ("The Boys," "Manuscript"). The play centers around Harvard professor Charles Nichols (Bryan Cranston) navigating social pressures after inviting a white nationalist to speak at the school. Nichols plans to publicly expose and academically thrash the guest, but first must contend with his colleagues' and student body's concerns. Tickets start at \$30, and more showtimes are available online. Proof of COVID-19 vaccine and mask wear is required at the venue. <https://www.geffenplayhouse.org>

FEB. 10

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA: "UNSTOPPABLE": BOOK TALK WITH JOSHUA M. GREENE (WEBINAR) 4 P.M.

In this webinar, Joshua M. Greene discusses his book, "Unstoppable: Sigi B. Wilzig's Astonishing Journey from Auschwitz Survivor and Penniless Immigrant to Wall Street Legend." Wilzig was a survivor of Auschwitz, a Nazi hunter for the U.S. Army, and an oil and banking magnate. After surviving the Holocaust and World War II, Wilzig had very little as a U.S. immigrant, but managed to build a business empire of his own. RSVP for this free event online.

<https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/event-details/unstoppable-book-talk-with-joshua-m-greene>



Camellias, subject of poetic programming, are in bloom at Descanso Gardens. © Danielle Bedics-Arizala



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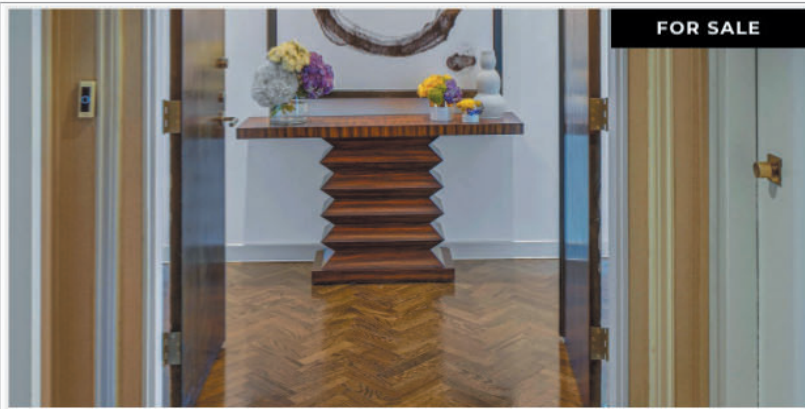
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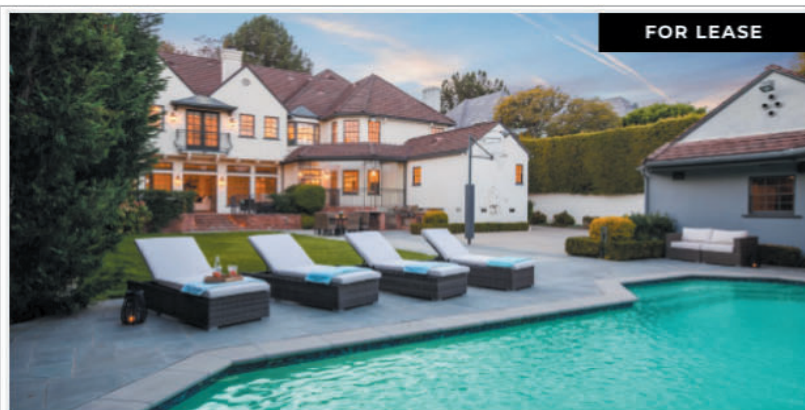
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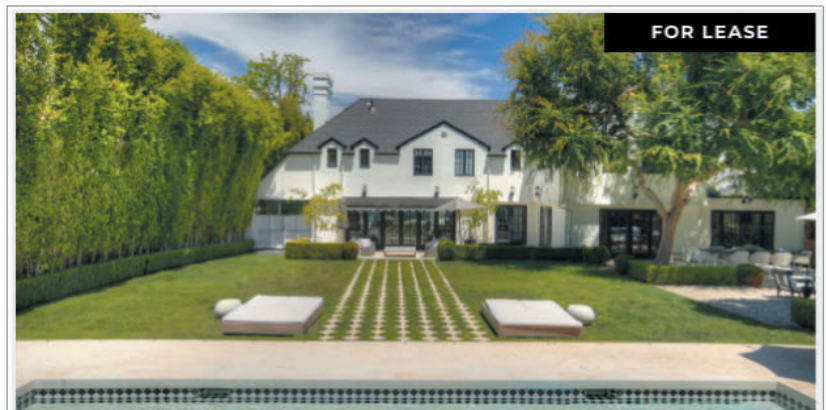
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Beverly Hills to Counter Crime Stigma with TV Campaign

BY CARL ROBINETTE



The Beverly Hills Conference and Visitors Bureau hopes to recharge pandemic recovery for local tourism. Photo by Carl Robinette

In response to recent high-profile crimes in the city, the Beverly Hills Conference and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is looking to spend \$350,000 on a television marketing campaign to boost pandemic recovery for the city's tourism industry. CVB staff told the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison Marketing Committee that economic recovery efforts have been stymied by a perceived rise in crime in Beverly Hills and neighboring communities.

The campaign is expected to promote Beverly Hills tourism by highlighting the array of travel, food, shopping and entertainment offered in the city. It is planned to air on top networks in Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York and San Diego, pending City Council approval.

"There's a mixed school of thought," said CVB Chief Executive Officer Julie Wagner, during a Feb. 1 Marketing Committee meeting. "Some people think it's important to acknowledge all of the crime and what we're doing to mitigate that. I feel like that has been done at a civic level. From a visitor perspective, we just want to continue to focus on how Beverly Hills is just growing and developing."

Beverly Hills drew a media spotlight in the final months of 2021 with the home invasion and murder of Jaqueline Avant, along with the anonymous distribution of antisemitic flyers in the city and a string of robberies and theft. In light of these incidents, the CVB wants to assure travelers that Beverly Hills remains a safe city to visit.

Despite the holiday crime spike, Beverly Hills Police Department data shows that total crime reports were down 2% in the city in 2021 compared to 2020, and violent crimes have shown year-over-year decreases since 2018.

"Our officers focus a lot on our parks, our special events and our tourism," said Beverly Hills Chief of Police Mark Stainbrook

in a Jan. 25 statement to the City's Recreation and Parks Commission. "So statistically those areas are all very safe. We put out extra patrols for events and work to make sure the parks stay safe because we know they're family focused and a center for the neighborhoods, and I think we do a pretty good job of that."

While the CVB's campaign concept drew support from Beverly Hills Mayor Bob Wunderlich and Vice Mayor Lili Bosse, the particulars of how funds would be allocated for the project were debated during the Feb. 1 committee meeting.

As Beverly Hills' partner marketing organization with resources for visitors, media and travel, the CVB must get City Council approval to amend its budget so it can fund the TV campaign. Part of this proposed amendment includes a request to spend \$200,000 in CVB buffer funds and a request for an additional \$50,000 from the City to air the campaign in New York. New York is one of Beverly Hills' top sources of tourism dollars, according to the CVB.

A city staff report recommended the City Council take a "wait and see" approach in providing the additional \$50,000. The report said that the CVB generally has surplus funds at the end of each year, and this could be used to pay for the New York campaign. City staff therefore recommended that the City should provide funding only if the CVB did not have the surplus funds on hand. However, CVB representatives said this would not be ideal because it would mean they would have to draw the funds from other budgetary buckets to pay for the campaign now. They would then have to repay those buckets at the end of the year with any surplus they may have. Mayor Wunderlich agreed this would not be in keeping with best practices.

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Metro Nears Next Step for Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Two alternatives for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, one proposing an above ground monorail (left) and another proposing underground heavy rail with a dedicated UCLA station (right). Photos courtesy of Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will soon complete the first step of one of its most ambitious projects to date. On Feb. 11, Metro will close questions on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project and begin compiling answers as a part of the yearslong environmental review process. The project aims to connect the San Fernando Valley, the Westside, and Los Angeles International Airport.

"This is an effort to really move more people through the pass without moving more cars," David Mieger, Executive Officer for Transit Corridor Planning at Los Angeles, said at a December scoping meeting.

The project is split into two phases, with the first phase traversing the famously congested Sepulveda Pass, home to the 405. Metro has proposed six possible alternatives for the project, which would all run between the E Line (formerly Expo Line) and the Van Nuys Metrolink Station.

Three of the plans propose the use of monorail, with the other three proposing heavy rail. The monorail options would run above ground in alignment with the 405. Two of the monorail alternatives would not include a UCLA station but would rely on either a bus or people mover to transport commuters, while the third alternative proposes tunneling under the campus to create a station.

The three heavy rail alternatives all incorporate a station at UCLA but vary in regard to how much of the track runs underground and above ground, in addition to whether the rail cars are automated, or driver operated.

February 11 marks the end of the public scoping phase of the environmental review process, a legally required and yearslong undertaking that results in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR examines each proposed alternative for a project, analyzing

the potential costs, benefits, impacts, and mitigations. The public scoping period gives anyone an opportunity to ask questions of the process and alternatives, which then get answered in the EIR.

Natural for a project of its scale, the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project has generated both excitement and controversy for stakeholder communities on the Westside, in adjacent hillside communities, and in the Valley.

"People's lives are really shaped by the lack of a public transit option between the Valley and the Westside," said Andrew Lewis, who sits on the North Westwood Neighborhood Council, which includes UCLA, Westwood Village, and Persian Square. "This will really change lives in many ways."

Lewis authored a motion in the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, a consortium of 14 neighborhood councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, in favor of a station located on UCLA's campus. The motion passed with support from 13 neighborhood councils, including Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and South Robertson.

"Having a Metro Station located directly on the UCLA campus would also help transport the tens of thousands of individuals who travel to UCLA on a daily basis, including UCLA students, staff, faculty, medical personnel, patients, and campus visitors," the motion reads.

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City Reaches Settlement with Firefighters' Union

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Firefighters Association (BHFA) have reached a resolution in the city's vaccination and safety measures for firefighters.

"I am pleased that a consensus has been reached and the community of Beverly Hills will receive the highest level of service it deserves," said Fire Chief Greg Barton in a statement.

"We are pleased with the agreement reached with the city so that the community of Beverly Hills will receive the highest level of service it expects and deserves. We will continue to comply with the LA County Health order through this ongoing crisis for the protection of the community we serve, as well as our firefighters," BHFA Board Member Victor Gutierrez said in a statement.

After an order by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health), Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) firefighters faced a Sept. 30 deadline to either get vaccinated or submit a request for exemption. The order allowed for exemptions for workers whose "sincerely held religious beliefs" precluded receiving the vaccine and those with qualifying medical reasons.

While the vast majority of firefighters in the department have received the inoculation, the city granted exemptions in 18 cases.

The county health order requires that exempt workers test at least once a week and recommends use of high-quality face

coverings or respirators, but it also allows cities to opt for stricter guidelines.

Going beyond the requirements of Public Health, BHFD removed unvaccinated firefighters from medical calls, which account for the majority of calls made to the department. In social media posts, BHFA described the measures as a form of segregation.

"The Beverly Hills Fire Department will make operational adjustments as needed to ensure the greatest level of protection for the community with vaccinated paramedics assigned to engine companies wearing full personal protective equipment when responding on medical calls," Barton said at the time. "I want to assure every member of this community that our quality of service and your health and safety will not be compromised."

In the agreement between the city and the union, the 18 unvaccinated employees must submit to daily COVID-19 testing and wear "enhanced Personal Protective Equipment" when interacting with medical patients.

Councilmember John Mirisch, who has spoken out against the unvaccinated firefighters, characterized the agreement as a concession.

"This resistance to vaccines is something that, from my perspective, is anti-science, especially when it comes to healthcare workers who are coming into close contact with our residents," Mirisch told the Courier. ●

Richard Bloom Drops Out of Supervisor Race

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

California State Assemblyman Richard Bloom has dropped out of the race for Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Bloom represents District 50, which includes Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Santa Monica, the Pacific Palisades, and Malibu. In announcing his move, Bloom said he would "focus on serving my constituents for the remainder of my final term in the State Assembly."

"I am very proud of the campaign we ran, and I am grateful to everyone who helped to build it," Bloom said in a statement. "I believe that the future of Los Angeles County is bright, and that our communities can and will solve the challenges we face. I am as committed as ever to working for that future, but I am going to take some time to decide how I can best be of service to our neighborhoods."

Bloom began his political career in the Santa Monica City Council, spending more than a decade on the governing body. He

then joined the Assembly in 2012, where he has fought for a number of environmental protection measures. He is currently serving his final term in office.

Bloom had hoped to take over for outgoing Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, who has represented District 3 on the Board of Supervisors since 2014. District 3 stretches from Santa Monica and the Westside to Agoura Hills, the San Fernando Valley, Beverly Hills, and Hollywood.

Bloom's departure from the race leaves a field that includes West Hollywood City Councilwoman Lindsey Horvath, State Sen. Henry Stern (D-Calabasas), and state Senate Majority Leader Robert Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys). ●

Frieze Sneak Peak

BY CARL ROBINETTE

Frieze Los Angeles unveiled a selection of art expected to appear at its upcoming Beverly Hills exhibition during an exclusive preview event at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles on Feb 3. The preview discussion highlighted Frieze Focus LA, a section at Frieze that will showcase LA's emerging artists.

Curated by Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, Focus LA will feature 11 galleries from the LA area that have been open 15 years or less. Focus LA galleries participating in the fair for the first-time include Baert Gallery, Garden, Gattopardo, In Lieu, Luis De Jesus Los Angeles, Marta, Stanley's and Stars. Returning participants include Bel Ami, Charlie James Gallery and Parker Gallery.

"Los Angeles is a city teeming with creativity, from our renowned institutions to our artists, our curators and our educators," Frieze LA and Frieze New York Director Christine Messineo said during the event.

Outside of the Focus LA section, Frieze brings more than 100 art galleries from 17 countries to Beverly Hills. Notable among exhibitors is local gallery Gagosian, which will showcase "Dreamer's Folly," a large-scale architectural sculpture by the late

Chris Burden. Burden is known locally for the famed "Urban Light," a collection of streetlamps outside the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

"Given the disruption of the past couple years it feels particularly special to welcome collectors and galleries back to the fair and continue to champion the City of Los Angeles," said Messineo. "The new space [in Beverly Hills] has given Frieze the ability to expand the footprint of the fair and welcome over 100 exhibitors."

The much-anticipated Frieze Sculpture Beverly Hills was canceled in January due to supply chain and staffing issues, according to a statement by a Frieze spokesperson. The public sculpture garden was previously planned to be installed in Beverly Gardens Park until May. It would have marked the West Coast premiere of Frieze Sculpture, a popular feature at previous Frieze art fairs in London and New York.

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Gardening Classes Grow at Greystone

BY EMILY HOLSHOUSER



George Pessin teaching a student at the Greystone Demonstration Garden Photo courtesy of George Pessin

The Greystone Demonstration Garden will be offering classes in food preservation and seed propagation in February and March as part of its winter 2022 programming. The classes will be taught by George Pessin, Los Angeles County Master Gardener and curator of the Greystone Demonstration Garden.

The title fits Pessin. He's an avid gardener, but more importantly, he's an avid gardening teacher whose classes are in high demand. A winter gardening class Pessin taught last winter sold out twice after a shoutout in the LA Times.

The classes teach beginner-level gardeners about ways they can conserve the food they grow, reduce waste produced by their gardens, and extend the lifespan of the seeds they plant.

Pessin will instruct students on how to preserve plants using techniques such as drying, freezing, or fermenting.

"Those three that we'll touch on – freezing, drying, and fermentation – are very easy for the home consumer," Pessin told the Courier.

Pessin hopes that students will take away some ideas for conservation and waste reduction, along with new ways to make their food last longer.

"We want to teach people to preserve their crops without waste so they can enjoy it throughout the year," Pessin said.

The Greystone Demonstration Garden is a space on the sprawling Doheny Estate dedicated to teaching the public about gardening and sustainability. Pessin has been teaching beginners how to get started with urban gardening at the estate since 2016.

During the pandemic, Pessin made videos through Beverly Hills Television about basic gardening concepts like tools, materials, and growing seasons to encourage people to try gardening out at home.

"One of the things we've come to see, especially during the pandemic, is that gardening is therapeutic," Pessin said. "It gets you out of your head, into your routine. You're taking care of things, it's nurturing."

Pessin fell in love with gardening when he moved to Los Angeles and got a job cultivating a garden at an Italian restaurant. What was once an empty construction lot

of hard-packed dirt became a garden filled with strawberries, tomatoes, and peppers. The restaurant garden inspired him to join the Master Gardener class offered by the University of California in 2004.

Pessin has also taught through the Grow LA Victory Garden Initiative, inspired by the gardens planted by American citizens during World War II to send food to soldiers. Through all his experiences, his goal has been to make it easier to grow healthy food at home and experience the satisfaction that comes along with it.

"I want people to be able to not be afraid of gardening – I get that a lot," he said. "I want to tell people that it's not as hard as they think. The harder part is in your head."

Pessin is a believer that gardens don't just go in the ground – a valuable idea in a city where not everyone has access to green space.

"It's not just about fruits and vegetables," Pessin said. "Even with the small spaces, we can do container gardens, indoor gardens, community gardens, et cetera," he said.

"If we can show you the proper techniques, then you will be successful as well."

Pessin wants students to leave his classes having confidence in themselves, not to mention a delicious meal that they grew in their own gardens.

"I would just hope that they get some success, and some fruits and vegetables that they grew themselves," Pessin said. "It's local, it's organic, it's tastier than anything you can find at the store."

The two classes are one of many the Demonstration Garden has offered. In the past, Pessin has taught classes on youth gardening, winter gardening, container gardening, and even a backyard composting class for teenagers.

Those interested in joining the Demonstration Garden classes can visit beverlyhills.org/gardening for more information. Introduction to Food Preservation is offered Sunday, Feb. 27 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Seed Saving, Propagation, and Cloning is offered Sunday, March 6 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. The classes cost \$12 for Beverly Hills residents and \$15 for non-residents. ●

Love is in the Air in Beverly Hills



With Valentine's Day (Monday, Feb. 14) being a chocolatier's "SuperBowl," Beverly Hills teuscher is preparing for a ChocolatePalooza, with floor-to-ceiling flowers, roses, hearts and chocolate.

CHLA Launches Valentine's Day Drive



Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) has kicked off its annual Valentine's Day card drive on CHLA.org.

Individuals may go to chla.org/Valentine and create an outer space-themed Valentine for a patient. For each Valentine sent from Feb. 1- 14, Postmates has pledged to donate \$1 to CHLA, committing up to \$20,000.

"Because of ongoing COVID-19

precautions, the hospital has had to limit visitors and scale back this year's Valentine's Day celebration," says Carol Hamamoto, CHLA Child Life and Expressive Arts Manager. "These Valentines are a wonderful way for the community to send love and joy (safely!) and connect with our patients." ●

Milestones and Memories

The Courier is introducing a new feature called "Milestones and Memories," and it is inspired by you! We want to know about special moments that you would like to share with the community.

Have you celebrated an engagement, wedding, big anniversary or major birthday lately? Perhaps there is a new baby in the family, or you are planning a bar mitzvah this year.

Consider this as a place to post your family's own milestones and memories to let the entire community share in your excitement.

We have gone through such a long period of curtailed (and canceled) celebrations.

Now as life is slowly returning to normal, we are eager to hear about the events that are special to you.

Please send your high-resolution images (at least 300 dpi) plus a write-up of no more than 150 words to editorial@bhcourier.com. Include a caption listing the people in your photographs.

Make sure to write Milestones and Memories in the subject line and provide a phone number where we can reach you.

We look forward to hearing from you and making the Milestones and Memories section one of the first places you turn to in the Courier. ●



BHHS Girls Soccer Varsity Team Wins Title



Beverly Hills High School girls' soccer varsity team has won its third Ocean League Championship in four years. Captain Katrina Chong, a junior, scored three goals in the Jan. 31 game against Leuzinger High, which resulted in a 3-0 shutout.

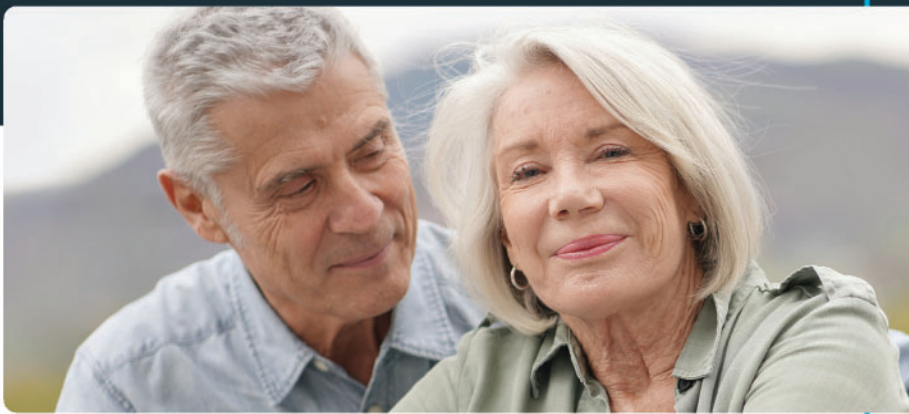
With her 26th, 27th and 28th goal, Chong is now the BHHS girls' soccer single-season record holder for goals scored in a single season. The record was 26 which was set

in 2011.

Before Monday's match, the Normans honored seniors Celine Shadgoo, Tess Cuen, Talia Sarraf, Stephanie Lujan, Ella Revivo, Mimi Kessler, and Kate Chung in a ceremony.

Coached by Ryan Franks, the Normans finished the regular season at 11-3 including 10 consecutive shutouts and will likely host a CIF first-round game on 2-12-22. ●

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 24, 2022

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PROJECT ADDRESS: **9701 Wilshire Boulevard**
(nearest cross street: North Roxbury Drive)

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, 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 Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) to allow a vehicle sales use at **9701 Wilshire Boulevard**. The applicant, Polestar Los Angeles, proposes to occupy the ground floor of an existing multi-tenant building that was previously authorized for a vehicle sales use. The project site is zoned Commercial (C-3) and vehicles sales are an allowed use with the approval of a CUP.

This project 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. Upon review, the project appears to qualify for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Existing Facilities) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15301 of the state CEQA Guidelines. This exemption is applicable to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. Accordingly, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to find the project exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA.

How to Participate

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Judy Gutierrez, Associate Planner** in the Planning Division at (310) 285-1192, or by email at jgutierrez@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,
Judy Gutierrez, Associate Planner



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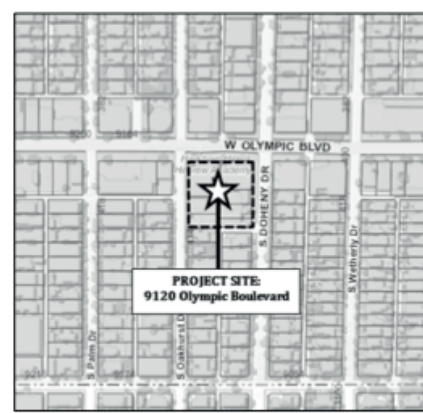


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PROJECT ADDRESS: 9120 Olympic Boulevard
(cross street: South Doheny Drive)

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the following:

Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The proposed project involves the renovation and expansion of an existing educational institution located at **9120 Olympic Boulevard** (Harkham Hillel Hebrew Academy). This educational institution is located in both the C-3 commercial zone and R-4 multi-family residential zone. Pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) §§10-3-1203 and 10-3-1604, an educational institution is permitted in the R-4 and C-3 Zones only if authorized by a CUP. Additionally, pursuant to BHMC §10-3-3801, the height and area requirements set forth in the BHMC shall not apply to conditional uses for which a CUP application is submitted and later granted. Accordingly, the applicant is seeking relief from the 45’ height limit for that portion of the project located within the R-4 Zone.

Development Plan Review (DPR). The proposed project includes an addition of approximately 27,000 SF and a height of approximately 60’-0”, measured to the highest element. Pursuant to BHMC §10-3-3100, a DPR is required for all projects which would increase the floor area of a structure or building by 2,500 square feet (SF) or more and all projects which would increase the height of a structure or building.

Variations. Pursuant to BHMC §10-3-3700, the applicant is seeking Variations in order to deviate from the following development standards:

- The 15’ required front yard setback along South Doheny Drive and South Oakhurst Drive. As proposed, the addition would have a 14’ front yard setback along South Doheny Drive and a 9’ front yard setback along South Oakhurst Drive.
- The prohibition of outdoor game courts within a multi-family residential zone. As proposed, an outdoor game court is located on the roof of the proposed addition within the R-4 Zone.

This project 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. Upon review, the project appears to qualify for a Class 14 Categorical Exemption (Minor Additions to Schools) in accordance with the requirements of Sections 15314 of the state CEQA Guidelines. This exemption is applicable to minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. Accordingly, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to find the project exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Cindy Gordon, AICP, Principal 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, Principal Planner



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The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS TO AMEND THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY OR ADD LANGUAGE RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW EXEMPTIONS FOR INCREASES IN BUILDING HEIGHT, THE ALLOWABLE HEIGHT EXEMPTION FOR ROOFTOP ELEVATOR ENCLOSURES ON COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, THE ALLOWABLE HEIGHT EXEMPTION FOR ROOFTOP DECKING MATERIALS AND PARAPETS ON MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, THE ALLOWABLE ROOFTOPS USES AND STRUCTURES FOR A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND MIXED USE BUILDING, THE DEFINITION OF A PRIVATE TRAINING CENTER, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A FENCE OR WALL FINISHES

This Ordinance is part of an ongoing effort to amend language in the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) to improve clarity, remove outdated references, and align code language with current practices. The proposed amendments included in the Ordinance would not represent substantive changes to the current meaning or interpretation of the code sections being amended. The proposed ordinance would modify the BHMC as summarized here:

- BHMC §10-3-3100: Clarifying the threshold for an increase in building height that requires a Development Plan Review application;
- BHMC §10-3-100: Clarifying the definition of height for commercial buildings to increase the allowable height exemption for an elevator enclosure on commercial buildings;
- BHMC §10-3-100: Clarifying the definition of height for multi-family residential buildings to allow the addition of decking materials for rooftop amenities, and a proportionate increase in the parapet height;
- BHMC §10-3-100 and 10-3-1880: Clarifying the allowable height for residential rooftop amenities and structures for multi-family residential buildings and mixed use buildings;
- BHMC §10-3-100: Amending the definition of ‘private training center’ to be consistent with the regulations in BHMC §10-3-1617; and
- BHMC §10-3-2420, 10-3-2516, 10-3-2616, and 10-3-2814: Adding requirements related to the finishing of fences or walls in residential zones.

This 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 Ordinance represents minor semantic changes to the existing code and does not represent substantive changes in meaning or interpretation of the code. 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 Planning Commission will consider the recommendation to find the Ordinance exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(B)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Chloe Chen, Associate Planner** in the Planning Division at **(310) 285-1194**, or by email at cchen@beverlyhills.org.

Sincerely:
Chloe Chen, Associate Planner



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Gearing Up for Frieze

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Rodeo Drive is gearing up for Frieze. Photo Courtesy of Brica Wilcox

Businesses in and around Beverly Hills are gearing up to host tens of thousands of visitors from around the world this month with the highly anticipated Super Bowl LVI and Frieze Los Angeles just weeks away. Running from Feb. 17-20, Frieze Week will take place in Beverly Hills for the first time, with headquarters across from the Beverly Hilton hotel at 9900 Wilshire Blvd. With the acclaimed art fair bringing over 100 art galleries from 17 countries, newly opened boutiques, Frieze inspired exclusive pop-ups, artist and brand collaborations, local exhibits and hotel offerings also await this month in Beverly Hills. From a full weekend of art with Frieze Week, to programming, parties, discounts and more, here are some unofficial events planned in tandem with the fair to look for.

On Rodeo Drive, luxury retailers have planned their own art exhibits around Frieze Week. An exhibition entitled “55 Sunrises” by Japanese artist Sho Shibuya is on display at the Saint Laurent Rive Droite stores. Of Shibuya’s 55 paintings, 28 are unique to the Rodeo Drive store, where they are on sale through Feb. 16.

At Fendi, a pop-up installation featuring the newest arrivals for men set against a colorful backdrop is set to run through Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. At the Balenciaga and Gucci Rodeo Drive boutiques, pieces from an ongoing collaboration called “The Hacker Project,” created

by Balenciaga’s Creative Director Demna Gvasalia and Gucci’s Alessandro Michele, are available.

At 9570 Wilshire Blvd., in the vacant storefront windows previously occupied by Barney’s New York, will be populated with video art by American artist William Wegman. The project comes in collaboration with Saks Fifth Avenue, who owns the building, and Marc Selwyn Fine Art. The multi-screen video installation will span six storefront windows, with two video pieces titled “Up Down Up” and “Harmonics.” Wegman’s trademark Weimaraner dogs are featured prominently in both. “The Wegman thing is perfect for COVID, because you’re engaging people outdoors without going inside,” Selwyn told the Courier. Once installed in mid-February, the works will be on view for six weeks, from 5:30 p.m. to midnight daily.

Another prominent exhibition opens on Feb. 6 at UCLA’s Hammer Museum in Westwood. “Ulysses Jenkins: Without Your Interpretation” is a traveling show by Jenkins, who is recognized as a pioneer of video and performance art. It is the American artist’s first major retrospective. ●



About 40 people gathered for an exclusive preview of Frieze art fair, set to take place in Beverly Hills. Photo by Carl Robinette

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The news of its cancellation came as a disappointment to Beverly Hills as the City has been working with Frieze since September to host the garden event, granting organizers fee waivers and temporarily amending the city code to allow structures in the park. The City Council also negotiated with organizers to promote the weeklong festivities around the exhibition as “Frieze Week in Beverly Hills,” a promotional name change that is only active in Beverly Hills.

The cancellation is the latest blow for Frieze organizers as the mega-event has faced significant challenges during the pandemic. Frieze Los Angeles 2021 was first postponed and later canceled entirely due to COVID-19 social distance guidelines. Frieze was unable to hold the fair at its previous location at Paramount Studios in 2022 due to impacts of the pandemic at Paramount. The exhibition was then moved to Beverly Hills.

Despite the garden exhibit’s cancellation, the formal art fair is expected to attract an estimated 35,000 visitors to the city who will spend a projected \$15 million on hospitality and \$7 million on food. Most of this spending

will happen at businesses within walking distance or a short drive of the main fair, according to organizers.

Local hotels, the Peninsula and the Beverly Hilton, reported increased room bookings for the weekend of Frieze, during a City Council Liaison Marketing Committee meeting Feb. 1. Beverly Hilton General Manager Sandy Murphy told the committee that the new location of the fair has created a noticeable spike in bookings compared to previous years when the fair was held in LA.

“Traditionally we did not see significant bookings over Frieze,” said Murphy. “Being so close to the event now we are seeing, obviously, significantly better results than we typically would have.”

She said many of the bookings for the weekend came late as omicron case rates began to drop. “So, it just seems as if the excitement is just happening. I just think everybody was waiting because of omicron,” Murphy added.

The Frieze art fair will be hosted Feb. 17-20 under a large-scale tent at 9900 Wilshire Blvd. near the Beverly Hilton hotel. ●



9900 Wilshire Blvd. in Beverly Hills where Frieze Los Angeles 2022 will be hosted. Photo by Carl Robinette



Cedars-Sinai Urgent Care, which offers free COVID-19 PCR testing to symptomatic patients. Photo courtesy of Cedars-Sinai

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What you get in accuracy, you typically lose in time and convenience. PCR tests usually take a few hours to a few days to complete, depending on the lab and the demand, but boutique healthcare providers in Beverly Hills can provide results in less than one hour for a charge of up to \$350.

Here is a sample of testing providers in and near Beverly Hills offering options to suit most needs.

Cedars Urgent Care

Cedars-Sinai Urgent Care, located at 8767 Wilshire Blvd., 2nd Floor, offers testing to those displaying symptoms of COVID-19. No appointment is needed. Testing is free and results come back within 72 hours. They do not offer antigen tests. Urgent Care is open 12 to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

911 COVID Testing

Located at 9900 N. Santa Monica Blvd. across from the Beverly Hilton, 911 COVID Testing offers a variety of services, including free PCR tests with results in 24-48 hours. Appointments can be made at www.911CovidTesting.com. They also offer same day PCR tests for \$155 and 1-hour PCR tests for \$249. 911 COVID Testing has antigen tests for \$95 and COVID-flu antigen tests for \$149. Site hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. House calls are available for an additional \$349 between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and \$499 between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Dilshad Concierge Medicine

Dilshad Concierge Medicine, located at 435 North Bedford Drive, offers drive-through testing and in-clinic testing. A PCR test with results in less than 24 hours costs \$175, results in 2 hours costs \$219, and results in 30 minutes costs \$319. An antibody test with results in 10 minutes costs \$125. They accept walk-ins, or appointments can be requested at 310-307-7865. They request that walk-ins call in advance. They are open 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

Beverly Hills Concierge Health

Beverly Hills Concierge Health, located at 8900 Wilshire Blvd., welcomes walk-ins and takes appointments both online and over the phone at 310-294-8343. PCR test

results in 1-4 hours runs \$225; test results in under an hour cost \$350. They charge \$125 for an antigen test. They are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays.

Covid Test LA

Covid Test LA, located in Mid-Wilshire at 5901 West Olympic Blvd., offers drive-thru same day PCR testing by appointment. Appointments can be scheduled at www.covidtestla.com. Covid Test LA says that results will be sent out by midnight in most cases, but they may be able to accommodate a faster turnaround. PCR testing costs \$79 with insurance and \$185 without and they accept most PPOs. Services are open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., but are closed between noon and 1 p.m.

COVID Testing MD

Covid Testing MD, situated at 113 North San Vicente Blvd., accepts both walk-in and scheduled appointments. Appointments can be made at www.covidtestingmd.com or by calling 310-752-9938. Antigen tests cost \$100, PCR tests return results in 24-72 hours and cost \$75 with insurance or \$150 without. Expedited PCR results in 12-30 hours can be purchased for \$300. COVID Testing MD also offers bundled COVID-flu antigen tests for \$175. They are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

LA Compounding Pharmacy

LA Compounding Pharmacy, located near Cedars-Sinai Medical Center at 8600 W. 3rd Street, Suite #1, offers PCR and antigen tests, in addition to the COVID-19 vaccine itself. Appointments can be made at www.lacompounding.com. PCR tests cost \$95 with insurance and \$195 without and return results within 12-24 hours. Antigen tests cost \$125. Vaccinations are always free, with or out without insurance. LA Compounding Pharmacy is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Beverly Hills Health

Beverly Hills Health is located at 9200 West Pico Boulevard and accepts appointments and walk-ins. Appointments can be made at www.beverlyhills-health.com. Antigen tests cost \$125 and PCR tests cost \$150, with results in 24-48 hours. They are

open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Linden Diagnostics

Linden Diagnostics, located in the Business Triangle at 462 North Linden Drive, Suite 100, offers antigen tests by appointment only. Tests cost \$150 and appointments can be made by calling or texting 310- 574-2399. They are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

My Concierge MD

My Concierge MD is located at 9301 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 405, and offers drive-thru antigen tests and same day PCR tests on an appointment basis. Appointments can be made at www.myconciierge.md.com/online-scheduling-checkout. PCR services cost \$225 and antigen tests cost \$125. House calls are available within a 15-mile radius for an additional \$450. They are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. ●

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“Not having a Metro Station on the UCLA Campus would be a sorely missed opportunity and have significant negative impacts on the West L.A. region and regional traffic congestion for decades to come.”

Only the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC) did not vote in favor of the motion. In Metro’s preliminary plans, the inclusion of a UCLA station would require tunneling underneath Bel Air. In a letter submitted to Metro, BABCNC raised concerns about potential noise and vibration effects from the project and requested that the EIR include analysis of potential wildfire hazards and seismic risks.

The nonprofit Bel-Air Association sounded an alarm in a recent email, warning homeowners that “[a] tunnel beneath Bel-Air will require Metro to obtain permanent easement acquisitions from Bel-Air homeowners, impacting rights to build on or improve one’s property.” The email said that the group would “do whatever is necessary” to oppose tunneling, including litigation.

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Currently, Don Blake serves as Senior Executive Bond Program Manager, and his company, Team Concept Development Services, Inc. (TCDS) is listed as the “Bond Manager” in the agreement with the district. The five-year contract between BHUSD and TCDS, which the board approved in 2017 without a bidding process, will expire on July 17, 2022. While Blake has helmed the district’s construction program since then, it’s unclear if he will ultimately remain after the RFP process. At the board’s direction, school staff will prepare an RFP draft for the board to review and provide feedback on in two weeks.

“Last night, the Board of Education took action to authorize the preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Bond Management Services to be presented by the administration in draft form to the Board in the next two weeks,” BHUSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy said in Feb. 2 correspondence sent to families. “No other action was taken, and all building projects will continue under their current contracts.”

Bregy added, “As Superintendent, my commitment to BHUSD starts with our students, staff, and families. However, I must also acknowledge the wider community of Beverly Hills. Thank you to our neighbors across the city who support the building projects in our school district. You continue to enable us to grow and modernize our facilities ensuring a state-of-the-art offering for our students.”

Board members insisted that the issue taken up was not Blake, TCDS or the quality of work being done, but rather how the board conducts business, proper governance, and accountability. “We are in support of the

On the Valley side of the project, the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) has criticized all of the alternatives as flawed, in addition to taking aim at the process itself.

“I don’t understand why Metro does not want to share everything they know about the project and today’s six alternatives with the public,” Bob Anderson, SOHA board member and Transportation Committee Chair, told the Courier.

A letter submitted to metro by SOHA accused the agency of providing inadequate information on the alternatives during the scoping meetings.

Metro has said that the public will have multiple opportunities to provide input over the course of the environmental review process, including after the release of the Draft EIR.

According to Metro’s current timeline, the first phase of the project will begin operations by 2033-2035. ●

program, yet we would like to go through a process to understand that what we are getting is market,” Gabriel Halimi said.

Since 2017, Blake has overseen the modernization at Beverly Hills High School including completion of buildings B1 and B2, as well as other projects. The work is funded by taxpayer dollars through the district’s general obligation bonds, Measure E and Measure BH. According to the agreement, TCDS would receive 2.5% of the total construction costs of the projects and is compensated for services related to bond management. According to board President Mary Wells, Blake reported a \$129 million budget shortfall for the construction program in October of 2021.

“We, as a board, currently have a responsibility for overseeing hundreds of millions of dollars related to our five school sites and well-being of over 3000 students,” President Mary Wells said. “This program is critical to improve our schools and to provide the best and safest learning environments for our students today, and to attract future students and families from Beverly Hills. At the very least, to fulfill our obligations, we need to ensure that we are getting the best value with the dollars required to complete this program.”

“It would be wonderful to have continuity of the program,” Halimi added. “We may find that, we may not, but that’s why we have to go through a process.”

The next Board of Education meeting will be held Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. ●

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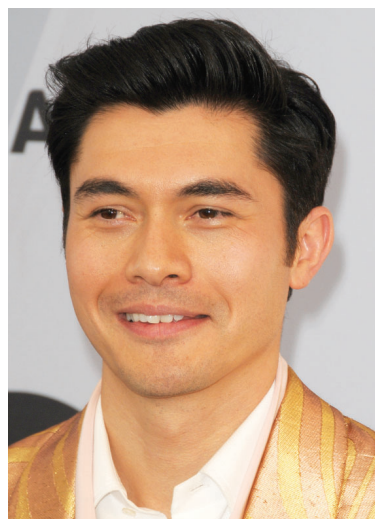
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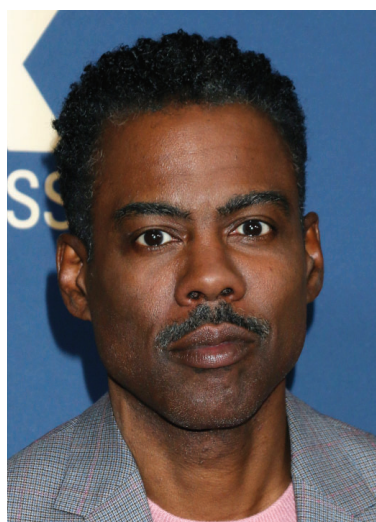
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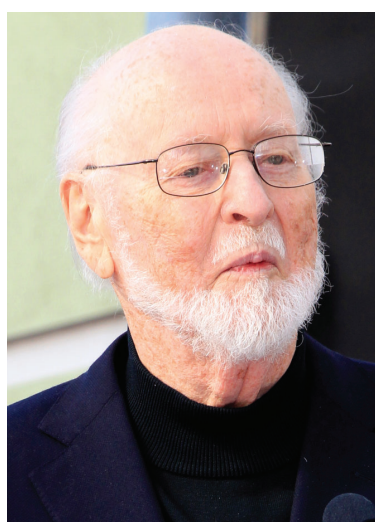
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CHRIS ROCK
February 7



SHIRLEY ARCONTI
February 8



JOHN WILLIAMS
February 8



JOYCE ESSEX
February 10



Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Too many projects going at one time will diffuse your energy, halt your progress and diminish your effectiveness. Cut your to-do list down dramatically. Narrow your focus.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll do as you intend to do. The success or failure of your actions is irrelevant. What's important is that you follow through, honoring your strong convictions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The uniqueness of individuals is apparent. You're different from your friends. Honor that. For now, stick with what works best for you and don't invite inquiry or advice.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you're around people who completely accept you for who you are, you have more energy. It's because you don't have to waste any in the self-monitoring and editing,

which get exhausting.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll create wonders using scraps, leftovers and the raw materials no one else can figure out what to do with. You're incredibly entertaining too, so you'll have an audience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your attraction secret: a one-track agenda. The multi-tasking person is not only less effective, but also less appealing. Charisma is intentional and focused, not diffused and distracted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your trepidation causes you to be aware of possibilities and choose your course carefully. But don't agonize over heavy stuff. You're supposed to climb the mountain, not carry it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A focus of the early hours will have a disproportionately favorable impact on the rest. Whatever you can do to make your morning routine smooth will set you up for success all day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New endeavors come with fresh frustrations but keep

working through them and before you know it, those small daily efforts will add up to the results you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While "chase" is a fun game for the elementary school playground, those who chase make others run. Catch your intended through sheer attraction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You stay on track by thinking in black-and-white terms. Each decision you make either brings you closer to or further away

from your goals. With every move ask, "which is it?"

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You shouldn't have to sacrifice one relationship to make another one work. If torn between two people, the disharmony may be within you. Fix it by reconciling two aspects of yourself.



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In response to the approval of the recall petition, Gascón campaign spokesperson Elise Moore told the Courier that Gascón made no secret about the progressive policies he would implement if elected.

"The voters of LA County agreed and voted overwhelmingly to embrace reform," she said, characterizing the recall as an effort to "undermine the will of the voters."

"People of LA County are far more interested in actually enhancing community safety for families, victims and all those living in LA County than they are in yet another politically motivated recall attempt," said Moore.

The organization Recall District Attorney George Gascón, which submitted the petition to the Registrar, has pushed back against Gascón's accusation of conservative leanings.

"His only rebuttal is to call it a partisan effort," Tim Lineberger, spokesperson for Recall District Attorney George Gascón, told the Courier. "It's led by victims and a bipartisan group of folks."

Under Los Angeles's recall rules, recall proponents have 160 days from the approval of a petition – July 6, in this case – to gather valid signatures equal to 10% of registered voters. This comes out to over 560,000 signatures. Factoring in normal rates of invalid signatures, Lineberger says that the campaign expects to need closer to 800,000 signatures.

The first recall attempt only managed to gather around 200,000 signatures and failed to attract significant funding. Lineberger says that the organization is going into the second effort with a "large infrastructure" and \$2.7 million in funding this time. There are no limits to the number of attempts that

can be made to recall an elected official in Los Angeles.

If the effort reaches the required number of signatures before July 6, LA voters will have the option to recall or keep Gascón on the Nov. 22 ballot. Voters would encounter a similar question as the one they faced in the 2021 gubernatorial recall. Angelenos would first be asked whether they wanted to recall Gascón. For those who answer yes, they would then select the candidate they want to replace him with. If 50% or more of voters say yes on the first question, then the candidate with the most votes wins.

California and Los Angeles have seen a spate of recall attempts over the last year, with Newsom's recall as the most notable and costly among them. Bids to oust Los Angeles City Councilmembers Mike Bonin, Nithya Rama and Kevin de León all failed to realize their goals.

Beverly Hills has become a prominent voice against Gascón during both the current and former recall campaigns. The City Council made the unprecedented move in March 2021 to issue a vote of no confidence against the new DA. The Council voted 3-2, with Mayor Robert Wunderlich and Councilmember John Mirisch casting dissenting votes, citing reservations with the process rather than support for Gascón. In January, a unanimous Council voted in favor of supporting the second recall attempt.

"We should be a city where people could feel safe. And I don't mean just Beverly Hills, I mean everywhere in Los Angeles," said Vice Mayor Lili Bosse in voting to support the recall. "People should be able to feel safe to walk the streets of their city. People should feel safe to sleep at night in their homes, in their beds, anywhere." ●

(Markowitz continued from page 1)

JustInCase BH links neighbors with each other and the Beverly Hills Police and Fire Departments to keep everyone safe in the event of major emergency, be it an earthquake, terror attack or anything in between.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Markowitz's parents and maternal grandparents survived the Holocaust. Her paternal grandparents and countless relatives perished at Auschwitz. She lived in several countries before becoming a U.S. citizen and speaks (in addition to English) Hungarian, Yiddish, French and Spanish.

Markowitz arrived in Beverly Hills after an early childhood in Israel, and spent time living in or attending school in London, Montreal, Paris (at the Sorbonne) and eventually returning to Canada. It was there that she met and married her husband Harold, a young orthopedic surgeon and captain in the U.S. Air Force.

The newlywed couple moved to California and settled in Beverly Hills. They originally lived in Trousdale and became parents to their first two children. Markowitz took the little ones to school with her as she finished her political science degree at Immaculate Heart College.

More than a decade later, the Markowitz family moved to the Beverly Hills flats for more space when their third child was born. Markowitz's three children (the eldest two are physicians and the youngest, an attorney) are now grown and married. She has six grandchildren and one on the way. Her husband, Dr. Harold Markowitz, passed away in 2020 after a long illness.

For 30 years, Markowitz worked as the manager of her husband's large orthopedic practice in Beverly Hills. She also co-founded a world-class children's museum that was purchased and relocated to Santa Monica a few years ago. She also served as president

of Amie Karen, a multi-million-dollar cancer foundation, and provides expertise as a member on numerous community and nonprofit boards.

While participating in Team Beverly Hills in 2015, Markowitz discovered that in a large emergency, police and firefighters would be occupied with major damage and likely unable to respond in a timely manner to individual residents. Markowitz decided that it was important to fill this gap. She began speaking regularly at City Council meetings on issues of safety and quality of life. As a result, she developed close bonds with police and firefighters.

"I had police calling me every single day to tell me what is going on. I have always had the best intentions to make the department the best it could possibly be. Making people safe again is huge. People are very fearful today, but I don't dwell in fear. I dwell in what we can do to make it better," Markowitz told the Courier.

She ran for City Council unsuccessfully in 2016. This time, Markowitz is running to fill what she describes as a leadership gap.

"As a member of this community, I have seen the Council serve the citizens of Beverly Hills with distinction and know first-hand what can be accomplished. But I have also seen it fall woefully short and abuse the public trust. I cannot sit on the sidelines and watch our City Council continue to slide under the weight of leadership more concerned about headlines and photo ops than real reform that would have a positive impact on our community. This is a key moment. I felt I must answer the call to serve." Markowitz said. "Even though I am not a politician, I feel I owe it to my neighbors in Beverly Hills hungry for leadership and positive reforms." Markowitz can be reached at Vera@Vera4Beverlyhillscitycouncil.com ●



The Lily Pond and sign at Beverly Gardens Park is a popular photo spot with visitors to the city. Photo by Carl Robinette

(TV Campaign continued from page 4)

"I think it's very likely that the \$50,000 will be available, but I also think it's better practice not to assume it's going to be available," said Wunderlich.

Stemming from a recommendation made by Beverly Hills Policy Management Analyst Cindy Owens, the committee reached a consensus that the final proposal will request the funds from the City Council with the stipulation that any carryover funding at the end of the year is first used to pay back the \$200,000 buffer and then to repay the

\$50,000 used to reach audiences in New York. Beverly Hills Director of Finance Jeff Muir said he would support this plan.

"I would rather you have the money now as an additional \$50,000 for a program that I think we all agree is necessary," Bosse said. "I think we can get this done and I would say start rolling as soon as possible because I think this is a very important program."

The proposed campaign is expected to go before the City Council on Feb. 8 for final approval. ●



The 16 artist-designed Sing for Hope Pianos are being transported across the Los Angeles area to their permanent homes. Good Shepherd Catholic School, View Park Preparatory High School, Lokrantz Special Education Center, and CHAMPS Charter High School were the first schools to receive a piano.

Photo courtesy of the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts/Instagram.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE
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URNS OF PHRASE

BY NANCY STARK AND WILL NEDIGER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Nancy Stark, of New York City, is a writer, lyricist and former editor for the Literary Guild book club. Will Nediger, of London, Ontario, is a professional crossword constructor. Nancy thought of this puzzle's theme (at 4 a.m. one night when she couldn't sleep), they brainstormed examples of it, Will constructed the grid and they both wrote the clues. This is their sixth collaboration for The Times. — W.S.

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Web site?</p> <p>6 Browser window</p> <p>9 Streaming service acquired by Fox in 2020</p> <p>13 Civil rights grp. once led by M.L.K.</p> <p>17 Fictional character who says, "I will take the ring, though I do not know the way"</p> <p>18 Scorpion, for one</p> <p>20 Wasn't overturned on appeal</p> <p>21 Artists sketching pectorals?</p> <p>23 Stays out all night?</p> <p>24 Glowing or shining</p> <p>25 Work rotations</p> <p>26 French "I like"</p> <p>27 "Right on!"</p> <p>28 Spot at a casino</p> <p>30 Either side of a beaming grin, in a phrase</p> <p>31 Tony winner McDonald</p> <p>32 Something to make after you wake</p> <p>33 Vow to remain mum about hotel guests' secrets?</p> <p>37 Hoops org.</p> <p>40 Possibility</p> <p>41 Scoffing sound</p> <p>42 Driver of film</p>	<p>43 Nonbinary people, informally</p> <p>47 Declined</p> <p>49 Over-poetical?</p> <p>50 Modern-day "carpe diem"</p> <p>51 Early times in verse</p> <p>52 Small distance covered by a naval armada?</p> <p>56 First sitting prez to fly in an airplane</p> <p>57 Words after walk or cash</p> <p>58 Hyperbolic wait time</p> <p>59 Like climates where cactuses thrive</p> <p>60 Pointy part of a charger?</p> <p>62 Group of followers</p> <p>64 Willem who played Jesus in "The Last Temptation of Christ"</p> <p>66 Some pianos and motorcycles</p> <p>68 2000s Fox teen drama</p> <p>69 Playwright Simon</p> <p>70 "Emotion in motion," per Mae West</p> <p>71 Thomas ____, British general at Bunker Hill</p> <p>72 Sweetie</p> <p>73 Boxer lacking a left hook?</p> <p>77 One of the boxing Alis</p> <p>78 Gumbo ingredient</p> <p>80 :-) alternative</p> <p>81 Below par</p> <p>82 Something unleashed in a denial-of-service attack</p> <p>83 Destination for a return flight</p>	<p>84 Himalayan humanoid</p> <p>86 ____ eyes</p> <p>88 "I'm a frayed ____" (punchline of a classic joke)</p> <p>89 What brass-band music has?</p> <p>92 Court</p> <p>95 Groups of Greeks, informally</p> <p>97 Watcher of the skies, for short</p> <p>98 Old ____ (motherland, affectionately)</p> <p>99 Announced</p> <p>100 You can count on them</p> <p>101 Beat in a race</p> <p>104 Very productive</p> <p>106 Not even a little off</p> <p>107 Tree feature in winter?</p> <p>109 Quaint bathroom sign</p> <p>110 Galosh</p> <p>111 Lumberjack's favorite kind of beer?</p> <p>112 "What are the ____?"</p> <p>113 Audience for Cocomelon, the most-viewed YouTube channel in the U.S.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DOWN</p> <p>1 Home with a pointy roof</p> <p>2 Worked on Wall Street</p> <p>3 Bring to a repair shop, say</p> <p>4 Creative springboard</p>	<p>5 Cereal once advertised by Woody Woodpecker</p> <p>6 Subject for Laozi</p> <p>7 Sounds from a lab</p> <p>8 "The Art of Fugue" composer</p> <p>9 One's kin, casually</p> <p>10 Loosen, in a way</p> <p>11 Some zeros and ones</p> <p>12 Bar necessities, at times</p> <p>13 It has several steps</p> <p>14 What a dog walker and a strong-willed pooch might vie for?</p> <p>15 Run easily</p> <p>16 Makeup of some music libraries</p> <p>19 Main</p> <p>20 Huge quantity</p> <p>21 Lacking color</p> <p>22 Brief period of work</p> <p>26 "Easy ... everything's going to be OK"</p> <p>29 Bottle marked with a skull and crossbones</p> <p>31 Cost for a spot</p> <p>33 Garden-shed items</p> <p>34 Caramel-filled candy</p> <p>35 "You can leave this to me"</p> <p>36 Declaration by one who's done playing</p> <p>38 Benjamin Franklin famously considered it "a rank coward" with "bad moral character"</p> <p>39 "Te quiero" sentiment</p> <p>43 Mideast V.I.P.</p> <p>44 Response to "No offense"</p>
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ANSWERS FOUND IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...

<p>45 The Bee Gees' Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb?</p> <p>46 It might gather lint</p> <p>48 Somersault</p> <p>52 Adversary</p> <p>53 To's opposite</p> <p>54 Old-timey reproach</p> <p>55 Scottish cap</p> <p>58 Aromatic trees</p> <p>61 Really bother</p> <p>63 Jacqueline or Jacques</p> <p>64 For sure, for short</p>	<p>65 Something a snowboarder catches</p> <p>66 Last word of "Ulysses"</p> <p>67 Goal in musical chairs</p> <p>69 Nick of "48 Hrs."</p> <p>70 Beer brand whose name spells an article of apparel backward</p> <p>72 Knock on the head</p> <p>74 Carolers' repertoire</p> <p>75 ____ dancer</p> <p>76 Minotaur's foot</p>	<p>77 Bird known in the U.K. as a diver</p> <p>79 Draws</p> <p>82 Red-light district establishment</p> <p>85 Like some vodkas</p> <p>87 Fly into a rant</p> <p>90 Spuds</p> <p>91 Tall tales</p> <p>92 Dispensed with</p> <p>93 N.H.L. team with five championship-winning seasons in the 1980s</p> <p>94 Praising poetry</p>	<p>96 Ballet sections</p> <p>99 Play station?</p> <p>100 Got rid of</p> <p>101 "Duh," in modern slang</p> <p>102 Pine</p> <p>103 Like the Radio City Music Hall sign</p> <p>105 Harvest</p> <p>106 Something swollen on a pro athlete?</p> <p>107 Totally fine</p> <p>108 Alternative to Webster's, in brief</p>
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Police Blotter

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

ARSON

1/23/2022, 9:48 a.m. at 300 Block of N. PALM DRIVE

1/23/2022, 9:38 a.m. at 300 Block of N. OAKHURST DRIVE

1/23/2022, 9:48 a.m. at 9000 Block of DAYTON WAY

1/23/2022, 3:40 p.m. at 400 Block of N. DOHENY DRIVE

1/22/2022, 8:40 a.m. at 9600 Block of SUNSET BOULEVARD

ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED

1/28/2022, 9 a.m. at 700 Block of TRENTON DRIVE

ASSAULT - SIMPLE

1/15/2022, 2:15 a.m. at 100 Block of S. CRESCENT DRIVE

1/13/2022, 12:15 p.m. at 9800 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

1/13/2022, 4:47 p.m. at 200 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

1/9/2022, 9:30 p.m. at 100 Block of N. GALE DRIVE

BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING

1/21/2022, 7:45 a.m. at 100 Block of N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD

1/21/2022, 2:01 a.m. at 100 Block of N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD

1/8/2022, 9:30 a.m. at 0-99 Block of N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD

1/8/2022, 6:30 a.m. at 100 Block of S. BEDFORD DRIVE

1/8/2022, 5 a.m. at 9600 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

1/8/2022, 3:24 a.m. at 0-99 Block of N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD

BURGLARY - FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

1/29/2022, 6 p.m. at 200 Block of LASKY DRIVE

1/29/2022, 6 p.m. at 200 Block of LASKY DRIVE

1/29/2022, 5:30 p.m. at 200 Block of LASKY DRIVE

1/29/2022, 12 p.m. at 200 Block of LASKY DRIVE

1/27/2022, 10:45 a.m. at 400 Block of SMITHWOOD DRIVE

1/25/2022, 2:34 p.m. at N. LE DOUX RD / WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

1/23/2022, 4:47 a.m. at 200 Block of PECK DRIVE

1/7/2022, 7:30 a.m. at 200 Block of S. GALE DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (ACCESSED GARAGE ONLY)

1/11/2022, 11:10 p.m. at 700 Block of N. REXFORD DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE HOME)

1/28/2022, 9:17 p.m. at 900 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

1/22/2022, 4:05 p.m. at 400 Block of N. MAPLE DRIVE

1/12/2022, 1 a.m. at 100 Block of N. HAMILTON DRIVE

1/5/2022, 11:40 a.m. at 400 Block of N. PALM DRIVE

DUI ARREST

1/30/2022, 3:41 a.m. at 700 Block of ALTA DRIVE

1/29/2022, 10:48 a.m. at N. BEVERLY DRIVE / PARK WAY

1/21/2022, 1:31 a.m. at N. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD / N. RODEO DRIVE

1/8/2022, 2:49 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

1/22/2022, 9:20 a.m. at 400 Block of S. PALM DRIVE

1/6/2022, 6:32 a.m. at 400 Block of S. OAKHURST DRIVE

ROBBERY

2/1/2022, 11:36 a.m. at MCCARTY DRIVE / CHARLEVILLE BOULEVARD

1/31/2022, 1:42 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

1/30/2022, 8:17 p.m. at 600 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

1/18/2022, 12:15 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ROXBURY DRIVE

1/13/2022, 2:59 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

1/13/2022, 3:50 a.m. at 1000 Block of N. ROXBURY DRIVE

1/6/2022, 11:50 a.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

THEFT FROM COMMERCIAL BUILDING

1/10/2022, 12:07 p.m. at 8300 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

THEFT - GRAND

1/30/2022, 5:52 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

1/29/2022, 3:36 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

1/27/2022, 4:10 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

1/25/2022, 3:20 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

1/22/2022, 12 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ALMONT DRIVE

1/22/2022, 11:57 a.m. at 9500 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

1/21/2022, 7:22 p.m. at 200 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

1/21/2022, 6:08 p.m. at 300 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

1/21/2022, 3:27 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

1/18/2022, 1:21 p.m. at 300 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

1/17/2022, 6:18 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

1/16/2022, 8:30 p.m. at 200 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

1/14/2022, 2:25 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

1/11/2022, 6:29 p.m. at 200 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

1/10/2022, 3:51 p.m. at 200 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

1/8/2022, 2:22 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

1/6/2022, 4:55 p.m. at 400 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE

1/6/2022, 2:21 p.m. at 9600 Block of BRIGHTON WAY

1/5/2022, 6:53 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

1/3/2022, 6:46 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

1/3/2022, 6:38 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)

1/31/2022, 2:34 p.m. at 200 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

1/21/2022, 8:30 a.m. at 500 Block of N. PALM DRIVE

THEFT OF AUTO PARTS

1/21/2022, 7 a.m. at 100 Block of S. BEDFORD DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY

1/28/2022, 1:36 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

1/26/2022, 11:26 a.m. at 200 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

1/25/2022, 7:15 p.m. at 100 Block of N. ALMONT DRIVE

1/25/2022, 3:10 p.m. at 200 Block of S. STANLEY DRIVE

1/23/2022, 3:02 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

1/20/2022, 1 p.m. at 100 Block of N. HAMILTON DRIVE

1/19/2022, 6:33 a.m. at 400 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

1/15/2022, 5:19 p.m. at 9400 Block of OLYMPIC BOULEVARD

1/15/2022, 3:11 p.m. at 400 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE

1/13/2022, 10:58 a.m. at 400 Block of N. CRESCENT DRIVE

1/5/2022, 4:16 p.m. at 400 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE

1/4/2022, 6:30 p.m. at 1500 Block of CARLA RIDGE

1/2/2022, 9 a.m. at 100 Block of N. OAKHURST DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY (FROM VEHICLE)

1/30/2022, 9 p.m. at 9900 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

1/27/2022, 9:50 a.m. at 9400 Block of GREGORY WAY

1/27/2022, 6:55 a.m. at CHARLEVILLE BOULEVARD / REEVES DRIVE

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2/1/2022, 12:45 p.m. at 500 Block of N. REXFORD DRIVE

1/31/2022, 11:30 a.m. at 9300 Block of CIVIC CENTER DRIVE

1/30/2022, 4:13 p.m. at WILSHIRE BOULEVARD / WHITTIER DRIVE

1/30/2022, 10 a.m. at 500 Block of FOOTHILL ROAD

1/22/2022, 6 p.m. at 8400 Block of GREGORY WAY

1/20/2022, 12:39 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

1/12/2022, 9 a.m. at 200 Block of N. DOHENY DRIVE

Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 22-O-2856

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS EXTENDING INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 21-o-2853 TO PROVIDE OBJECTIVE STANDARDS FOR SENATE BILL 9 PROJECTS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

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

Section 1. Legislative Findings.

During the 2021 legislative session, the California Legislature passed, and the Governor signed Senate Bill 9 (SB 9), which requires local agencies to ministerially approve urban lot splits and development to two residential units per single family residential lots provided the projects meet certain criteria. SB 9 became effective on January 1, 2022. SB 9 projects will have the potential to significantly impact the character of the City's well established single family neighborhoods. SB 9 projects have the potential to impact the health, safety, and welfare of residents in the City, and particularly on the character of single family residential neighborhoods, the garden quality of the City, vehicular and pedestrian safety, on-street parking demand and impacts, and housing affordability. As such, the City of Beverly Hills City Council wishes to consider enacting permanent ordinances to establish objective zoning and subdivision standards for SB 9 projects.

Because the public process of adopting these ordinances may be lengthy, and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and prevent detrimental impacts on single family residential neighborhoods within the City, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 21-O-2853, an interim ordinance that took effect on December 7, 2021, (the "Interim Ordinance"). The Interim Ordinance establishes standards and procedures for projects developed according to the regulations included in SB 9. These standards include lot size limits for urban lot splits, height, size, and design standards for new units constructed pursuant to SB 9 regulations, setback standards, parking requirements, and occupancy and use requirements for new units and Accessory Dwelling Units on lots split in accordance with SB 9. City staff continues to study the issues related to permanent regulations.

Section 2. Authority.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, the City Council may adopt, as an urgency measure, an interim ordinance that prohibits any uses that may be in conflict with a contemplated zoning proposal that the City Council is considering, studying, or intends to study within a reasonable period of time. After public notice, the City Council may extend the interim ordinance by a period of ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days, pursuant to Government Code Section 65858. Notice of the public hearing at which the City Council considered adopting this extension ordinance was duly published on December 24, 2021, in the *Beverly Hills Courier*, and on December 30, 2021, in the *Beverly Hills Weekly* and in the *Beverly Press*.

Section 3. Urgency Findings.

The City Council finds that there is an immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare and that urban lot splits and additional unit development pursuant to SB 9 that does not conform with the certain objective standards established by the City constitutes a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, as described in Section 1, above. The City Council finds and determines that there is the potential for an immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare in the event of a

proliferation of SB 9 projects without local regulatory standards. To preserve the public health, safety, and general welfare, the City Council declares it necessary that this Ordinance take immediate effect to prevent these harms.

Section 4. CEQA Findings.

The City Council hereby finds that this ordinance shall not be considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act. Additionally, the City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance will have a significant adverse effect on the environment, given the fact that no specific development is contemplated at this time, and the ordinance is only establishing regulations for future development if proposed pursuant to SB 9. Further, development that would be contemplated under this ordinance must be treated ministerially, and any such projects would be statutorily exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b) (3) and 15268 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, as separate and independent bases for exemption.

Section 5. Severability.

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

Section 6. Approval and Extension of Ordinance.

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

Section 7. Publication.

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

ADOPTED: January 18, 2022
EFFECTIVE: January 18, 2022

ROBERT WUNDERLICH
Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills

ATTEST:
HUMA AHMED (SEAL)
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
GEORGE CHAVEZ
City Manager

RYAN GOHLICH, AICP
Director of Community Development

VOTE:
AYES: Councilmembers Friedman, Gold, Mirisch, Vice Mayor Bosse, and Mayor Wunderlich
NOES: None
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN Order No: 1427842CAD TS No: S19-11051 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN, DATED 09/25/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Witkin & Neal, Inc., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to that certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Claim of Lien (hereinafter referred to as "Lien"), recorded on 09/30/2019 as instrument number 20191026555, in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, and further pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded on 1/7/2020 as instrument number 20200017280 in said county and further pursuant to California Civil Code Section 5675 et seq. and those certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded on 3/18/1980 as instrument number 80-272387, WILL SELL on 02/17/2022, 10:00AM, Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 at public auction to the highest bidder for lawful money of the United States payable at the time of sale, all right, title and interest in the property situated in said county as more fully described in the above-referenced Lien. The purported owner(s) of said property is (are): J.K. SELZNICK, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property is purported to be: 1424 NORTH CRESCENT HEIGHTS, UNIT 29, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046, APN 5554-005-034. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale is: \$17,965.64. The opening bid at the foreclosure sale may be more or less than this estimate. In addition to cash, trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn on a state or federal credit union or a check drawn on a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do busi-

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assigned to this case: S19-11051. 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. 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 using the file number assigned to this case S19-11051 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. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the sale shall be subject to the following as provided in California Civil Code Section 5715: "A non judicial foreclosure sale by an association to collect upon a debt for delinquent assessments shall be subject to a right of redemption. The redemption period within which the separate interest may be redeemed from a foreclosure sale under this paragraph ends 90 days after the sale." Dated: 12/24/2021 Witkin & Neal, Inc. as said Trustee 5805 SEPULVEDA BLVD., SUITE 670 SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91411 (818) 845-8808 By: SUSAN PAQUETTE, TRUSTEE SALES OFFICER THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0398339 To: BEVERLY HILLS COURIER 01/21/2022, 01/28/2022, 02/04/2022

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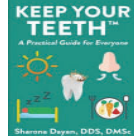
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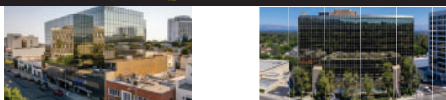
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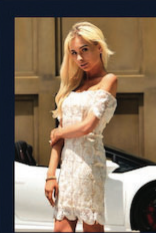
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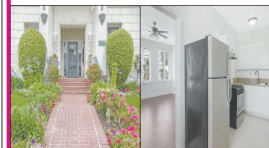
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