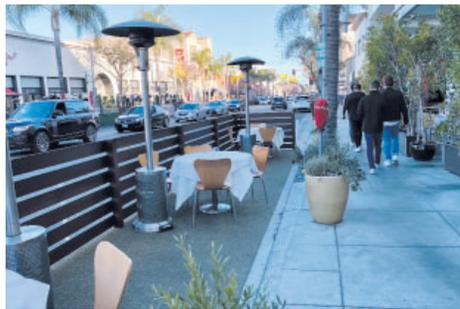


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BHPD Chief Mark Stainbrook Speaks to the Community

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) Chief Mark Stainbrook has made multiple recent community appearances in an effort to introduce himself to the city and address anxiety about an uptick in crime. The community outreach comes on the heels of a string of high-profile crimes, including the murder of long-time Beverly Hills resident and philanthropist Jacqueline Avant.

On Dec. 9, Stainbrook joined the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee meeting to speak to the specific concerns of the business

community. Then, on Dec. 12, the police department and the City Council hosted an outdoor town hall meeting at the Civic Center where Stainbrook answered questions from residents. Following the in-person town hall, the city held a virtual town hall with the Chief.

"I want to say thank you to everybody for being here today, because it shows the amount of community support and engagement that we have here," said Stainbrook at the Dec. 12 town hall.

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Chief Mark Stainbrook, backed by his command staff, conducts a town hall with residents. Photo by Samuel Braslow

Tight Budgets, Short Timeline: Frieze Week Heating Up

BY CARL ROBINETTE



A crowd mingles under an exhibition tent at Frieze Los Angeles in 2020. Photo courtesy of Casey Kelbaugh/Frieze.

Frieze Week in Beverly Hills is only two months away, and the city is gearing up to put its best foot forward for the event. Set to take place on Feb. 17-20, the multi-faceted art exhibition is

expected to bring in more than 35,000 visitors from around the world.

Enthusiasm is high, although city staff does face some obstacles.

Frieze Los Angeles announced in April that it was moving the acclaimed art fair to Beverly Hills, but by the time partnership efforts with the City of Beverly Hills kicked off, city budgets were already in place for the year. This means funding for city-sponsored activities during the week-long art experience does not technically exist. But city staff told the Courier they are working to find funding, possibly using the existing funds from the Community Services Department special events budget and looking at sponsorship opportunities.

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Maynor Pleads Not Guilty to Avant Murder

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Aariel Maynor, 29, of Los Angeles pleaded not guilty on Dec. 16 to murder and other counts arising from the shooting death of beloved Beverly Hills resident and philanthropist Jacqueline Avant.

Avant, 81, was killed on Dec. 1 in her Trousdale Estates home. Avant's husband, renowned music executive Clarence Avant, 90, was not injured during the incident. A security guard at the couple's home was shot at, but not injured.

Maynor was arrested shortly after the Avant shooting, which took place at approximately 2 a.m. at the Avant home on Maytor Place. He was charged on Dec. 6 with one count of murder, attempted murder and being a felon in possession of a firearm and two counts of residential burglary with a person present.

Maynor has an extensive criminal record that includes domestic violence, robbery and grand theft. He was recently released on parole.

Avant's murder has shaken the community, not only for its senselessness but for the great loss it brings. Local and national luminaries issued statements in the wake of her death. Former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton noted that Avant was a dear friend who "inspired admiration, respect and affection in everyone who knew her. We are heartbroken. She will be deeply missed."

Mary Wells Installed as BHUSD Board President

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On Dec. 14, the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education held an Organizational Meeting during which Mary Wells was installed as the president of the board and Noah Margo as vice president for 2022-2023. Wells and Margo took the oath of office administered by Judge Joseph Wapner and former board member, Howard Goldstein, respectively.

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Courier Calendar

DEC. 20 ROTARY CLUB OF BEVERLY HILLS HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE AT THE BEVERLY HILLS FIRE STATION 3:00 P.M.

The Rotary Club of Beverly Hills is holding a toy drive to benefit the Hope Street Family Center, the Westwood Transitional Village/The Salvation Army and the Boys & Girls Club. Please bring unwrapped toys, such as stuffed animals, games, puzzles and other small gifts for children to the Beverly Hills Fire Station on Dec. 20. <https://bhrotary.org>

L.A. SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT BLANKETS AND SOCKS DRIVE WEST L.A. DISTRICT YARD

L.A. Sanitation and Environment is running a drive to collect new and gently used, clean and washed blankets, sleeping bags, and socks at 2027 Stoner Ave., Los Angeles. As colder weather arrives, it can be difficult for unsheltered LA residents to keep warm. All donations from the drive will be distributed to members of the homeless community. For other drop-off locations and further information, email san.cfrp@lacity.org or call (213) 485-2260.

NOW ROOFTOP CINEMA CLUB

Rooftop Cinema Club Downtown Los Angeles and The Drive-Up at Santa Monica Airport are showing merry and bright holiday programming. Guests can also purchase classic drive-in tickets, which include tailgating space as well. Join for the last chance to experience The Drive-Up at Santa Monica Airport before it closes on Dec. 31. The Downtown Los Angeles location will close on Dec. 19 with a final screening of "Elf," but it will be back in the spring and on other rooftops next year. <https://rooftopcinemaclub.com/los-angeles/>

NOW - DEC. 24 AMERICAN CONTEMPORARY BALLET: "THE NUTCRACKER SUITE"

"The Nutcracker Suite" is offered by American Contemporary Ballet. The immersive staging of the Tchaikovsky classic captivates children and enchants adults, creating a sumptuous holiday experience. Guests will be thrilled by the live performance and enchanted by the magical snow-globe world of the dancing of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her subjects. <https://www.acbdances.com/>

NOW - JAN. 2, 2022 EL CAPITAN THEATRE: "WEST SIDE STORY"

12 P.M., 3:45 P.M., 7:30 P.M.
El Capitan Theatre presents Twentieth Century Studios' "West Side Story" through Jan. 2, 2022. Guests can see costumes, which are displayed, and pose for photos at a "West Side Story" themed photo opportunity. The mighty Wurlitzer Organ will be played prior to showings on Saturdays and Sundays. There will be enhanced safety and health precautions for guests and cast members. Tickets are \$28 for VIP, \$17 for adults, and \$14 for children and seniors. <https://elcapitantheatre.com/> <https://www.fandango.com/el-capitan-theatre-aacon/theater-page>

NOW - JAN. 2, 2022 LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE: FIVE FESTIVE SHOWS

Join Laguna Playhouse to celebrate the holidays with five festive experiences. The shows being performed include: The Skivvies' "Say It Ain't Snow" with Broadway's Lauren Molina and Nick Cearley from Dec. 6-7, "Merry Christmas, Darling: Carpenters' Christmas" from Dec. 13-15, "Sister's Christmas Catechism" from Dec. 20-21, Rita Rudner's "Happy Vaccinated New Year's Eve" on Dec. 31, and "Folk Legacy Trio" from Jan. 1-2, 2022. <https://lagunaplayhouse.com/>

NOW - FEB. 20, 2022 THE GETTY CENTER: "LA SURPRISE: WATTEAU IN LOS ANGELES"

The Getty Center presents "La Surprise: Watteau in Los Angeles." The exhibit brings together paintings and drawings from Los Angeles public and private collections to celebrate a recent Getty acquisition of the painting "La Surprise." It is curated by former Associate Curator of Drawings at Getty Museum Emily Beeny and Senior Curator of Paintings Davide Gasparotto. The pieces convey Watteau's methods and the elusive and captivating quality of his art. "La Surprise" joined a rich array of Watteau's drawings and paintings in Los Angeles. <https://www.getty.edu/visit/center/>

DEC. 17, DEC. 22 PBS SOCAL AND KCET: PACIFIC CHORALE'S "THE WAYFARING PROJECT"

8 P.M.
PBS SoCal airs Pacific Chorale's "The Wayfaring Project" on Dec. 17, and KCET airs it on Dec. 22. The original concert film was created and conducted by Artistic Director Robert Istad. Featuring Pacific Chorale, members of Pacific Symphony, and solo artists, the program was filmed between April and July 2021 and follows Pacific Chorale's progression throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. "The Wayfaring Project" includes video and audio production by Arts Laureate and video production by award-winning cinematographer Jeff Dolen. <https://www.pacificchorale.org/>

DEC. 17 - 19
LONG BEACH BALLET: "THE
NUTCRACKER"
7:30 P.M. FRIDAY; 2 P.M., 7:30 P.M.
SATURDAY; 1 P.M., 6 P.M. SUNDAY
Join Long Beach Ballet for five performances of "The Nutcracker" at the Long Beach Terrace Theater at the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment

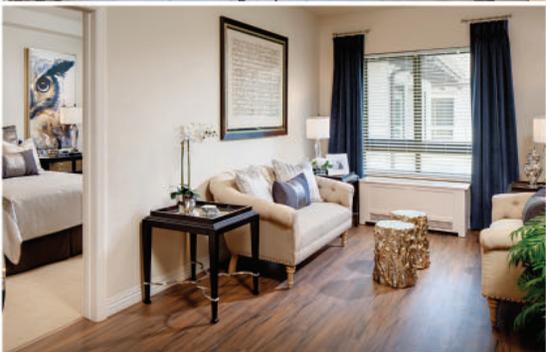
Center. The show will highlight guest performances and surprise treats for the 39th production of the classical tale. It will feature a flying sleigh, a live horse, a full symphony orchestra, on-stage pyrotechnics, and a cast with over 200 members. Elliot Hessayon and Scott Schaffer, former Disney designers, made the enchanting scenery, Australian artists Adrian Clark designed the costumes, and magician Franz Harary made the special effects. The performance is half-priced on Friday night for a Preview Performance, and tickets range from \$34-\$115 with special VIP packages available and discounts for groups of 15 or more. <https://longbeachnutcracker.com/>

DEC. 19 - 20
PACIFIC CHORALE: "TIS THE
SEASON!"
5 P.M. DEC. 19, 7:30 P.M. DEC. 20
Pacific Chorale presents the extravaganza "Tis the Season!" at the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa. The 85 members of the Chorale will sing the cherished holiday and traditional favorites, directed by Artistic Director Robert Istad. The Chorale will also perform "O Magnum Mysterium" by Morten Lauriden, National Medal of Arts recipient, "Gloria" from Ji-Hoon Park's "Lightning Bug" Mass, and "Angel Voices Ever Singing" by Bob Chilcott. Santa Claus will also pay a visit to the concert from the North Pole. The 2021-22 Season is possible due to the generous support from Platinum Season Sponsor Phillip N. and Mary A. Lyons and Silver Season Sponsor Charles and Ling Zhang. Tickets range from \$29-\$150 and are available online. <https://www.pacificchorale.org/events/tis-the-season/>

DEC. 20
THEATRE 40: "BEASLEY'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY"
7 P.M.
As part of the final 2021 entry of the popular series Monday Night Seminars, Theatre 40 offers a Zoom with a rehearsed reading of "Beasley's Christmas Party." There will be a Q&A after the reading. Theatre 40 presents the classic holiday tale by novelist, playwright, and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Booth Tarkington. The heartwarming and sweet story is ideal for the holiday season and enjoyable for all. Director Malanie MacQueen is part of the cast alongside Dulude, Philip Sokoloff, David Hunt Stafford, Gloria Stroock, Rebecca Begue, John Leslie and David Westbay. MacQueen and Leslie moderate Monday Night Seminars. Zoom Password: R0pUWXF5bUtDWG1i T05VbitQcmV1dz09 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86958117238?>



Ansel Elgort as Tony and Rachel Zegler as Maria, flanked by Jets and Sharks members from "West Side Story"
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Firefighters Sue City Over Vaccine Mandate

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Two Beverly Hills firefighters have filed a lawsuit against the city and Los Angeles County over the county's vaccine mandate for healthcare workers. The lawsuit also names Los Angeles County Health Officer Dr. Muntu Davis and Councilmember John Mirisch. The lawsuit seeks an injunction and unspecified compensatory damages.

The lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on behalf of Josh Sattley and Ettore Berardinelli Jr., takes aim at a county rule announced in August that requires all healthcare workers to get vaccinated. As licensed emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics, Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) firefighters fall within the scope of the mandate.

The order, issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health), allowed for exemptions in two cases: workers whose "sincerely held religious beliefs" precluded receiving the vaccine and those with qualifying medical reasons. Healthcare workers had until Sept. 30 to be fully vaccinated or receive an exemption.

Following the deadline, the Courier reported that more than 25% of BHFD

firefighters requested exemptions to the requirement. Sattley and Berardinelli were among that group, according to the complaint.

The city swiftly conducted interviews with the firefighters seeking exemptions and announced the results on Oct. 1. Of the five firefighters seeking medical exemptions, only one received a full exemption while the rest were granted 30-day temporary exemptions. None of the 20 people seeking exemptions for "sincerely held religious beliefs" received full exemptions. Instead, 14 of them were given 30-day exemptions and six requests were denied. Five of those denied religious exemptions took the shot, while one was placed on unpaid administrative leave.

The one firefighter placed on leave was Sattley, according to the lawsuit. While Berardinelli received a temporary religious exemption, the lawsuit states that the city has extended the exemption periodically and put the exemption under "constant review."

Berardinelli, along with the other firefighters who were granted exemptions, were excluded from medical calls, a move

that drew criticism from opponents of the mandate, including the union representing the fire fighters. "The directive from the city decreases the level of services provided by the BHFD," the Beverly Hills Firefighters Association said in a post on Instagram.

The fire department plans on hiring a new firefighter with a paramedic license in January 2022, according to Beverly Hills Chief Communications Officer Keith Sterling. "We are currently in the process of hiring 8 more Firefighters with paramedic licenses that will start early summer 2022," Sterling said, adding that COVID-19 vaccination status is a prerequisite for new employees.

The lawsuit does not elaborate on the specifics of either plaintiff's religious beliefs. Scott James Street, an attorney in the case, also declined to offer details.

"Religious discrimination is just one aspect of this case, one that will be explored in discovery and eventually at trial," Street told the Courier. "The case is also about due process and the right to privacy, rights that have long been recognized under the California Constitution and which matter now more than ever."

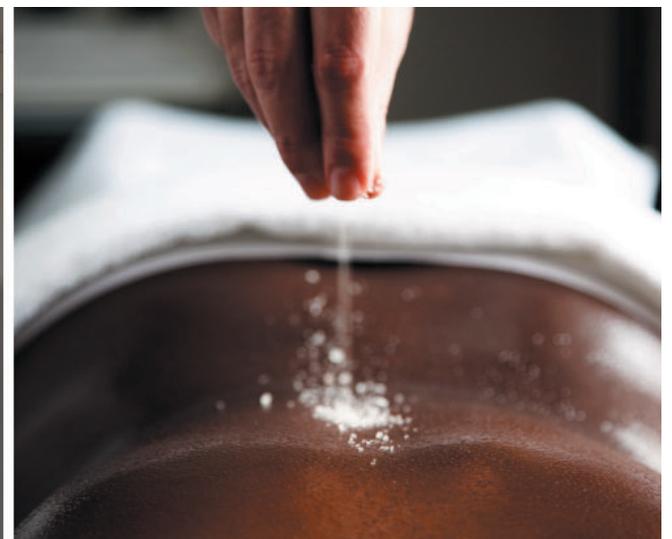
The lawsuit claims that Public Health

exceeded its authority under state law in issuing the mandate. It further argues that the mandate "does not allow employers to question the sincerity of an individual's religious objection to the COVID-19 shot," which it says violates the First Amendment. The suit holds that the city violated Sattley's right to due process by depriving him of an opportunity to challenge his suspension. Lastly, the suit claims that the mandate violates the California constitutional right to privacy.

A spokesperson for Public Health declined to comment on the lawsuit. "The county has taken extensive steps during the pandemic to keep the public safe and the vaccination policy is an essential public health measure intended to protect the residents of Los Angeles County," Public Health told the Courier.

The city did not comment on the specifics of the lawsuit but broadly defended its actions in implementing the county's mandate.

(Firefighters Sue City continues on page 9)



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Task Force Discusses Future of OpenBH

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Parklet on Canon Drive Photo by Bianca Heyward

The Beverly Hills City Council liaisons heard a number of updates from members of the Small Business Assistance Task Force Committee at its Dec. 13 meeting. Topics of discussion included recent business openings, attraction efforts, an uptick in retail theft, ways in which the city can support small

businesses owners and the next iteration of OpenBH.

The Council previously extended the OpenBH program in its current format through March 31, 2022. The outdoor dining tents at the end of Canon Drive at Spago and Nusr-Et restaurants are also approved

through March of next year. Businesses such as restaurants, retail salons, and faith-based organizations participating in the program will be able to continue outdoor operations until then with expedited permits and fees waived.

The city has explored viable long-term conversions of the OpenBH program for quite some time. In September, the City Council directed staff to create a process for converting the temporary no-fee OpenBH program parklets and expanded outdoor dining uses into a long-term, fee-based program.

“We need to get them looking like they belong in Beverly Hills,” CEO of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Todd Johnson said of the parklets. “Some of them are extravagant and some of them look like they’re just kind of thrown together.”

“I think one thing that we need to start looking at is the traffic congestion and lack of ability for people to pick up orders on Canon,” Council liaison Lester Friedman said. “I’m starting to hear some complaints now about the amount of traffic that there is on Canon in terms of the valet who don’t have places to put the cars when a person stops.”

“And I’ve heard reports of people having to wait five, seven, 10 minutes just to get through Canon,” he added. To potentially alleviate the issue, city staff are exploring multiple ways to utilize the sidewalk curb for valet parking, as well as parklets.

Currently, the City Council is meeting in two subcommittees to discuss the future of the program. The OpenBH Code Changes and Fees Subcommittee is focused on broader policy considerations, including code and fee structure changes. The OpenBH Design and Operating Standards Subcommittee will concentrate on design standards and guidelines.

“We need to work together to find something that can be long term,” Vice-Mayor and liaison Lili Bosse said. “So, I think we’re in the right direction and we’re not going to rush this, but we’re going to do this with you as a partner to make sure that we get it right.”

Bosse encouraged business owners to get involved in the subcommittee meetings and provide their input as affected stakeholders. **(Task Force continues on page 9)**



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Boy Scout Cultivates Next Generation of Green Thumbs

BY CARL ROBINETTE



Beverly Hills Boy Scout Eric Cacavas cuts the lumber used in his project to rehabilitate the Learning Garden at Castle Heights Elementary School.

Photo courtesy of the Cacavas family

The Learning Garden at Castle Heights Elementary School fell into disrepair during the COVID-19 pandemic, but one local teen took action and brought the garden back to life. Sixteen-year-old Boy Scout Eric Cacavas of Beverly Hills Troop 110 took on the challenge as part of his path to becoming an Eagle Scout, but the task ahead of the teenager was no small one.

Other Scouts before Eric had considered the project but thought it would be too difficult. Still others had tried and failed. Eric got it done.

“The project in the past has been sort of

left aside because people decided it was too hard or they just gave up on it,” Eric told the Courier. “One Scout was shut down due to COVID. So I just decided to pick it up where it was left off.”

The garden is made up of raised planters and has been used to teach elementary schoolers about plants, food production and gardening for more than 10 years. The planters had seen better days even before the pandemic, Eric told the Courier, but since March 2020, the aging planters had deteriorated sharply.

“COVID was just the straw that broke the camel’s back for the garden,” Eric said.

After a lot of research online about how to build them and with a little help from his parents, Eric designed new planters through trial and error in his garage.

“[My mom] was really big in helping figure out the logistical part of it,” Eric said. “Figuring out the physical dimensions took a really long time, because the people who built them before just sort of slapped them together, so we had to put a lot of work into making sure they were built right. I’ve got to give props to my mom for that.”

The garden planters are now designed to last 30 years and are built so each

component can be replaced easily if they are damaged. Eric’s dad also pitched in as driver and power tool supervisor during the construction.

Before beginning work on the garden, Eric first approached the school’s principal to get permission, then he went to Lowe’s hardware store and secured discounts for the materials. He also convinced Ciccerio’s Pizza to provide discounts on food to feed his fellow Boy Scouts while they worked.

“I had some friends from the past who had Eagled-out and I just asked them to show up,” Eric said. Eagling-out means a Scout leaves because they are over 18 years old. “It was people in college who just happened to be home for the holiday. So I invited them down and it was just a lot of fun seeing old friends.”

After months of planning and designing the new planters, Eric led more than 20 Boy Scouts and former Scouts over the Thanksgiving break. They whipped the garden into shape. Using redwood lumber, rebar and concrete bricks, the Scouts completed the four 8-by-3.3-foot planters in just a few hours.

“Yesterday, while most of us were enjoying the second weekend of our much needed

break, an ambitious group of Boy Scouts, led by Eric Cacavas, dedicated their Saturday to cleaning and rebuilding our Learning Garden,” said Castle Heights Principal Linda Beck in an email newsletter Nov. 28. “Weeds were removed, four of the older raised planters were dismantled, new planters were assembled and installed and fresh potting soil added. The new structure will provide a learning space for our students for years to come. What a gift for our second and third grade students who will visit the garden during the second semester.”

Through his work on the garden, Eric completed his capstone leadership project needed to become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. To rise to the rank of Eagle, Scouts must hold the next highest rank, Life Scout, for six months. They also have to earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, demonstrate “Scout Spirit,” and demonstrate leadership within their troop, crew or ship. Since the inception of Boy Scouts of America, 2.5 million youths have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. This only represents about 4% of all the total Scouts in that time. Eric told the Courier he only has a few more merit badges to go. **(Boy Scout continues on page 13)**

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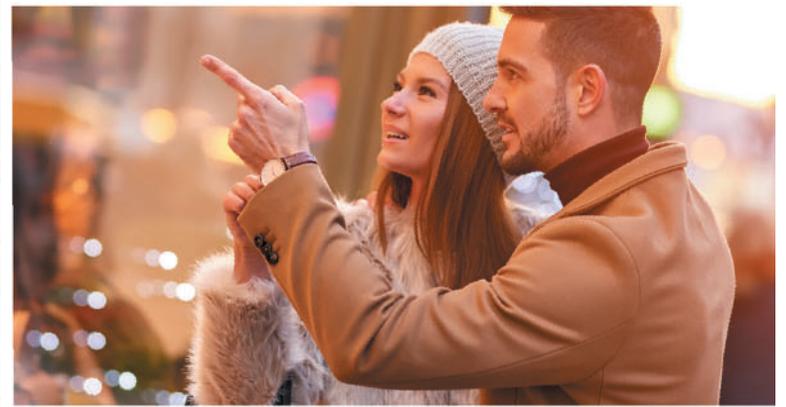
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Mary Wells was sworn in on Dec. 14.

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Wells was appointed Vice President in October, after Tristen Walker-Shuman, former board member and vice president, resigned from office following a controversy surrounding her residency status.

Typically, the vice president position is determined by rotation based on how long each member has served on the board. However, because Wells, Margo and Dr. Amanda Stern are all serving in their first terms, the office was determined in descending order by the number of votes received in the most recent election. According to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/

County Clerk's office, in the Nov. 30, 2020 election, Wells received the most votes with 6,003 cast for her, followed by Margo with 5,913 and Stern with 5,489.

Board bylaws state that the vice president shall succeed the president. Once a member has served as president, they drop to the bottom of the rotation, behind all the other members.

"I'm so excited to use what I've learned since joining the board to have the greatest positive impact for the benefit of our students," Wells told the Courier. "I look forward to working with my colleagues and strengthening our board, working as a deliberative team with respect and decorum to address the needs of our district."

According to Wells, the biggest challenges facing the district include COVID-19 response management, mental health and social and emotional wellbeing, student safety on campus, continued decline in enrollment and completion of the Beverly Hills High School Modernization Project.

"I'm most concerned about providing the best educational experience and opportunities in a safe school environment, both physically and emotionally, and in modernized facilities," said Wells. "In order to accomplish these things, I want to improve the functionality of the board so that we are clear about the needs of the district and provide focused leadership with vision and clear direction. To me that means improving how the board operates and gets information in order to deliberate, collaborate and make collective decisions. It means improving

transparency and accountability, and it means improving the decorum of the board to be more professional and focused on the issues. It also means fostering collaboration with the community and city."

Outgoing President Rachelle Marcus made the motion to nominate Wells as the next president, seconded by board member Gabriel Halimi. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcus, whose four-year term expires in December of 2022, was recognized with a formal resolution and plaque. A longtime Beverly Hills resident and educator, Marcus is something of a fixture in the community; she's known for never missing a Madrigals concert, a show put on by the theater department, or a board meeting.

"Well, after I finished my 50 years of teaching, I could have sailed off into the sunset and enjoyed my retirement," Marcus said. "But I wanted to stay connected and contribute to the Beverly Hills Unified Schools. My focus within the Beverly Hills Unified School District, from when I started as a physical education teacher at Horace Mann to an eighth-grade science teacher at El Rodeo, to the elementary science teacher at Hawthorne, was always about my students, who have always been my number one consideration. My term as president may be over, but I will continue on the board, and our work is not finished."

During her time in office, Marcus oversaw the successful return to in-person learning, renovations at the swim gym and other buildings at the high school,

negotiated a three-year collective bargaining agreement with labor partners, effectively collaborated with labor partners, created a governance calendar, formed the Facilities and Construction Committee, returned to a full athletic program, and appointed Gabriel Halimi with a unanimous vote to fill the board vacancy left by Walker-Shuman.

"I am honored that my colleagues have once again elected me as vice president," Margo told the Courier. "Over the next year I look forward to supporting Mrs. Wells in her role as president. I would like for this next year to see us free from this pandemic. I also hope to use this time constructively and focus on education. We must continue out shift toward project-based learning."

Board member Stern made the motion to nominate Margo as the next vice president, seconded by Marcus. The motion passed unanimously.

"I would be remiss if I didn't mention also the hard work that Tristen Walker-Shuman put in on her years on the board, serving with us and dedicating her time," Margo added.

Other organizational actions taken by the board included selecting Margo as the Clerk to the Board of Education, as the annual representative to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization and representative to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA).

The next BHUSD Board of Education meeting will be held on Jan. 18, 2022. ●

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Babette Beja, the manager at Umberto salon on Canon Drive, highlighted the increase in double parking, illegal U-turns, and overflowing trash cans on the sidewalk. “So, small things like that,” Beja said. “If we can just keep those under control, I think it would help the city look more beautiful when people are walking and living in our city.”

“I would just like to encourage the city to be a little bit more creative in areas that don't lend themselves to a parklet or a pickup area,” Josh Zad, founder of Alfred Coffee, said during the meeting. Zad proposed “a seating map and seating area on the old railroad that runs parallel to Santa Monica,” which would provide patrons of Alfred Coffee a seating area. Currently, its location on the corner of North Beverly Drive and Santa Monica Boulevard allows for only a few customers to dine-in. “There is so much great action in Beverly Hills, and I would like for my business to kind of ride that wave for a little bit, as well,” Zad said.

Jeff Gross, owner of Mickey Fine Pharmacy, also brought up the possibility of having an outdoor tented space designated for COVID testing and vaccinations.

Blair Schlector, Vice President of Economic Development and Government Affairs at the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce, provided the group with updates regarding new business attractions.

“This has been one of the busiest times I can ever remember in my time here, in terms of businesses coming and opening here,” Schlector said.

Streets throughout the city have seen an influx of new storefronts including Sweet Lady Jane bakery and Matū steakhouse on South Beverly Drive, Tatel restaurant on Canon Drive and Pompadour bakery on Charleville Boulevard.

Future openings on North Beverly Drive include Maple & Ash steakhouse, Sweetgreen, and Erewhon Market, Philz Coffee on South Beverly Drive and Shake Shack on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Business owners in the city also used the meeting as an opportunity to voice safety concerns directly to City Council liaisons.

“We have seen a pretty large uptick in thefts at the store, which never really used to be a concern in Beverly Hills pre-COVID,” Sabaa Kamal, owner of Kamal Beverly Hills on Bedford Drive, said.

According to Kamal, neighboring businesses are reporting the same. Gross also spoke during the meeting about recent thefts at nearby pharmacies. “We all have to be vigilant as far as keeping our eyes out for people because they end up getting arrested, and then they go right back on the streets,” Gross said.

“The current laws right now allow for theft up to \$950,” Vice Mayor Bosse added. “So, I think we have some constraints that we are fighting every single day, and fortunately we have a wonderful police chief and police department that's working together with all of us to get ahead of some of the realities that we're facing right now.” ●

(Firefighters Sue City continued from page 4)

“The work of emergency first responders puts them on the front lines of patient care,” said Sterling. “The city remains committed to protecting the health of our residents and visitors during this ongoing pandemic.”

The suit singles out Mirisch for a letter of his published in the Beverly Weekly in response to the 25 firefighters seeking vaccine exemptions. Mirisch described the religious exemptions as “nothing short of an attempt to manipulate the system on a massive scale.”

In an interview with the Courier, Mirisch doubled down on his position, saying that he would prefer that the mandate not allow for any religious exemptions (though he acknowledged that most other council members did not agree with him).

“I appreciate and I'm very grateful and respectful of the 80% of our firefighters who have stepped up and done the right thing,” he said. “You've got a few people whose attitude is ‘it's all about me,’ who clearly don't understand what public service is and who look at the city as an ATM machine.”

Along with Sattley and Berardinelli, the suit also names an anti-vaccine mandate organization Protection of the Educational Rights of Kids (PERK) as a plaintiff. In an email to the Courier, PERK President Amy Bohn denied being anti-vaccine.

“However, we are against mandates,” she said. Bohn added that more than 21 other BHPD firefighters are members of PERK.

Vaccine mandates of some form have a long history in the United States, dating as far back as the Revolutionary War. In 1905, the Supreme Court upheld the right of states to mandate vaccination against smallpox or levy a fine against those who refused.

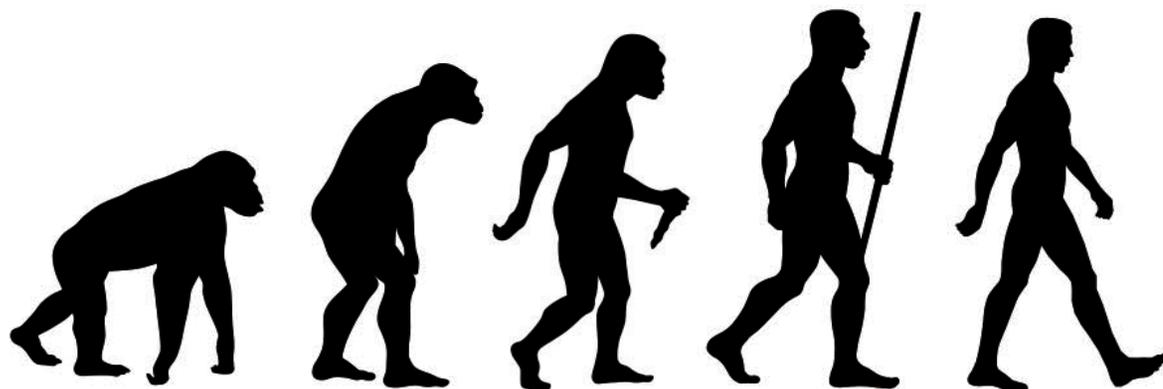
Additionally, every state and the District of Columbia currently require vaccinations for children to attend school. This, too, has withstood constitutional scrutiny.

The current lawsuit could face a number of hurdles. Under state law, “the powers of the local health county are very, very broad,” according to Professor of Law at the University of California Hastings College of the Law Dorit Reiss, who writes about vaccine law.

Reiss said that she has observed a number of similar suits to the one filed against Beverly Hills, but she hasn't “seen any of these that were actually successful.”

Reiss pointed to a recent move by the Supreme Court declining to intervene against New York's vaccine mandate, which does not allow for religious exemptions. In October, the court refused to intervene on behalf of healthcare workers in Maine, which also does not grant exemptions on religious grounds.

Reiss noted that the court's decision in both the New York and Maine cases only applied to the plaintiffs' emergency applications. The court's conservative majority could rule against vaccine mandates if it decides to hear a challenge in those or other cases at a later date. ●



Congratulations to the Winners of this Year's Massry Prize for Biomedical Research!

One of the best kept secrets in the Los Angeles scientific and medical community is the Massry Prize <https://keck.usc.edu/massry-prize/>. The Massry Foundation gives this annual award to the scientists who do the most for medical and biological research. The prize (\$300,000 this year) will be awarded on December 18 in the Beverly Hills City Council Chambers. It was launched in 1996 and 16 prize winners have gone on to win Nobel Prizes.

The Massry prize this year is awarded to three outstanding scientists who made discoveries that have shed new light on the origins of humans and how we cope with disease. Drs. Svante Pääbo (Germany), David Riech (USA) and Liran Carmel (Israel) were fascinated by hominins, our direct cousins, and what they might tell us not only about our history but also our biology. Instead of looking at the bones, they looked within the bones at the remaining ancient DNA – the string of nucleotides contained in every cell that, along with our environment, determines who we are.

Although you might think “ancient” DNA has no relevance today – one of the prize winners discovered that some neanderthal genes can make us less susceptible to COVID and has led to new ideas about how to treat infections!



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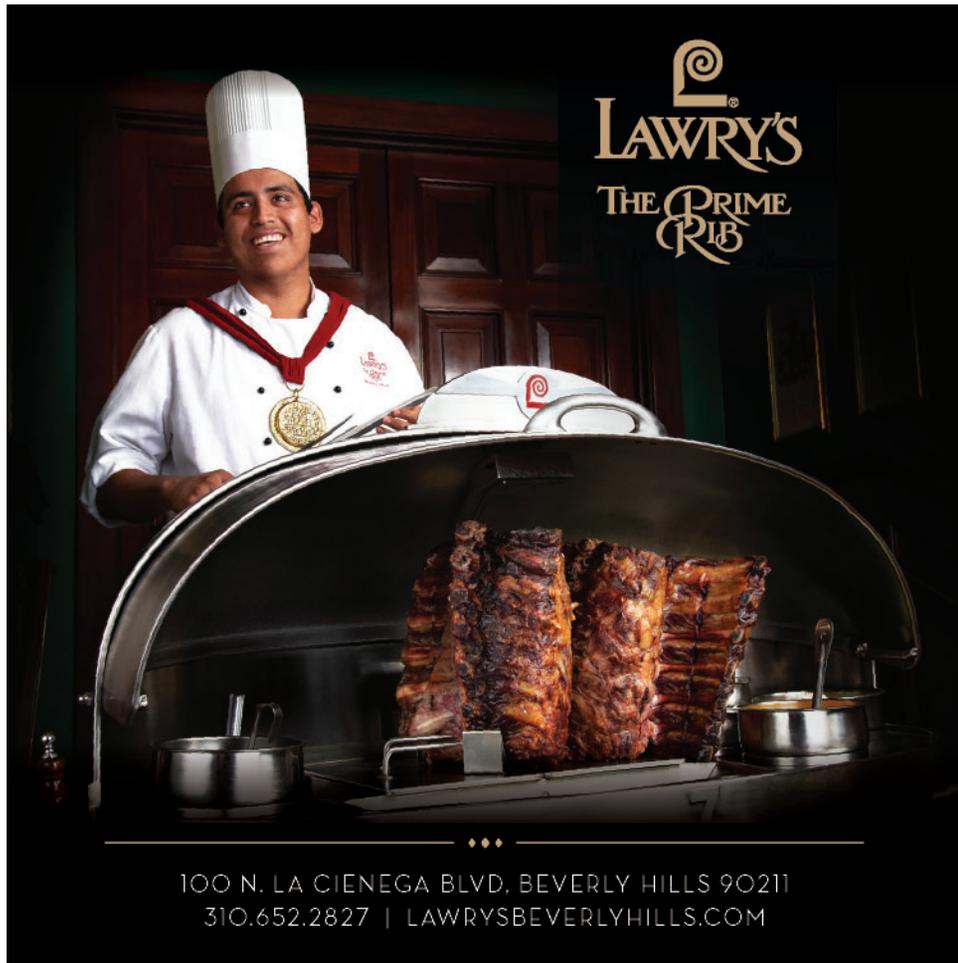
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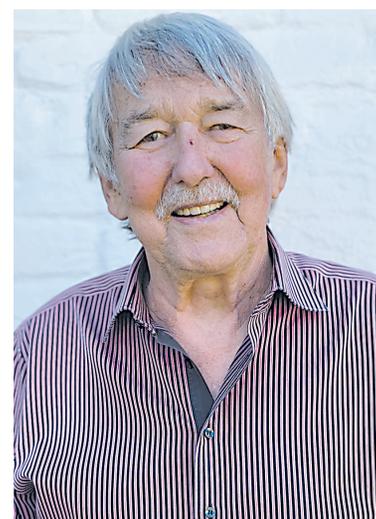
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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You enjoy who you are, and this makes it possible for you to get much more pleasure out of every experience. Even daily errands and simple tasks will give you a peaceful, easy feeling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Being an adult will have a lot to do with sticking to what's constructive. This may involve seeing, and acting like you don't see, or listening to it all and focusing only on the part that is actionable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have three eyes. Two for looking and one for seeing. The third eye does have certain known blinders. For instance, smoldering passion is a smoky irritant to say the least!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Knowing a lot about a person isn't the same thing as knowing a person. You'll get a chance to understand who a person really is, which will be very different from what can be assumed from

a social media profile or resume.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Among the scariest words uttered between friends is the inquisitive trifecta, "Can we talk?" Today it's better not to. Everyone's actions are saying enough. Read those, and save the conversation for more puzzling fare.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're feeling reserved and there's a benefit to holding back. After all, not every story needs an answer story from the personal history archives. You'll be appreciated for your excellent listening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Having things in common will bring you together. Making a connection takes more than togetherness, though. It's the differences that ignite the spark. People who are too much alike aren't so interesting to one another.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The competitive mood. It starts with knowing you can beat someone else and then realizing that the thing to beat is the status quo, or perhaps your own personal best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not trying to deceive

anyone, and no one means to deceive you. But there are dynamics in play that cause people to behave a little differently. Have fun getting to know a heightened version of your personality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't worry about saying the right thing. The words are not what move social discourse along. Hold the space, be interested, and you've won.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Impulsive people need someone

thoughtful next to them to temper their flaring energy. You're the stabilizer who will anticipate the other person's move and encourage all to take a pause before rushing into the wrong thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The only thing standing between you and the goal is a knowledge gap. Get the expert. Learn what you didn't know that you didn't know. The right one will be well worth your investment.



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“I like to read [and] I’m often reminded of Sir Robert Peel, [an] 18th century British gentleman who was the first to talk about policing. And one of the first things he said is, the public are the police and the police are the public.”

At both the town hall and the Chamber of Commerce appearances, Stainbrook addressed the frenetic pace of his first two weeks on the job, which saw high levels of police activity.

Residents like Andy Licht, the Chair of the Planning Commission, expressed dire concern about the state of safety in the city at the town hall. Licht, who grew up in Beverly Hills and has raised his children in the city, said that his home had been burglarized and that his car has been broken into twice in his driveway in the past year. “We used to leave our front door and our doors unlocked. Maybe not the smartest thing, but now we lock everything and have the burglar alarm on,” he told Stainbrook. “What more than what you’ve mentioned in your opening remarks can we do to make everybody feel safe and comfortable like we did for so many years?”

Stainbrook said he is “getting what [he needs] from the City Council.” He said the issues raised by Licht came down to “a systemic problem in the justice system” and the criminal justice reform measures passed over the last few years.

“Our cops arrest the right people, but the problem is we arrest them again and again,” he said. “There are a lot of things that occurred in the last 10 years that have kind of led us to where we are. Laws [like] Prop 47, Prop 57, AB 109, some of the bail reform bills, and then COVID.”

Stainbrook elaborated on some of the measures he and the city have taken in response to the rise in crimes and his plans for the future of the department.

“We did hire five new officers on Friday. Now, while it takes them a little bit of time to get through training, they will be deployed in the streets in the next couple of weeks,” Stainbrook told the Chamber.

Stainbrook announced at the town hall that the department had started testing a new drone program. “My ultimate goal is to have a full-time patrol drone that can respond at anytime, anywhere in the city.”

The drone program will begin with a focus on the business district, but Stainbrook said that it will expand into other areas of the city.

The department has also mandated overtime for officers through the holidays into January, Stainbrook said. Additionally, the city has tripled the number of private armed security officers. Stainbrook explained that the private security served as a useful force multiplier and helped to free up resources for other tasks better suited for police officers.

“I want people to know: Don’t come to Beverly Hills to commit crime,” he said. “Our residents, our businesses, our tourists want to be safe and feel safe and I know they don’t right now.”

When Stainbrook first came into the position, the department was down by 20 officers—a deficit that has shrunk to 15, with another seven officers slated for onboarding by March. When asked why the department was experiencing the shortage, Stainbrook

explained that policing goes through natural cycles. “When I first came on [as an officer], a lot of Vietnam veterans had become police officers and they were retiring in the 90s,” he said. “We’re in another 25-year cycle where you have so many retirements right now that we just have a lot less officers.”

Stainbrook cautioned that the numbers were not likely to rise any time soon for two reasons. “Policing isn’t the most popular profession right now, as you can imagine, so just the numbers of people that apply to be police officers has been dramatically reduced,” he told the Chamber. “The second thing is, just to conduct the process of becoming a police officer can take six months, maybe up to a year.”

One possible solution proposed by a resident would be the implementation of a police reserve program to allow for officers to serve in a part time capacity. Stainbrook said that he knew of reserve officers in the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department who were interested in working with the BHPD. He said that he was “going to have some meetings within the next few weeks” to explore the idea.

One of Stainbrook’s top priorities, he said, is to work on an “enhanced notification system” between the department and the community. “There’s a system we’re looking at that we think we can push information much more quickly than social media or other things,” he said. “I hope to be rolling that out within the next few weeks.”

Many residents asked Stainbrook about whether the department was receiving adequate support from the city. Stainbrook responded with an unwavering yes. “Being here two weeks, I feel like I’m getting everything I need from my boss, [City Manager] Mr. George Chavez, and the City Council,” he said.

In his opening remarks at the town hall, Stainbrook broke down the recent crime trends in the city. From 2019 to 2021, property crime has fallen by 7%, he said. Violent crime, though, has risen “significantly.”

“In 2019, the city of Beverly Hills had 82 violent crimes within the city. In 2021, it was 132,” he said.

Data released by the FBI for 2020 showed a rise in crime nationally, regardless of state political leanings. The country saw a 5.6% increase in violent crime last year, according to the FBI’s Uniform Crime Report. Paralleling the city’s trends, the FBI also noted a 7.8% decline in property crime nationally.

Over the last 10 years, California voters and legislators have passed a series of criminal justice measures meant to address overcrowding in prisons and racial and economic disparities in the carceral system. According to a 2021 draft report authored by the California Committee on Revision of the Penal Code, “During the COVID-19 pandemic, California’s prison population reached its lowest level in thirty years, and overall crime rates continued to fall to record lows.”

The report acknowledged a “sharp increase in the number of homicides during the pandemic,” but also points to research conducted by the University of California that shows that the state “saw less than a 1% increase in violent crime between 2019 and 2020.” ●



The annual Rotary of Beverly Hills Holiday Party on Dec. 13 included a rousing rendition of “The 12 Days of Christmas.” Taking part are (from left) JR Dzubak, Dr. Julian Gold, George Chavez, Fire Chief Greg Barton, Les Friedman, Tim Penberton, Sharona Nazarian, Lillian Raffel, Frances Bilak, Noelle Freeman, Judie Fenton, (peeking through Myra Lurie) Les Bronte, Dr. Justin Raanan and Mary Wells.

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“He did a great job. Eric is actually an exemplary Scout. He’s a wonderful example of the temperament and the accomplishments of someone who is an Eagle Scout,” said Beverly Hills Troop 110 Scoutmaster Steven Jacobs, M.D. “People are Eagle Scouts not because they focused all of their effort into doing it, but that they were able to accomplish an Eagle Scout in addition to being good students and active in their school and in their community in other

ways.”

Eric also started a GoFundMe page and recouped the project’s entire cost of \$616. As Eric continues his high school education while pursuing Eagle Scout, he said he is thinking about a career in finance and business.

“I like the idea of a world market, and the economy, stock market and things like that,” Eric said.

To inquire about joining Troop 110, email info@bh110.mytroop.us. ●

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“We’re going to come up with something really fun for the community,” Beverly Hills Director of Community Services Jenny Rogers told the Courier. “We usually figure out how to make something happen. For this February we’re looking at how to best leverage our network and the relationships that we have while being mindful that COVID is still going on and it definitely has economic impacts, and we want to be sensitive to the city’s budget.”

Frieze organizers have faced their own challenges which resulted in tight time constraints. Earlier this year, Frieze Los Angeles 2021 was first postponed until July and later canceled entirely due to COVID-19 social distance guidelines. Frieze was also forced to quickly find a new venue after learning its previous location at Paramount Studios would not be available in 2022. These challenges meant Frieze organizers and the city have had to act fast to make the event possible in February.

“With COVID cases rising, we’re all just mindful that we don’t know what mid-February is going to look like, and I think everybody is just kind of praying that we are able to do the event and have people gather,” said Rogers.

So far, the city is planning a welcome event for Frieze Week in Beverly Hills, though details have not been finalized for that event. The Arts and Culture Commission is also working with Frieze to host city-sponsored docent tours of an outdoor sculpture garden called Frieze Sculpture Beverly Hills.

“We may not be able to do all the things we want to do, but everything we’ve planned out so far seems to be happening,” Arts and Culture Commission Chair Deborah Frank told the Courier.

Frieze Sculpture is a temporary public sculpture exhibit expected for installation in Beverly Gardens Park as a key part of the city’s partnership with Frieze. It has been a popular feature of the fair in cities like London and New York and this will be the first time it has appeared on the West Coast.

The lineup for Frieze Sculpture Beverly Hills remains under wraps as event organizers and the City of Beverly Hills finalize logistics for the outdoor sculpture garden. City staff told the Courier that several artists have been enlisted for the free installation which is expected to have about 15 large-scale sculptures at Beverly Gardens Park.

“Many of the artists will be folks that people recognize and are super excited about,” said Rogers.

Frieze released its gallery line-up and program highlights for its signature tent exhibition Dec. 9. More than 90 galleries from around the world have been named as exhibitors including several Los Angeles-based Galleries.

“This is our first time participating in an art fair actually,” said Zachary Korol-Gold, who co-owns LA’s The Garden art gallery with his fiancée Britte Geijer. “So, it’s exciting to be invited to Frieze and it’s a really great way to show what we’re about and to show Sarah Rosalena Brady’s work who is an amazing artist.”

The Garden is included as part of Frieze’s Focus Los Angeles program which highlights local galleries that are less than 15 years old.

“For me it was quite important to participate in Frieze LA which is where Baert Gallery is,” gallery owner Christian Baert told the Courier. He will show embroidery art from Iliodora Margellos and watercolor from Paolo Colombo at Frieze. “It’s a new location, so I’m really excited to discover it, and I think it’s going to be great.” ●

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COME AGAIN?

BY CHASE DITTRICH AND JEFF CHEN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Chase Dittrich, formerly of Los Angeles, is a senior program manager for Amazon in Seattle. Jeff Chen, also of Seattle, is a writer and professional crossword constructor. Chase created his first puzzles by hand for fellow Marines while deployed in Afghanistan in 2012. He took up constructing seriously more recently. Chase came up with the idea for this puzzle and then workshopped it with Jeff. - W.S.

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 - 102 Literally, "I bow to you"
 - 103 Op. ___ (footnote abbr.)
 - 106 ... STAIRS STAIRS STAIRS ...
 - 109 ___ di Pietro, artist better known as Fra Angelico
 - 111 Ta-ta
 - 112 Opposite of down: Abbr.
 - 113 "Let's Stay Together" singer, 1971
 - 115 ... CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION ...
 - 122 Slight problem
 - 123 Pablo Neruda work
 - 124 "Please, I can handle this"
 - 125 Many an informant employed by Sherlock Holmes
 - 126 Org. involved in the Scopes Monkey Trial
 - 127 R.S.V.P. option
 - 128 Way up or way down
 - 129 Pocketful in ring-around-the-rosy
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 - 11 Hawaiian taro dish
 - 12 Family member inaply found in "ladies only"
 - 13 High school subj.
 - 14 Vehicle company with a market value over \$1 trillion
 - 15 Adventurous kids in a 1985 film
 - 16 Napoleon's famed war horse
 - 17 Shout
 - 19 Some diaper changers
 - 25 Rapper dissed by Jay-Z in "Takeover"
 - 26 Young 'uns
 - 28 Popular Toyotas
 - 32 How a zombie might spread the infection
 - 33 Ostrich relatives
 - 34 Peter out
 - 35 "Symphony in Black" artist
 - 36 Something necessary for gain, they say
 - 37 The "grand slam" of showbiz awards, in brief
 - 38 Like some apparel, in song
 - 41 Mimic
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 - 46 Together
 - 47 Kind of jar
 - 48 Org. that hires cryptanalysts
 - 50 Samurai's sword
 - 52 Awful-smelling
 - 54 Give one's take
 - 56 Religion that emphasizes seva, or "selfless service"
 - 57 Astrology or palmistry
 - 58 Sandiego not usually found in San Diego
 - 59 Lew ____, portrayer of Dr. Kildare
 - 61 Badger
 - 62 Brouhaha
 - 63 When doubled, boring result in the Premier League
 - 64 Word commonly following the Oxford comma
 - 66 Messy sort
 - 67 What seven did to nine, in a joke
 - 68 Lament
 - 69 Celebrity gossip site
 - 73 Like New Jerseyans vis-à-vis New Yorkers
 - 80 Destination for Birthright trips: Abbr.
 - 82 Someone's in the kitchen with her, in song
 - 83 Savory Chinese snack
 - 85 Grinder
 - 86 Put ___ on (limit)
 - 87 Dennis the Menace's appropriately named dog
 - 88 Bishops, e.g.
 - 90 Execs: Abbr.
 - 91 Smartphone predecessors, for short
 - 92 Choice words
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 - 95 Male etiquette, as described by Barney Stinson on "How I Met Your Mother"
 - 96 Eyeteeth
 - 98 Clique
 - 100 Exam with a 35-minute timed essay, in brief
 - 104 What 10s represent
 - 105 Notable chameleon feature
 - 107 Grinds away
 - 108 Not friendly
 - 110 ___ Minor
 - 113 Singer India. ___
 - 114 Part of the eye
 - 115 Demure
 - 116 See 20-Across
 - 117 Pac-12 athlete
 - 118 Rapsallion
 - 119 ___-yo
 - 120 They're found below the "To" field
 - 121 Tuna, on a sushi menu

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ORDINANCE NO. 21-O-2853

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS 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.

(1) 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 will become effective on January 1, 2022.

(2) SB 9 projects will have the potential to significantly impact the character of the City's well established single family neighborhoods.

(3) The City intends to study and formulate permanent regulations for the implementation of SB 9 projects in the City, but will not be able to complete that exercise prior to January 1, 2022, when SB 9 will become effective. Thus, the City Council wishes to adopt an interim ordinance that will take effect immediately and preserve limits on development and rental rates for units constructed under SB 9 while permanent standards are studied and formulated.

(4) 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 finds that there is an immediate need to establish objective zoning and subdivision standards for SB 9 projects in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare while it studies permanent land use regulations for such projects and to ensure SB 9 does not have a detrimental impact on single family residential neighborhoods within the City. This process may be lengthy and therefore the City Council wishes to adopt an interim ordinance that will take effect immediately to ensure that the health, safety and welfare is not impacted by SB 9 projects.

(5) The California Legislature has declared a statewide housing emergency, to be in effect until January 1, 2025.

(6) California is experiencing a housing supply crisis, with housing demand far outstripping supply. In 2018, California ranked 49th out of the 50 states in housing units per capita. Seven of the 10 most expensive real estate markets in the United States are in California, and Beverly Hills real estate market remains very expensive within the region.

(7) The housing crisis has particularly exacerbated the need for affordable homes at prices below market rates, and for the current 2021-2029 planning period, the City must accommodate the development of 1,005 residential units affordable to very low income households, and 678 units affordable to low income households.

(8) To address these issues of affordability in Beverly Hills, it is necessary for the City to limit the size of units developed pursuant to SB 9 and to require that some units be affordable to low income families, as an interim measure to ensure that SB 9 developments do not conflict with forthcoming 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 certain developments 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.

Section 3. Urgency Findings.

The City Council finds and determines 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.

Section 4. Prohibition on SB 9 Projects that Fail to Comply.

Notwithstanding any other ordinance or provision of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code, residential development projects and urban lot splits proposed pursuant to Senate Bill 9, are prohibited unless the project complies with the following requirements, which although interim, shall be codified as a new Article 49 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code as follows:

“ARTICLE 49. Objective Standards for Housing Projects and Urban Lot Splits in Single Family Residential Zones Pursuant to Senate Bill 9.

10-3-4900: Purpose.

The provisions of this interim article establish standards and procedures for projects developed pursuant to the regulations included in state Senate Bill 9 (SB 9).

10-3-4901: Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, certain words and phrases used in this article are defined as follows:

Senate Bill 9 or SB 9 means the state law passed by the California state senate and approved by the Governor on September 16, 2021. The bill amends Government Code section 66452.6 and adds to sections 65852.21 and 66411.7 of Chapter 162, and takes effect on January 1, 2022.

Urban lot split means a parcel map subdivision of a single family residential parcel as permitted pursuant to SB 9 that creates no more than two parcels of approximately equal lot area.

Front lot means when an urban lot split creates two lots where there was previously one lot, the lot with the most frontage on the primary street shall be considered the front lot.

Rear lot means when an urban lot split creates two lots where there was previously one lot, the lot with the least frontage on the primary street shall be considered the rear lot.

Rear lot front setback means the distance between the front lot line and closest element of a building or structure on the site area of a rear lot created by an urban lot split. The front lot line of such rear lot may also be the rear lot line of the front lot, and shall be the lot line closest to, and parallel to the primary street.

10-3-4902: Applicability.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter and Chapter 2 of Title 10, the provisions of this Article shall apply to residential projects and urban lot splits that are proposed pursuant to the regulations in SB 9. Except as expressly provided in SB 9 or in this Article, all other regulations of the underlying zone of a property developed pursuant to SB 9 shall apply, along with all other applicable regulations from Chapter 2 of Title 10 as related to any urban lot split.

10-3-4903: General Requirements; Covenant Required.

A property owner seeking to complete an urban lot split, or develop units on a single-family residential property pursuant to the regulations set forth in SB 9 and the standards in this article, shall be subject to the following general requirements, which shall be accepted and acknowledged by the property owner by signing and recording a covenant against the property. The covenant shall be supplied by the City and provide as follows:

A. The short term rental (defined as a “single-family transient use” in section 10-3-100 of this chapter) of any units and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on the site shall be prohibited;

B. Non-residential uses on the site shall be prohibited;

C. Any subsequent urban lot split of land that was previously subdivided with an urban lot split shall be prohibited;

D. The owner of the property for which an urban lot split is proposed shall sign an affidavit stating that the

owner intends to occupy one of the housing units as their principal residence for at least three years from the date of the approval of the urban lot split; and

E. If, pursuant to SB9, more than one unit is developed on a lot, one of such units shall be rented or leased at a maximum rate affordable to low income tenants, if it is rented. Upon request from the City, the property owner shall furnish a copy of the rental or lease agreement of any unit that is rented or leased and has resulted from an SB 9 project.

10-3-4904: Urban Lot Split Regulations.

Upon approval of a tentative parcel map or parcel map, a single-family residential lot may be subdivided into two lots, also referred to as an urban lot split, pursuant to the regulations contained in SB 9 as follows:

A. No lot resulting from an urban lot split shall be smaller than 1,200 square feet.

B. The two resulting lots shall be approximately equal, and no smaller than 48% or larger than 52% of the lot area of the original parcel.

C. No flag lots shall be created as a result of an urban lot split if the subject property is adjacent to an alley, located on a corner, or on a through lot.

D. The width of any lot resulting from an urban lot split shall not be less than 75% of the original lot width.

E. No right-of-way dedications shall be imposed upon urban lot split projects.

10-3-4905: Maximum Number of Units.

A. For projects that include an urban lot split, no more than two units may be located on a site. The units must conform to the objective standards included in this article.

B. For projects that do not include an urban lot split, no more than four units (including one ADU, and one Junior ADU) may be located on a site. The units must conform to the objective standards included in this article and as otherwise regulated by ADU or Junior ADU regulations.

10-3-4906: Maximum Unit Size.

No unit constructed pursuant to SB 9 regulations shall be more than 800 square feet in size. For the purposes of this article, basements shall count as floor area.

10-3-4907: Maximum Unit Height.

No unit constructed pursuant to SB 9 regulations shall exceed 14 feet and one story in height.

10-3-4908: Setbacks.

A. Side and rear setbacks. Any units constructed pursuant to the provisions of SB 9 shall have a minimum four foot setback from all side and rear lot lines.

B. Front setbacks for front lots shall be the setback as established in the records for each site area maintained by the City's community development department, unless that setback is not established in the City's records, or it is zero. If the front setback for a particular site area is zero or is not established in the City's records, then the front setback for that site area shall be determined as follows:

1. For developed site areas, the front setback shall be the lesser of either:

a. The distance between the front lot line and the closest element of the existing primary residence; or
b. The average of the front setbacks of the other site areas on the same side of the street in the same block.

2. For undeveloped lots, the front setback shall be the average of the front setbacks of the other site areas on the same side of the street in the same block.

C. Front setbacks for rear lots. The rear lot front setback shall be ten feet. The front lot line shall be the lot line closest to, and parallel to the primary street.

D. Setbacks for existing structures. No setbacks shall be required if a unit is constructed within the footprint of an existing structure on a lot.

10-3-4909: Minimum Width of Building.

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The front most unit constructed on a site with street frontage shall have a minimum unit width of 40 feet or 75% of the lot width, whichever is less.

10-3-4910: Design of Unit.

A. The front most unit constructed on a front lot shall have a front door facing the street.

B. Each unit on each lot created by an urban lot split shall have a separate entrance.

C. Any unit other than front most unit, or the front most unit on the front lot, shall be completely screened by either: 1) other unit(s) on the lot; or 2) landscaping.

10-3-4911: Parking.

A. Parking required - One parking space is required for each unit created pursuant to SB 9, unless the parcel upon which the unit is created is within one-half mile of a high quality transit corridor or a major transit stop or there is a car share vehicle located within one block of the project.

B. Parking location restrictions -

1. Parking shall not be provided within a front setback.

2. Rear lot parking shall be accessed via an alley, if there is an alley.

10-3-4912: Affordable Rental Rate Required.

If, pursuant to SB9, more than one unit is developed on a single lot, one of such units shall be available at a rental rate affordable to low income tenants if it is rented. Upon request by the City, a property owner shall furnish the rental or lease agreements for any units rented or leased on a parcel that was developed pursuant to the regulations outlined in this article.

10-3-4913: Additional Standards for Hillside and Trousdale.

In addition to the objective standards outlined in this article, the following regulations shall apply to any SB 9 projects that are developed in the Hillside or Trousdale Estates area of the City.

A. No level pad area may be created for purpose of constructing units.

B. No units, or part of units, may be constructed off of the existing level pad area on any site.

C. Lots created from an urban lot split shall conform to the regulations provided in this article, unless there is no alley access, or the lot is not a through lot or a corner lot, in which case, the rear lot shall comply with the definition of a flag lot in this chapter and access to the rear lot shall be provided.

10-3-4914: Adverse Impact Findings

The building official, or his or her designee, may make a written finding to deny an urban lot split or the construction of units pursuant to the regulations of SB 9. Such findings shall be based upon the preponderance of evidence that the proposed housing development project would have a specific, adverse impact (as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 65589.5) upon the public health and safety or the physical environment, and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific, adverse impact."

Section 5. CEQA Findings.

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 6. Severability.

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

Section 7. Adoption, Approval and Extension of Ordinance.

This Ordinance, being an Interim Ordinance adopted as an urgency measure for the immediate protection of the public safety, health, and general welfare, containing a declaration of the facts constituting the urgency, and passed by a minimum four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council, shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall continue in effect for a period of no longer than forty-five (45) days. After notice pursuant to Section 65090 of the California Government Code and public hearing, the City Council may extend the effectiveness of this Interim Ordinance as provided in Government Code Section 65858.

Section 8. Publication.

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

ADOPTED: December 7, 2021
EFFECTIVE: December 7, 2021

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
CARRIED

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 21STCP03383 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
In the Matter of the petition of:
Michael Thomas Morris
To all interested person(s):
Petitioner:
Michael Thomas Morris
filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, on October 12, 2021 for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
MICHAEL THOMAS MORRIS
Proposed Name:
MICHAEL THOMAS AURELIUS MORRIATTI
The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons

for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
Date: **January 10, 2022**
Time: **10:00am**
Dept: **74**
The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse.**
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.
Signed:
Michael Thomas Morris
Judge of the Superior Court
Michelle Williams Court, Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk, By: Nick Miramontes, Deputy Clerk
Dated: **October 12, 2021**
Published: **December 03, 10, 17, 24, 2021**
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NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

Project: Beverly Hills High School
South Campus Modernization
Shoring & Retaining Wall #3/4

Owner: Beverly Hills Unified School District

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

PROPOSAL RELEASE #4

PROPOSAL DATE: JANUARY 25, 2022
PROPOSAL TIME: 2:00 PM

PROPOSAL PACKAGES

24	SWPPP / Erosion Control Implementation
25	SWPPP / Erosion Control Monitoring
26	Sound Blanket Fencing
27	Survey & Layout
28	Site Demolition & Earthwork
29	Shoring & Retaining Wall Construction
30	Site Utilities

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

Proposal Documents available December 20, 2021, at IB Reprographics (951) 682-1850, www.ibrepro.com and www.BidMail.com.

One non-mandatory Job Walk has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 8:00 AM. ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Participants shall meet at the ProWest jobsite trailer at Beverly Hills High School, 241 S. Moreno Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

This project consists of the construction of Retaining Walls #3/4 with a temporary shotcrete wall, soil nails, and a permanent shotcrete wall. All walls include reinforcing. Also included in this proposal release is site demolition, mass excavation, grading, and earthwork to accommodate benches for soil nail drilling, site electrical safe-off at tennis courts, Survey, SWPPP Implementation and Monitoring, and Site Utilities for the storm drain at the base of the wall and water line for future Building C.

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

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

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

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

Published: December 17 & 24, 2021

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SUMMONS (CITATION JUDICIAL) CASE NO: 19STCV46585

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:
WESTSIDE MULTI-SPECIALTY MEDICAL GROUP, INC., unknown entity;
SOUSANNA LACHTCHOUK, NP, an individual; and Does 1 to 25, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
YELENA FILONSKAYA, an individual

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web Site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

The name and address of the court is:
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
312 N. Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: DOWNTOWN LAW GROUP
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DATE: December 26, 2019 By: Sherri R. Carter, Clerk • Moses Soto, Deputy
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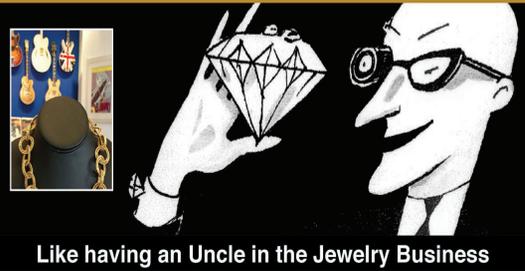
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