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THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

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Antisemitic Flyers Found Again in Beverly Hills

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Beverly Hills residents once again discovered hundreds of flyers containing antisemitic COVID-19 conspiracy theories, marking the second such incident in less than a month. The flyers, which were first reported late on Dec. 18, were distributed throughout the southwest side of the city. Similar flyers were

found around the same time in Pasadena and other cities around the country. The Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) is investigating the incident.

“The Beverly Hills City Council would like to remind all who commit acts of hatred toward members of our community

that these cowardly acts and any divisive attempts of intimidation will be rejected outright,” the city said in a statement signed by all five members of the City Council. (Antisemitic continues on page 15)



A family looks through a store window along Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, a Jewish-majority city. Photo by Samuel Braslow

BHUSD Sees Outbreak as County Cases Surge

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

As the zenith of the holiday season approaches, Americans once again face the prospect of a surge in COVID-19 cases—this time, driven by the uniquely infectious omicron variant. On Dec. 20, the Health and Safety Commission took stock of the city’s resilience to the new strain.

Rachelle Marcus, President of the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Trustees, reported to the commission that the district had seen an uptick in cases prior to the Dec. 21 start of winter break. As of Dec. 21, the district reported 40 active cases in students and 12 in staff, all together representing over 40% of all cases detected

in the current school year.

“It’s...almost somewhat of a blessing that tomorrow is the last day of school for almost two and a half weeks,” Marcus said. “Hopefully, we will be able to get a feel when we come back [of] what’s happening.”

Marcus added that she felt “very nervous about January 10,” the day students return from winter break. She floated the idea that every student should be tested before returning to class on the first Monday of school, though the proposal has not been discussed by the full board.

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Guerin Gives \$100 Million to Cedars-Sinai

BY CARL ROBINETTE

Beverly Hills philanthropist and theatre producer Vera Guerin has made the single largest donation in Cedars-Sinai Medical Center’s 100-year history, according to the nonprofit hospital.

With more than 6,200 babies delivered each year, Cedars-Sinai is no stranger to children’s medical care. Now it will be improving and expanding its facilities with a \$100 million donation from the Shapell Guerin Family Foundation to create Cedars-Sinai Guerin Children’s.

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Courier Calendar

NOW - JAN. 2, 2022

LACMA: "THE OBAMA PORTRAITS TOUR"

Now on display at LACMA, the iconic portraits of President Barack Obama and Mrs. Michelle Obama were first unveiled at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in 2018. The portrait of President Obama by Kehinde Wiley and the Former First Lady's portrait by Amy Sherald have stirred unprecedented responses from the public. Take the opportunity to see them now in Los Angeles, one of five stops on the portraits' tour. Proof of COVID-19 vaccine is required for all visitors above the age of 12. Tickets can be purchased online, \$20 in-county for adults and free for teens and youth under the age of 17. <https://www.lacma.org/art/exhibition/obama-portraits-tour>

NOW - JAN. 9, 2022

THEATRE 40: "GOOD PEOPLE"

FRI.-SAT. 8 P.M.; SUN. 2 P.M., 7 P.M.; MON. 8 P.M.

Theatre 40 presents "Good People," a production written by David Lindsay-Abaire and directed by Ann Hearn Tobolowsky. The play centers on a working-class woman seeking out a former, now married lover to help her through a desperate time. See this show at 241 S. Moreno Dr., Beverly Hills. Tickets are \$38. For families, "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" is on at Theatre West, 3333 Cahuenga Blvd., West Los Angeles. Tickets and more information are available on their website.

<https://theatre40.org>

NOW - JAN. 9

HAMMER MUSEUM: "WITCH HUNT"

"Witch Hunt" is a show presenting the work of 16 midcareer women artists from 13 countries. These women challenge present hierarchies using feminist, decolonial, and queer strategies, examining otherwise overlooked historical situations and contexts. The artists on display include Leonor Antunes (Portuguese), Yael Bartana (Israeli), Pauline Boudry (Swiss) and Renate Lorenz (German), Candice Breitz (South African), Shu Lea Cheang (American), Minerva Cuevas (Mexican), Vaginal Davis (American), Every Ocean Hughes (formerly Emily Roysdon) (American), Bouchra Khalili (Moroccan), Laura Lima (Brazilian), Teresa Margolles (Mexican), Otobong Nkanga (Nigerian), Okwui Okpokwasili (Nigerian American), Lara Schmitz (Dutch), and Beverly Semmes (American). Their works vary in medium from painting to sculpture, video, photography, sound, and performance, but all of them challenge perceptions of imbalances in society and ask the viewer to consider their position in relation to those imbalances. This show explores the potential for feminist voices to amplify and direct conversation in modern cultural discourse. Admission to the Hammer is free.

<https://hammer.ucla.edu/exhibitions/2021/witch-hunt>

NOW - JAN. 9

HAMMER MUSEUM: "NO HUMANS INVOLVED"

"No Humans Involved" as a title makes reference to a text written by Jamaican scholar and theorist Sylvia Wynter, "'No Humans Involved': An Open Letter to My

Colleagues." This refers to how the LAPD would identify cases and incidents that involved Black and Brown Angelenos identified as sex workers, gang members, or drug traffickers. This code was made public in the aftermath of the Rodney King trial. This exhibition interrogates how people identify humanity in others and how academia has partly, directly or indirectly, codified which characteristics make a person "human" and "North American" (white, Euro American, middle-class, college-educated, and suburban). This exhibit includes sculpture, performance, installation, and multimedia by artists Eddie Aparicio, Tau Lewis, Las Nietas de Nonó, Sondra Perry, SANGREE, WangShui, and Wilmer Wilson IV who provide a contemporary perspective on Wynter's message. Admission to the Hammer is free.

<https://hammer.ucla.edu/exhibitions/2021/no-humans-involved>

NOW - APRIL 13, 2022

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA: "RUTH GRUBER: PHOTOJOURNALIST"

The Holocaust Museum LA presents the prolific work of photographer, journalist, and humanitarian Ruth Gruber. A child of Jewish immigrants in Brooklyn and the world's youngest Ph.D. at 20, Gruber's work spanned five decades on four continents. She made history traveling and covering the Siberian Gulag, Soviet Arctic, the Alaskan Arctic and its native indigenous population's life and traditions, and a secret U.S. mission to bring Jewish refugees from Europe to New York during World War II. Gruber's work was hugely important for influencing positive shifts in international support for Jewish refugees and for human rights causes around the

world. Tickets for California residents and students are free. Reservations are required for attendance.

<https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org>

DEC. 24

DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION: LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Enjoy a Christmas Eve celebration, L.A.'s biggest holiday show, with all your friends and family. This show includes more than 20 choirs, music groups, and dance troupes for a three-hour runtime. The performance represents the incredible diversity of L.A.'s makeup, including an all-female mariachi ensemble and a Korean dance troupe. In-person attendance is canceled out of an abundance of caution in regards to COVID-19. There will be a livestream of the event, and it will also be broadcast on PBS SoCal.

<https://www.musiccenter.org/tickets-free-events/tmc-arts/l-a-county-holiday-celebration/>

DEC. 31

LA PHIL: NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH PINK MARTINI

7 P.M., 10:30 P.M.

Los Angeles Philharmonic rings in the New Year with a performance by Pink Martini, featuring the talents of Thomas M. Lauderdale (piano and bandleader), China Forbes (vocals), Storm Large (vocals), Ari Shapiro (guest vocals), Edna Vazquez (guest vocals), and Cantor Ida Rae Cahana (guest vocals). The group returns for a definitively comprehensive New Year's performance that includes the sounds of Brazilian samba, '30s Cuban dance, and even Parisian café cool. Welcome the New Year in the classiest way possible. Vaccines are required. Tickets start at \$76.

<https://www.laphil.com/events/performances/1434/2022-12-31/new-years-eve-with-pink-martini>

DEC. 31 - JAN. 1, 2022

GRAND PARK'S NINTH ANNUAL NYELA

11 P.M. - 12:01 A.M.

The Music Center presents this year's New Year's Eve celebration to honor the perseverance Los Angeles through this pandemic. Previous in-person attendance for frontline and essential workers is canceled as a safety precaution against COVID-19 spread; however, the event will be televised and streamed on YouTube. To celebrate the turning of the New Year and bring a high-energy set to the program, Grand Park has assembled a line-up including Esty, DUCKWRTH, and Kinky. Peanut Butter Wolf and J.Rocc will also be DJing in back-to-back sets. 3D graphics, lights, and projections will also accent the countdown to the New Year. Watch live on TV via Fuse or on the Grand Park's YouTube channel.

<https://grandparkla.org>



Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles at the LA County Holiday Celebration Photo by Gennia Cui



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Beverly Hills to Receive \$1 Million in Opioid Settlement

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

As a part of a settlement with a major opioid manufacturer and three distributors, Beverly Hills will receive more than \$1 million to fund education and programs to combat the opioid epidemic, the city estimates. The settlement comes as overdose deaths reach record highs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are pleased to resolve this case and take a proactive role in ending the devastating epidemic of opioid addiction and abuse,” said Mayor Robert Wunderlich in a statement.

The settlement was reached in July, resolving over 3,000 lawsuits on behalf of cities and counties impacted by the opioid epidemic. The defendants in the suits were three pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen, and pharmaceutical manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., along with its parent company Johnson & Johnson. The total amount of the settlement, as described in court documents, is \$26 billion paid out over 18 years.

The settlement covers allegations that distributors had inadequate controls and oversight in supplying billions of addictive pain pills that fueled the overdose deaths of hundreds of thousands of Americans. In the case of Johnson & Johnson, the suits accused the company of downplaying and misleading doctors and consumers over the addictive properties of the drugs. The companies have all denied wrongdoing as a part of the settlement.

While news of the opioid crisis took a back seat to the COVID-19 pandemic, the stressors of the new public health crisis appear to have exacerbated the old one. Drug overdose deaths in the U.S. topped 100,000 during the 12-month period ending in April 2021, according to provisional data from the National Center for Health Statistics, an increase of nearly 29% from the year before.

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Prowler Makes Himself at Home in Bel Air Mansion

BY CARL ROBINETTE



LAPD arrested a man in Bel Air after private security found him smoking a cigar and having a drink during a home break-in at a hillside mansion. Photo by Carl Robinette

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) arrested a 28-year-old man in connection with a home break-in reported just before 10 p.m. on Dec. 20 in Bel Air. Police continue to search for a second prowler related to the same incident. The residents were not home at the time of the break-in, and no injuries or theft were reported, LAPD told the Courier.

The homeowners' private security personnel were alerted to the break-in and notified police of the intrusion before detaining Carl Davis of Long Beach who was later taken into LAPD custody, police said. A second unknown prowler fled the scene on foot.

“Looks like the suspect was just in the house smoking a cigar and mixing some drinks,” Officer Drake Madison of the LAPD Public Communications Group Media Relations Division told the Courier. “It just looked like he was making himself at home.”

The home in question is a 38,000-square-foot mansion in the 900 block of Bel Air Road.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office was not immediately able to provide updates on the status of the arrest or potential criminal charges, but LAPD said it does not look like a burglary took place at the Bel Air home.

“To consume some drinks and smoke a cigar, it's just kind of strange activity,” Madison said.

Despite recent cases in hillside communities, break-ins like this remain rare, according to ACS Security, which provides private security patrols in Bel Air.

“It's so unusual that they would do that because it's such a high penalty for that,” ACS Security's Director of Patrol Operations Tod Woodburn told the Courier. “I've seen follow-homes, some of those, but not home invasions. It does happen, but it's very rare.”

LAPD recently reported a follow-home

style robbery when a man and a woman stopped at a gas station on Sepulveda Boulevard near Bel Air Dec. 12. The couple was robbed at gunpoint after shopping at a Rolex store in Beverly Hills. When the couple stopped at the gas station they were accosted by four men driving in a Toyota Corolla. There was a confrontation in which one of the victims was struck on the head with a gun. The robbers then made off with a Rolex watch and other jewelry, LAPD told the Courier.

Still, crime is low in Bel Air, and West L.A. has seen a drop in violent crime reports in 2021 compared to 2019. LAPD West L.A. Policing Area, which includes Bel Air, Westwood Village and more, reported 970 burglaries this year through Dec. 18. That's down 96 compared to 2019, which saw 1,066.

Where Bel Air is concerned, [Crimemapping.com](https://www.lapd.com/crimemapping) data indicates that few of West LA's crimes are reported from the Bel Air area, with high concentrations in Westwood Village and the surrounding flats.

Car theft nearly doubled in West L.A. in 2021, jumping from 379 reported thefts in 2019 to 697 in 2021 so far. LAPD has alerted residents in the area that property theft from vehicles is also up.

“Auto-related crimes are still our hot topic, do not leave valuables in your car. Most [burglary from motor vehicle] suspects will walk around the neighborhood or parking structure looking for something to steal,” said LAPD in a December Newsletter statement. “If you are visiting the Village area, be mindful of your surroundings. We have had a couple brandishings of a weapon in the area in the past. Be aware of your surroundings due to numerous follow-home robberies in Los Angeles.”

LAPD is still investigating the Dec. 20 break-in. ●



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Deputy Fire Chief Joe Matsch Hangs Up His Helmet

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Deputy Fire Chief Joe Matsch says goodbye to longtime colleague and friend Chief Greg Barton. Photo by Samuel Braslow.

After 27 years in the Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) and a 34-year career overall, Deputy Fire Chief Joe Matsch retired on Dec. 20. In an interview with the Courier, he reflected on nearly three decades of public service in the city.

“My goodness, what an amazing community,” Matsch said from the “fire memorabilia” room in his home in Chino. “I’ve been blessed beyond measure and I have nothing but gratitude to them. I’m indebted to this community and I wish I had another lifetime to serve this community here.”

Like many toddlers, Matsch had that seemingly innate reverence for firefighters and their alluringly candy apple-red trucks. “As a kid, I remember my parents got me a pedal fire engine for Christmas,” he said. “It had a little ladder on the side of it and I remember pedaling around the house...and I’d stop the engine and take off the ladder and I’d put it up against the wall or a cabinet and I’d climb up just pretending.”

His mother soon returned the fire engine, claiming Matsch was “too big for it.”

But Matsch kept that same reverence as he grew up, deciding to go into the U.S. Air Force Fire Protection after high school in 1987 to receive his training as both a firefighter and an emergency medical technician (EMT). After over four years of service in the Air Force, he moved to a fire department in Torrance and then to the Ontario International Airport, where he worked as both a police officer and a firefighter.

Matsch found he loved police work, but didn’t much care for splitting his time between firefighter and police officer duties. In 1994, Beverly Hills announced openings for its fire department. Matsch said that had it not been for two crucial decisions, the

next 27 years of his life would have been fundamentally changed.

First, he didn’t go golfing.

In the Stone Age pre-internet era of job applications, Matsch had to call BHFD to get one of 1,000 applications available. The department even set up a phone bank to field the influx of interest. Matsch began calling as soon as he got off work, plugging in his car phone and dialing the number. As he drove home, he got a busy signal. As he called from his home phone, he got a busy signal.

Enter into this crucible of patience Matsch’s friends, who began pestering him to go golfing. “Oh my goodness, I am so glad I stuck with it. Didn’t go golfing that day and ended up getting a phone call,” he said.

The next decision came after Matsch had completed his written exam for the opening (which took place at the Beverly Hilton). For six months prior, Matsch had scrimped and saved for a missionary trip to post-Soviet Russia, laying down a nonrefundable \$2,200 for the expenses. Going would mean missing the oral exam, but he had no guarantee he would make it past the written portion and had to make the choice before he would

find out.

“I’m so glad I canceled my golfing trip [and] I canceled my Russia trip,” he said.

Matsch recalled his first structure fire in Beverly Hills with vivid clarity. When the call came in sometime around 1996, Matsch and the other firefighters were running ladder drills on the roof of the Rite Aid on Canon Drive. They could see the plume of smoke, emanating from Cove Way, all the way from the business district.

The house in question was undergoing construction and metal plates had been placed along the “winding” driveway. However, the plates had become wet and the fire engine could not make it up the slope, leaving Matsch and the crew to carry their supplies—ladder and all—up the serpentine path.

Matsch led the charge into the attic, where the fire was located. Inside, he saw the fingers of the fire “rolling across the ceiling,” a sign of extreme heat and combusting gasses. As he carried the hose further into the space, he became entangled in the metallic loops from exposed HVAC tubes. (Deputy Fire Chief continues on page 15)

Christmas Delight

November 18, 2021 - January 1, 2022

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- CH City Hall
- CT Christmas Tree Display
- GR Glowing Reeds Audio & Light Show
- HD Holiday Décor
- M Menorah Display
- RD Rodeo Drive Holiday Helpers Décor
- S Santa with Reindeer & Sleigh
- VC Visitor Center
- W The Wallis
- P Parking

Favorite Daughter Opens in Beverly Hills

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Sara and Erin Foster's Favorite Daughter clothing brand opened last week in Beverly Hills as a brick-and-mortar store. Photo courtesy of Favorite Daughter.

Just in time for the holidays, sisters Erin and Sara Foster opened the first brick-and-mortar store for their women's clothing brand, Favorite Daughter, in Beverly Hills. The store, which officially opened on Dec. 13 at 346 North Beverly Drive, features a feather chandelier by artist Maurice Harris of Bloom & Plume floral design in Echo Park, lush light pink carpeting and a bright mix of art deco furniture.

The daughters of Grammy-winning producer David Foster launched Favorite Daughter in December 2020. Prior to entering the design world, they had already acquired a following by starring in the 2015 reality TV show "Barely Famous" and hosting the podcast "The World's First Podcast."

The sisters spoke to the Courier about their latest venture.

"The reason we chose Beverly Hills for our store location is that we want to appeal to women who want to be at the center of fashion, but don't always feel included in it

because of price point," the Fosters told the Courier. "We want someone to be able to come to a store right smack in the middle of Beverly Hills and feel part of the fashion culture, if they want to be."

While the women's ready-to-wear brand is only a year old, they have already cultivated a loyal consumer base among those seeking luxury items at a more affordable price point.

"Our goal was to make high quality clothes, with trend forward looks, but at a cost that is more attainable," the sisters said. The store is stocked with \$300 cashmere sweaters, the \$218 high-waisted wide leg "favorite pant" and even the constantly sold-out \$198 Tower super-high-rise jeans.

According to Todd Johnson, President and CEO of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce, many businesses in the city are surpassing their 2019 earnings. "I think people still see Beverly Hills as a viable and ultimately, the cream of the crop, to be able to open a business in," Johnson told the Courier. "Having a business in Beverly Hills is still very alluring to many people."

"Starting a business in a pandemic was interesting for sure," the Fosters told the Courier. "We chased the lounge trend for a minute, and launched with a masked hoodie that was innovative and gave a huge pop to our business. But as the desire to forget the pandemic rose, we evolved with it and ditched our masked lounge and focused on how excited we all have been to be back out in the world. Our business has been doing great, and the response from people has been incredibly exciting. We credit our success to listening to people. We open every message, listen to every piece of criticism, adjust and pivot when needed, and create the clothes women tell us they want and need. We're really proud of how fast it's grown." ●



Favorite Daughter storefront at 346 North Beverly Drive. Photo courtesy of Favorite Daughter.

Holiday Glamour in Beverly Hills

Realtor and star of BRAVO TV's "Million Dollar Listing-LA" Josh Flagg and his husband Bobby Boyd hosted a magical winter wonderland evening at their house last week. Guests were treated to a surprise performance by Grammy winner Taylor Dayne and signature dishes from classic L.A. restaurants, such as Chasen's.



Josh Flagg, Bobby Boyd, Nikki Haskell, Melissa Rivers, Alison Martino, Lisa Bochner



Candy Spelling, Josh Flagg and Kelly Day



Rotary President Charles Black III, along with his children Charlie and Matilda, inspect the toys for the annual Rotary Club Of Beverly Hills Toy Drive. Photo by Samuel Braslow

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In response to questions from the Courier, School Board Members Noah Margo and Amanda Stern, and Vice President Mary Wells voiced support for proactively testing before the resumption of classes. Board member Gabriel Halimi did not respond to a request for comment.

The district has the third highest rate of vaccinations in the county among students ages 12-18, nearly 93% of whom have received at least one dose of the vaccine. For students between the ages of 5-11, the most recent cohort for whom the FDA granted vaccine approval, about 28% have been vaccinated. Marcus stated that she would like to make vaccines mandatory for all eligible students, though the board previously declined to take such action.

Currently, the district requires unvaccinated students to get tested once a week. Additionally, the district screens a random selection of vaccinated students along with students who have come into contact with an infectious individual.

For unvaccinated students who are exposed to the virus but test negative, they must quarantine for 10 days with the option of testing after day five and returning after a week. For vaccinated students or those with a recent infection who come into close contact with a positive COVID-19 infection, no quarantine is required provided they test negative.

The new variant has led to an eerily familiar scene of last-minute cancellations and postponements for events. The American Film Institute postponed its awards luncheon scheduled for Jan. 7 at the Four Seasons Beverly Hills citing “concerns over current health conditions,” according to a statement.

“Throughout the country, we’re seeing increased lines for testing, increased demand for home tests as case counts rise across the board. We’re seeing events all across our communities and communities across the nation being impacted,” Emergency Manager Meena Janmohamed told the commission. “All of this is less than one week until the Christmas and New Year’s holidays. So unfortunately, this recent COVID-19 surge is real and unfortunately timed.”

In a demonstration of Omicron’s virulence, officials with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) revealed on Dec. 20 that omicron accounted for 73% of all new infections. On Dec. 22, Public Health announced that cases more than doubled over one day to 6,509, “one of the steepest rises we’ve ever seen over the course of the pandemic,” said Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer.

Beverly Hills’ relatively high vaccination rate puts it in a better position for the upcoming surge, according to experts. As of Dec. 16, nearly 77% of Beverly Hills residents 5 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health)—more than 15% higher than the national average reported by the CDC.

While case numbers have started rising, this has not yet translated into the deluge of hospitalizations that Los Angeles experienced during the delta wave a year ago. According to Phil Hampton, Director of Communications for UCLA Health, UCLA Health hospitals had 17 COVID-19 positive

patients as of Dec. 21—a number that has remained stable for the past two weeks.

“UCLA Health believes the region’s vaccination rate limits the likelihood of hospitalizations approaching levels seen in early January 2021,” Hampton told the Courier. He added that UCLA Health “is well-prepared in the event of an increase in the volume of patients requiring hospitalization.”

President Joe Biden took to the airwaves on Dec. 21 to address the omicron surge. He acknowledged the frustration shared by Americans across the country as they go into their second winter of COVID-19 discontent. He reiterated the advice of public health officials that in spite of a likely rise in breakthrough cases, vaccines still protect against severe illness and death.

While data related to the omicron variant remains sparse, Public Health previously reported on Nov. 15 that unvaccinated people are seven times more likely to get infected with the disease and 44 times more likely to be hospitalized.

Beverly Hills has opted to follow the COVID-19 safety guidelines issued by the county. Public Health currently requires face coverings while indoors except for when eating or drinking. Additionally, patrons must show proof of vaccination for access to indoor bars, breweries, nightclubs and lounges.

Cities including Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Pasadena and Culver City have implemented restrictions that go beyond the directives of the county. Los Angeles and West Hollywood, for instance, require proof of vaccination for indoor restaurants, fitness centers, personal care facilities, entertainment venues and city facilities.

“We’re not an island. Every action that we take has a reaction and all of our fates are tied with taking the right steps and protecting ourselves, our communities and the communities outside of us as well,” Janmohamed said.

Going into this next wave of infections, Janmohamed cautioned residents about making the mistakes of previous waves like “panic buying and hoarding.”

“We know that essential goods and items and services will not be shut down,” she said.

Chair Cathy Baker warned that even milder infections can lead to the long-term complications known as long COVID. She also made an impassioned appeal to unvaccinated residents.

“In our community, for those who have had past experiences distrusting government, whether here in the United States or living abroad, I have empathy. For those who have lived under tight government control where your personal freedoms such as freedom of speech is severely restricted, I have empathy,” she said. “But I want to say, these are very different concepts. Vaccines are about benefiting all people of every race, religion, gender, socio-economic background, and the like. Vaccines are about giving us our lives back so that we can enjoy the freedoms America has to offer. So please, reconsider.” ●

(Opioid Settlement continued from page 4)

The settlement does not signal an end to the legal troubles of drug manufacturers and distributors, who face more than 4,000 lawsuits by local and state governments, according to Bloomberg News. Washington State, which rejected the terms of the settlement agreement and its \$527 million-share, began a jury trial against the defendants in November. A resulting judgement could total more than \$95 billion, the companies named in the suit have said.

Other states that have declined to participate in the settlement include Alabama, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

The settlement also does not resolve additional claims against the major opioid manufacturer Teva and pharmacies like CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart.

Also conspicuously absent is the maker of OxyContin Purdue Pharma, which sought bankruptcy protection from thousands of

lawsuits in 2019. In 2020, Purdue agreed to plead guilty to federal criminal charges for its marketing of the highly addictive painkiller. While the settlement agreement negotiated with the Department of Justice totaled \$8.3 billion, bankruptcy shielded the company from paying the full amount.

That settlement was thrown into disarray on Dec. 16 when a federal judge ruled that the settlement could not release members of the Sackler family, who own Purdue, from civil liability in opioid crisis-related cases.

The city has not yet determined the ways in which it will utilize the money, but it provided a number of possibilities allowed under the settlement agreement. The funds, estimated at up to \$1,011,465 over 18 years, must go toward “opioid remediation,” or programs and spending that “address the misuse and abuse of opioid products; treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders; or mitigate other alleged effects of the opioid abuse crisis.” ●

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard**, will hold a public hearing to consider:

CITY COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER'S DECISION GRANTING AN 84-MONTH TOBACCO HARDSHIP EXEMPTION TO 9460 WEST OLYMPIC BOULEVARD

The City Council will consider the decision made by the Administrative Hearing Officer on October 5, 2021 granting an 84-month tobacco hardship exemption from January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2027 to 9460 West Olympic Boulevard, which will allow the continuation of the sale of tobacco and tobacco related products at 9460 West Olympic Boulevard. The Title 4, Chapter 2, Article 21 of the City of Beverly Hills' Municipal Code, prohibits the sale of tobacco at retail establishments in the City of Beverly Hills effective January 1, 2021, with the exception of hotels, three existing cigar lounges, and those businesses who applied and were approved for a tobacco hardship exemption.

On September 30, 2020, Morris Poulder, owner of Beverly Hills Oil Inc., representing himself as the owner of the business, filed an application for a tobacco hardship exemption. On December 8, 2020, an administrative hearing was conducted by Administrative Hearing Officer Angela Shaw to review the documentation submitted by the Appellant who requested a tobacco hardship exemption for 19.37 years to recover costs associated with a \$622,818.17 investment made by the Appellant during 2019 and early 2020.

On December 31, 2020, the Administrative Hearing Officer issued a decision on the Appellant's tobacco hardship exemption request, which granted a two-year tobacco hardship exemption from January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2022.

On January 13, 2021, Morris Pouladar, the Appellant, filed a timely appeal of the Administrative Hearing Officer's decision with the City Clerk's Office. In February 2021, City staff contacted the Appellant to set a date for the public hearing of the appeal. The Appellant requested a delay until June 2021 in order to gather new financial information for the appeal.

The Appellant submitted additional financial evidence to staff on June 7, 2021 for consideration. On July 27, 2021, the City Council conducted a public hearing on this matter and the City Council referred this item back to the Administrative Hearing Officer.

On August 26, 2021, an administrative hearing was conducted by Administrative Hearing Officer Angela Shaw to review the revised documentation submitted by the Appellant. On October 5, 2021, the Administrative Hearing Officer issued a decision granting an 84-month tobacco hardship exemption from January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2027.

On October 26, 2021, staff provided an update on the Administrative Hearing Officer's October 5, 2021 decision to the City Council. The City Council unanimously requested to have this item placed on the November 2, 2021 agenda to see if there was City Council support to call the subject Administrative Hearing Officer's decision up for review.

On November 2, 2021, a majority of the City Council voted to call up the subject Administrative Hearing Officer's October 5, 2021 decision to grant an 84-month tobacco hardship exemption to the Appellant for a public hearing. On December 7 2021, the City Council set the appeal hearing date for its regular meeting on January 18, 2022.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Cindy Owens, Policy & Management Analyst**, Policy & Management Department, at (310) 285-1025 or cowens@beverlyhills.org.

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PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION ON THE SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE

DATE: Thursday, January 13, 2022
TIME: 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
LOCATION: Meeting will be held via teleconference; details provided below

City staff has begun to work on an update to the Safety Element of the General Plan. State law requires that every jurisdiction's General Plan include a Safety Element to address the mitigation of short- and long-term risks resulting from disasters such as wildfire, flooding, and earthquakes. The City's current Safety Element was last updated in 2010, and must now be updated to include additional information to address climate change adaptation and resiliency in compliance with recently adopted state laws. At this study session, staff will present a draft of the updated Safety Element document for review. Staff seeks input from the Planning Commission and the public on this topic. As this is a study session, no final decisions will be made.

How to Participate

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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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard**, will hold a public hearing to consider:

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

The proposed ordinance would extend Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 21-O-2853 for an additional ten (10) month and fifteen (15) day period, pursuant to Government Code Section 65858. The interim urgency ordinance established objective development standards for residential developments in the single-family zones constructed pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 9. If the City Council decides to extend the interim urgency ordinance, it will be active for a one year period in total, which will provide additional time to study the effects of enacting such regulations, and to provide an opportunity to discuss whether such regulations should be considered for permanent adoption. The staff report for the December 7, 2021 City Council meeting describes the contents of Urgency Ordinance No. 21-O-2853, and is available on the City's website.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The draft 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. Upon review, the ordinance does not appear to be considered a project under CEQA, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no potential for such ordinance to have a significant adverse effect on the environment. This is because the draft ordinance does not authorize construction and consists of additional regulations on future development, which will be treated ministerially pursuant to the stipulations of SB 9.

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EXTENSION OF AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 21-O-2833 OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING SECTION 10-2-303 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ADJUSTING LOT LINES THAT ARE BETWEEN JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

The Council will consider extending the interim Urgency Ordinance for an additional period of one (1) year, in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 65858. In summary, the interim ordinance amends section 10-2-303 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to prohibit a lot line adjustment that would either create or expand a lot that crosses the City boundary. Staff also seeks direction from the City Council regarding the contents of a permanent ordinance that would be adopted in place of such interim ordinance in the near future. The staff report for the March 2, 2021 City Council meeting describes the contents of Urgency Ordinance No. 21-O-2833, and is available on the City's website.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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

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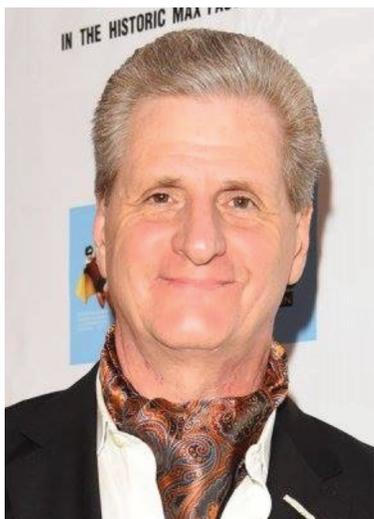


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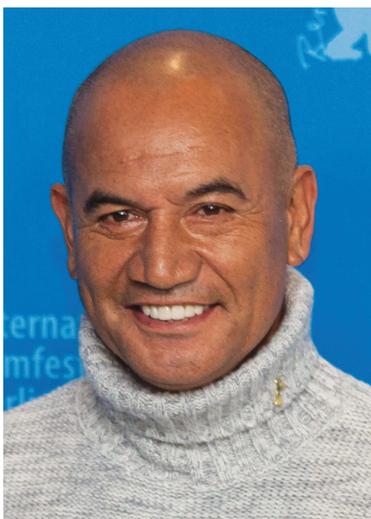
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Birthdays



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December 24



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DENZEL WASHINGTON
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JESSIE BUCKLEY
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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll get what you weren't quite ready for and it's brilliant... proof positive that you don't have to be perfectly prepared to be able to make the most of the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Authenticity is not something you can easily describe or define because it's different for each person and situation. But you know it when you see it and you feel it when you're in it. Honest goodness is the prevailing note today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The spotlight swings to you for good reason. You have demonstrated that you know what to do in its glow. You've earned this attention. Your practice is paying off. Enjoy it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't worry about who's better and who's best. As you find satisfaction with being good at something, loving and learning it, you feel rich indeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Self-doubt is normal, especially right before the big moment. Dig a little deeper for the rock-solid kernel of confidence that prompted you to take a chance in the first place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The opportunity of the day looks a lot like work, which of course it is. The opportunity of the day is work leading to more work followed by the deep, profound satisfaction of work well done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those who don't warm up to many people will feel safe around you. It's not so much what you say, but the way you say things. Your connection with people of different generations will be especially nice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a strong inclination about how you should be spending these moments. Follow it. Don't get hoodwinked into thinking that the other people around you know better. Your way is best for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whatever mood you strike, it gets magnified by the particulars of the day. So, start with

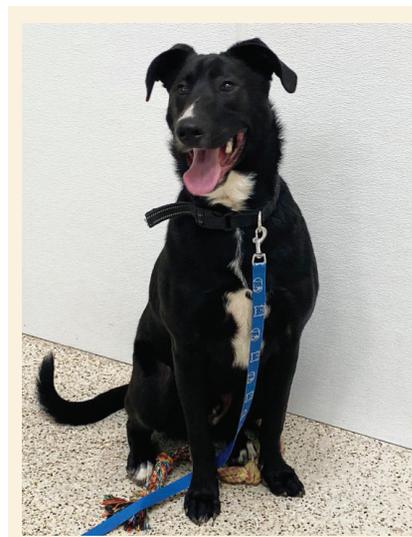
joy. Just when you think you couldn't get any happier, you will.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The only way to get the kinks out of your plan is to start working it. When the flow of productivity stops, it's the blessing that shows you what to fix. You'll fix it and continue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because solving problems makes you smarter, you don't see problems as frustrating.

You see them as interesting little challenges, a point of view that will support your success.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may have the impulse to save things that will not be of further use to you. If you're not totally convinced of the inherent value of something, discard it. Love it or lose it.



This is Fred, a 3-year-old shephard-lab mix. He was adopted three months ago but is available again due to the unfortunate, sudden passing of his owner. If you would like to meet this 70-pound, lovely boy please contact Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538.

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JOB SHARING

BY DANIEL OKULITCH AND DOUG PETERSON / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Daniel Okulitch, originally from Calgary, Alberta, is a professional opera singer of more than 25 years. He has performed for the New York City Opera, Los Angeles Opera, Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires and many other venues. Last month he completed a run of shows at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow as the title character in Mozart's "Don Giovanni." His partner, Lara, also a singer, introduced him to crosswords last year as part of their morning routine and he started constructing soon after. Doug Peterson, of Pasadena, Calif., is a professional crossword constructor. The two were introduced online. - W.S.

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Beverly Hills philanthropist Vera Guerin and her family are longtime supporters of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Photo courtesy of Cedars-Sinai and Ruth Andal Photography

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One of the key goals of the new children's facility will be to bridge the gap between childhood and adult health care, offering continued services from infancy through adulthood, hospital staff said.

"That's a big plus for the care these patients will receive," Cedars-Sinai's manager of broadcast news told the Courier in an email. "Guerin Children's will provide extra support for parents, including sleeping arrangements in the hospital rooms so that the adults can be with their children as much as possible."

The Cedars-Sinai Guerin Children's facility will provide clinical services for young patients and will be a center for medical research and training.

Guerin is board chair of the Cedars-Sinai Health System and has been a longtime supporter of the hospital.

"Our family is passionate about Cedars-Sinai and about providing a continuum of care for patients from childhood to adulthood," Guerin said in a statement. "We are honored and humbled to play our part in supporting and building this incredible institution."

Renovation of a 26-bed children's facility has already begun and is expected to be completed in spring 2022. It will include a movie screening room and video games with interactive screens, an outdoor garden and art by local artists. It will also include a family lounge for adults with furniture that converts into beds for family staying with hospitalized children.

The new center will be able to provide patients with highly specialized medical care, including pediatric specialties, maternal-fetal medicine and pediatric surgery and transplants. Physicians there will also treat any number of conditions with support from Cedars-Sinai's programs in cardiology, cancer, gastroenterology, orthopedics, obstetrics, pulmonology, rheumatology, metabolic disorders and neurosciences.

"We intend to establish Guerin Children's as an international destination for children and their families and as a leader in pediatric care and research in the United States," said Thomas M. Priselac, President and CEO of Cedars-Sinai, in a statement. "The support and vision of Vera Guerin and the Shapell Guerin Family Foundation will have a lasting impact on the health of generations of children and families."

Guerin and her husband have made sizable donations to the hospital in the past,

sponsoring the Vera and Paul Guerin Family Congenital Heart Program, the Vera and Paul Guerin Family Pulmonary Disease Research Fund, the Vera and Paul Guerin Family Distinguished Chair in Pulmonary Medicine and the Vera and Paul Guerin Family Chair in Pediatric Neurosurgery. Shapell Guerin Family Foundation is a private foundation in Beverly Hills founded in 1961.

Cedars-Sinai named Ophir Klein, M.D., Ph.D. as the first executive director of Guerin Children's on Dec. 17. The hospital also named Klein as the David and Meredith Kaplan Distinguished Chair in Children's Health. Klein comes to Cedars-Sinai from the University of California, San Francisco and is recognized for his innovations in pediatrics and genetics. He specializes in developmental and stem cell biology and his research has been focused on understanding how organs form in embryos and how they regenerate in adults.

"Guerin Children's will provide the highest-quality specialty treatments in the context of a superb healthcare delivery system," Klein said in a statement. "I am thrilled to join Cedars-Sinai and build a comprehensive, world-class academic children's health program that includes top-notch clinical, research and educational efforts and will truly meet the needs of patients throughout their lifetimes. It is a privilege to be entrusted with this vital responsibility."

Klein's work as chair will be made possible by an endowment through a \$5 million donation from philanthropists David and Meredith Kaplan.

"We are absolutely thrilled that Dr. Klein will be overseeing this vitally important effort and look forward to the many innovations he will introduce in the years ahead," said Meredith Kaplan in a statement. ●



Shapell Guerin Family Foundation recently donated \$100 million for a new children's care and research facility at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Photo by Carl Robinette

(Deputy Fire Chief continued from page 5)

"I remember getting tangled up in a slinky and not being able to move. I've got fingers of fire going across the ceiling and thinking, this isn't good," he said. "This is how firefighters die."

Following his training, he calmly clipped his way out of the thicket of metal in about a minute and a half. He soon emerged from extinguishing the fire with little snippets of wire still hanging off of him. To this day, he jokes about the incident with his crewmates from the time.

Matsch said that the highlights of his career were the creation of the 9-11 Memorial on Rexford Drive next to the fire station and the department's accreditation by the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

Said Matsch, "Who would have ever thought that a piece of the [tower] would be there in Beverly Hills, so prominently displayed with such dignity and grace?"

Matsch leaves at a time of tumult for the department, as it deals with internal strife

over the Los Angeles County vaccine mandate. While around 80% of the department is vaccinated, a handful of firefighters have requested exemptions to the mandate. One firefighter, whose exemption was denied, is suing the city and county.

He acknowledged that the department was "going through a challenging time." But he insists that "there isn't division in the fire department."

"We are still very unified because we honor those differences, we don't necessarily agree with those differences. Just like any family."

Matsch added: "I just want to say to the community, we are a professional workforce. When it comes to providing a high level of service, we do not waver and you will continue to receive that professional service that you received yesterday and into the future."

Matsch plans resting and evaluating his next steps over the next month or two before going back to some form of emergency management work. ●

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"As a City that is made up of a diverse population and being one of the only Jewish-majority cities outside of Israel, the City condemns this unwarranted hate speech that has been unsuccessfully used to disparage a community that has, and always will, stand strong together and fight hatred of any kind."

The flyers combine age-old antisemitic tropes with conspiracies about the COVID-19 pandemic. The flyers list members of the government who it claims are Jews, incorrectly identifying at least one person as Jewish. The text, "Every single aspect of the COVID agenda is Jewish," appears at the top, sandwiched between a Star of David and a pentagram.

Identical flyers were previously discovered on Nov. 28, the first day of Hanukkah, in the northeast area of the flats. A statement from BHPD Capt. Elisabeth Albanese described the flyers as "propaganda style hate speech related to the COVID pandemic and the Jewish people."

Vice Mayor Lili Bosse took to social media to share her thoughts on the incident. "Once again, these disgusting words of Jew Hatred blaming Jews for involvement with COVID were dropped on the sidewalks of our city. As we have fought for 'Never Again,' I am sickened to see once again, this despicable act occur in front of our homes," she wrote on Facebook. "As a daughter of Holocaust survivors, this cuts to my core of my soul. I know it cuts all of our hearts to see hatred in Humanity still exist. My heart breaks to see this mortifying antisemitism."

Bosse has received hate mail for her condemnation of the flyers, posting a bigotted email she received on social media. "Shut your stupid Jewish hole," the subject line read, according to the post. "Those flyers were just the facts."

This latest incident appears to be a part of a coordinated, national effort led by the Goyim Defense League, a "loose network of individuals connected by their virulent antisemitism," according to the Anti-Defamation League. Residents in Pasadena discovered

identical flyers early Dec. 19 also bearing the group's logo, according to the Pasadena Police Department. Flyers were found in states across the country, including Texas, North Carolina, Idaho, Vermont, Alabama, Illinois and Florida.

The Anti-Defamation League responded with alarm to the news of the flyers. "We are outraged to once again see antisemitic fliers dropped in Beverly Hills, but now also in Pasadena, which we previously saw on the 1st night of #Hannukah," The Los Angeles branch of the ADL said on Twitter. The post added that the organization was in touch with law enforcement "to address the situation."

While some COVID-19 conspiracy theorists have deployed antisemitic rhetoric in increasingly public ways, others have long sought to co-opt the narrative of the Holocaust by conflating public health restrictions with the limits placed on Jews in Nazi Germany.

On Dec. 21, West Hollywood City councilmember Lindsey Horvath shared on social media an image of a poster outside the gay bar and nightclub The Abby. The poster depicts the word "anti-vaxxer" inscribed in the Star of David, in an apparent reference to the badges used to identify Jews by the Nazis. The poster contains the text "report anti-vaxxers" and includes the phone number for The Abby. During a weekend in August, The Abby was the site of protests by a small group of activists over its policy of requiring proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test for entry.

"Senseless acts like this have no home here and will never be accepted," the Beverly Hills City Council said about the flyers. "Our community is home to families of survivors of the Holocaust who have seen evil and will never give in to such attacks."

According to the city, the BHPD is "thoroughly investigating" the incident and will bolster officer patrols and private security throughout the city "to ensure a safe holiday season." ●

Public Notices

**RFQ 22-350-19
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
345 FOOTHILL ROAD
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**REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF
BIDDERS AND PREQUALIFICATION
INSTRUCTIONS FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS**

**CIVIC CENTER FIRE ALARM SYSTEM
UPGRADE PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Beverly Hills ("CITY") has determined that all bidders for the CIVIC CENTER Fire Alarm System Upgrade Project ("Project") must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid on that Project. It is mandatory that all Contractors who intend to submit a bid, fully complete the prequalification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the CITY to be on the final qualified Bidders list.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid.

A fire protection contractor (C16 & C7 or C10 licenses) is the prime contractor for this project, and the prime contractor will need to subcontract with the appropriate contractors for a turnkey project.

Contractor's questionnaire and forms can be downloaded from the City's PlanetBids portal: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?-CompanyID=39493>

The item is listed as: *Civic Center Fire Alarm System Upgrade Project*

The last date to submit a fully completed questionnaire is **5:00 PM Thursday, January 6th, 2021**. All qualification submittals are required to be submitted electronically via Planet Bids. The electronic submittal system will close exactly at the date and time set forth in this request for qualifications. Contractors are encouraged to submit prequalification packages as soon as possible, so that they may be notified of omissions of information to be remedied or of their prequalification status in advance of the prequalification deadline for this Project.

The CITY will use these documents as the basis of rating Contractors with respect to whether each Contractor is qualified to bid on the Project, and reserves the right to check other sources available. The CITY's decision will be based on objective evaluation criteria.

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

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

For any questions regarding the questionnaire and the qualification package contact the Project Manager, Martin Nunes (email: mnunes@beverlyhills.org).

The prequalification packages submitted by Contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All information provided will

be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. However, the contents may be disclosed to third parties for purpose of verification, or investigation of substantial allegations, or in an appeal hearing. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for prequalification status shall be public records subject to disclosure, and the first page of the questionnaire will be used for that purpose.

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

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

Contractors who submit a complete prequalification package will be notified of their qualification status no later than ten business days after submission of the information.

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

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

Where a timely and completed application results in a rating below that necessary to pre-qualify, an appeal can be made by the unsuccessful Contractor. An appeal is begun by the Contractor delivering notice to the CITY of its appeal of the decision with respect to its prequalification rating, no later than two business days following notification that it is not pre-qualified. The notice of appeal shall include an address where the Contractor wishes to receive notice of the appeal hearing. Without a timely appeal, the Contractor waives any and all rights to challenge the decision of the CITY, whether by administrative process, judicial process or any other legal process or proceeding.

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

The hearing shall be conducted by a panel consisting of three members of the Department of Public Works senior management staff (the "Appeals Panel"). The Appeals Panel shall consider any evidence presented by the Contractor, whether or not the evidence is presented in compliance with formal rules of evidence. The Contractor will be given the opportunity to present evidence, information and arguments as to why the Contractor believes it should be pre-qualified. Within one day after the conclusion of the hearing, the Appeals Panel will render a written determination as to whether the Contractor is pre-qualified. It is the intention of the CITY that the date for the submission and opening of bids will not be delayed or postponed to allow for completion of an appeal process.

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
2021271667

The following is/are doing business as: **LA NATIVE** 439 N. Canon Dr. #300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; **Christen Leanna Tull** 439 N. Canon Dr. #300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed December 2020: **Christen Leanna Tull**, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 15, 2021; Published: December 24, 31, 2021, January 07, 14, 2022 **LACC N/C BEVERLY HILLS COURIER**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
2021264377

The following is/are doing business as: **MARJO RECORDS** 130 S. Flores St. #209, Los Angeles, CA 90048; **Marla S. Jones** 130 S. Flores St. #209, Los Angeles, CA 90048; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed November 2021: **Marla S. Jones**, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 06, 2021; Published: December 24, 31, 2021, January 07, 14, 2022 **LACC N/C**

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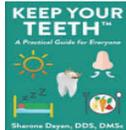


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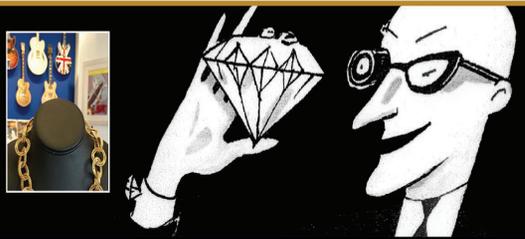
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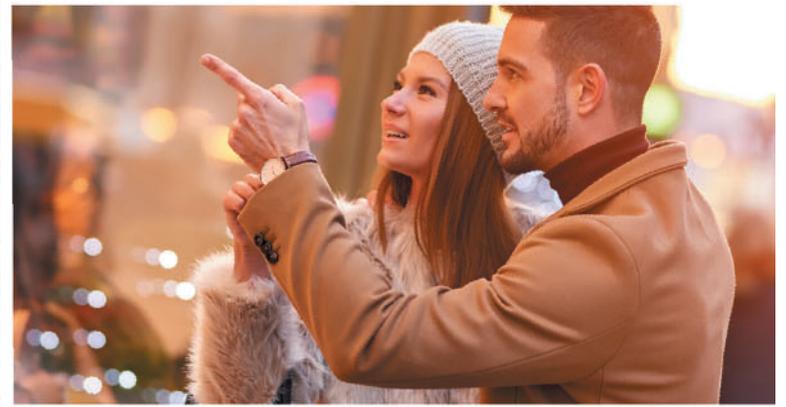
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