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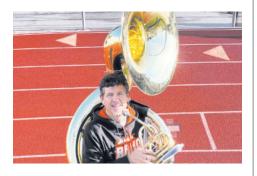
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Beverly Hills Looks Forward to 2022

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Although 2022 promises to start off on a muted note due to the omicron wave, Los Angeles and Beverly Hills still have high hopes that the year will mark a return to a so-called new normal. From a full weekend of art with Frieze Week, to the programming and parties around the Super Bowl, here are

some of the marquee items to look forward to in 2022.

Even with Super Bowl Sunday set to take place at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood on Feb. 13, hotels and businesses in Beverly Hills are benefitting from the event, said Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Todd Johnson.

"I know all the hotels are booked for the Super Bowl. Most are sold out," Johnson told the Courier.

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The Beverly Hills Civic Center on the cusp of 2022 Photo by Samuel Braslow

With Brisk Holiday Business, the Future Looks Bright in Beverly Hills

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

Despite challenges related to labor and supply chain shortages, compounded by a surge in new COVID-19 cases, Beverly Hills businesses did not lack for shoppers this holiday season. Many retailers reported revenue from this holiday nearing or exceeding earnings from the 2019 season.

Leasing activity reported by the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce shows that the city remains a sought-after destination for business owners. Dozens of new shops and restaurants have opened in the city this year, with at least 20 more set to debut in 2022. Additionally, hotels such as The Maybourne Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hilton are

continuing to invest in their spaces with luxurious renovations planned for next year.

"Businesses were up significantly over 2019," Chamber President and CEO Todd Johnson told the Courier. "There were not very many that I talked to that were worse off. I think the industry that took the hardest hit is: one, the restaurant world, and two, the hotels."

(Brisk Holiday continues on page 7)

New State Laws: What They Mean for Beverly Hills

BY CARL ROBINETTE

New laws go into effect every new year, and in 2022 a host of new California State laws will impact everything from housing and crime to the environment and animal rights. Here are some of those new laws.

Housing: Senate Bill 9 is aimed at increasing affordable housing. It requires cities throughout California to enable zoning for single-family lots to be split into two lots. (New State Laws continues on page 13)

Best Wishes For a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Courier Calendar

NOW THE BROAD: EXPANSIVE PRESENTATION OF JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT

The Broad presents a prime opportunity to view 13 works by the influential Jean-Michel Basquiat from the Broad Collection. Of the 13, three are on display for the first time at The Broad, including "Santo 2" (1982), "Deaf" (1984), and "Wicker" (1984). The Broad collection is distinctive in its dedication to featuring the full arc of artists' careers. Tickets are free to The Broad but must be acquired in advance for a set date and time, and proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required to enter. https://www.thebroad.org/art/featured-installations/expansive-presentation-jean-michel-basquiat

NOW - JAN. 2 LACMA: YOSHITOMO NARA 11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Now is the last chance to see LACMA's exhibit of Yoshitomo Nara, one of the most beloved Japanese artists of his generation. Nara's iconic figures possess a menacing edge that reflect the artist's raw encounters with his inner self. Nara's influences stem from a wide range of sources, such as his experiences studying and living in Germany, exploring his roots in Japan, Sakhalin, and Asia, and his interest in modern art from Europe and Japan. Works include paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, and an installation recreating his drawing studio, as well as other previously unseen works that lend insight into his conceptual process. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$16 for seniors and college students, and free for children 17 and younger. Proof of vaccination for COVID-19 is required for entry. https://www.lacma.org/art/exhibition/ yoshitomo-nara

DEC. 31 WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR

WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS: "LOVE ACTUALLY LIVE"

Today is the last opportunity to watch "LOVE ACTUALLY LIVE" as its final week concludes at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. Almost 30,000 people attended the performance during the record-breaking runs in 2018 and 2019 of the multimedia concert celebration of the holiday film and biggest hit in The Wallis' history. With the state-of-the-art video design, staging and award-winning production, "LOVE ACTUALLY LIVE" intertwines film and live action while bringing together family and friends. The live orchestra and cast of singers reimagine the film's soundtrack, including "Christmas is All Around" and "Trouble with Love."

https://thewallis.org/Love

DEC. 31 - JAN. 1 GRAND PARK: 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 of Los Angeles through this pandemic. Although there will no longer be a live invite-only audience of frontline and essential workers, 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 DJ in back-to-back sets. 3D graphics, lights, and projections will accent the countdown to the New Year. Watch live on TV on Fuse or on the Grand Park's YouTube channel. https://grandparkla.org

DEC. 31 - JAN. 30 ACADEMY MUSEUM OF MOTION

PICTURES JANUARY 2022 FILM AND PUBLIC PROGRAMMING The Academy Museum will offer a variety

The Academy Museum will offer a variety of screenings throughout the month of January 2022. Oscar Sundays will be an ongoing series at 7:30 p.m. that will include showings of films honored by the Academy Awards such as "The Awful Truth," "Rebecca," "On Golden Pond," and "Minari." Additionally, the films of Hayao Miyazaki are being screened as part of the landmark Hayao Miyazaki exhibit at the Academy Museum. The documentary "Never-Ending Man: Hayao Miyazaki" will be shown on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., lending insight into the renowned filmmaker and animator. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for college students and children. Full schedule and tickets are available online.

https://www.academymuseum.org/en/calendar

JAN. 4

LA PHIL: GREAT CLARINET TRIOS

LA Phil presents an opportunity to witness music making first hand with a small chamber ensemble. This classical program will be played by Denis Bouriakov (flute), Boris Allakhverdyan (clarinet), Alin Melik-Adamyan (piano), Johnny Lee (violin), Andre Lowy (clarinet), Joanne Pearce Martin (piano), Burt Hara (clarinet), Gloria Lum (cello), and Norman Krieger (piano). The program is at 8 p.m. and tickets start at \$20. Full COVID-19 vaccination proof is required for entry. https://www.laphil.com/events/performances/1455/2022-01-04/great-clarinet-trios

JAN. 5 - 27 THE HAMMER MUSEUM: MOMA CONTENDERS 2021

The Hammer Museum presents a series of screenings highlighting some of the most notable films of the last year. Films featured include "tick, tick... BOOM!," "Zola," "King Richard," "Dune," "C'mon C'mon," "The Rescue," "Licorice Pizza," "The Tragedy of Macbeth," "Benedetta," and "The Velvet Underground." These showings also often feature Q&A with the filmmakers or members of the cast. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$10 for Hammer members. Schedule and tickets are available now. https://hammer.ucla.edu/ programs-events/2021/ moma-contenders-2021

JAN. 13 WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS: INNA FALIKS, "REIMAGINE BEETHOVEN

AND RAVEL"

Pianist Inna Faliks at The Wallis is set to perform an homage to Beethoven and Ravel. The show includes Beethoven's "Bagatelles, op. 126" and Ravel's "Gaspard de la Nuit," as well as brand new works specifically composed as responses to those masterworks. These new works were composed by Paola Prestini, Billy Childs, Timo Andres, Richard Danielpour, Peter Golub, Ian Krouse, David Lefkowitz, Mark Carlson, and Tamir Hendelman. The show will be preceded by a prelude with Inna Faliks at 6:30 p.m. The main performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$29-\$79 per person. Proof of COVID-19 vaccine or recent negative test is required for entry.

http://thewallis.org/faliks



Michael Thomas Grant as The Prime Minister and Nina Nelson as Natalie in The Wallis' "LOVE ACTUALLY LIVE" Photo by Rob Latour

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Avant Memorial Fund Announced

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



A rendering of the MLK Child and Family Wellbeing Center in South Los Angeles Photo courtesy of MLK-CDC

The family of the late Jacqueline Avant has announced a memorial fund in her name. Donations can be made to the Jacqueline Avant Memorial Fund, benefitting the new MLK Children and Family Well-Being Center in the Watts/Willowbrook neighborhood of South Los Angeles. The Center is part of

the MLK Health and Wellness Community Development Corporation (MLK-CDC), and gifts will help the continued growth of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital and the MLK Behavioral Health Center. (Avant Memorial continues on page 13)



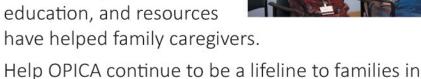
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Terms of Bisignano Plea Deal Unsealed

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Gina Bisignano at a protest at County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer's house in November 2020 Photo by Samuel Braslow

Beverly Hills resident and salon owner Gina Bisignano, who participated in the Jan. 6, 2021 Capitol riots, has pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the day, according to a newly unsealed plea agreement. Bisignano, along with two other Beverly Hills residents, numbers among the more than 700 suspects charged in the Capitol insurrection.

In the plea agreement, which was reached last July but not unsealed until Dec. 21, Bisignano pleaded guilty to six of the seven charges in her indictment. Those charges are Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting; Civil Disorder; Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds; Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds; Engaging in Physical Violence in a Restricted Building or Grounds and Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, who is prosecuting the case, dropped a charge for Destruction of Government Property under the terms of the agreement.

The agreement notes that "neither the Government's recommendation nor the Sentencing Guidelines are binding on the Court." It does, however, estimate Bisignano's possible prison time at 41 to 51 months. It also estimates Bisignano's potential financial penalty as between \$15,000 to \$150,000, with an additional \$2,000 to the Department of Treasury as restitution for the \$1.5 million in damage to the Capitol.

Under the deal, Bisignano agrees to cooperate with federal, state, and local law enforcement. She is required to "promptly turn over to the Government...any and all evidence of crimes about which [Bisignano is] aware."

The government, in turn, agrees to "bring to the Court's attention at the time of sentencing the nature and extent

of [Bisignano's] cooperation or lack of cooperation."

In an interview with the Courier following the insurrection, Bisignano acknowledged entering the Capitol building and using a bullhorn to encourage others to do the same. "Everybody, we need gas masks. We need weapons. We need strong, angry patriots to help our boys, they don't want to leave. We need protection," Bisignano called out to the rioters, standing in the archway of a broken window.

"I was caught up, I was scared, I was excited," Bisignano told the Courier. "A guy said to say that over the megaphone. I don't even remember saying it."

The plea deal, signed by Bisignano on July 28, is conditioned upon her "acceptance of responsibility."

Bisignano is among a group of alleged Capitol rioters who frequented the Beverly Hills Freedom Rallies that took place in 2020. The group includes two other Beverly Hills residents, John Strand and Simone Gold, both of whom have been charged in connection with their participation in the Capitol insurrection. Gold confirmed to the Washington Post that she had entered the Capitol with other rioters but insisted that she did not participate in or witness any violence.

Strand and Gold, who are being tried together, are both charged with Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting, Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds, Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds, Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building, Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building.

Bisignano is next scheduled to appear for a remote status conference on March 4. •

BHPD To Relax Enforcement Over New Year's Holiday



The Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) has announced that starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, there will be a city-wide exemption for parking violations relating to time limits, street

sweeping, permit parking, overnight parking, no stopping peak hour zones, and meter restrictions for the New Year's Holiday. Routine enforcement will resume on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022 at 8 a.m. •

City to Run Pop-Up Vaccine Clinic For Employees

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

With the omicron variant of the novel coronavirus pushing COVID-19 cases higher in Los Angeles, the City of Beverly Hills will hold a pop-up vaccine clinic for employees on Jan. 5. The clinic, which will set up shop beside the Civic Center on Rexford Drive, will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Even with early evidence of omicron's infectiousness, the rapidity of the new wave has startled public health officials and experts. Out of nearly 10 million tests reported on Dec. 28, 15% returned positive results, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health). The figure represents a tripling of test positivity since mid-December, "indicating surging transmission across the county," Public Health said in a statement.

Multiple early studies have found that infections from the omicron variant tend to result in milder symptoms and lower rates of hospitalization than the delta variant. Still, though, "the current rise in hospitalizations is a cause for concern," Public Health said, with a 30% rise in hospitalization since last Tuesday.

"As we approach the new year, with the staggering reality that over 27,000 LA County residents have lost their lives to COVID-19, we extend our thoughts and prayers to those who have lost their loved ones," Director of Public Health Dr. Barbara Ferrer said in a statement. "And while we all wish that 2022 would begin without the continued tragedy of serious illness and death associated with COVID, we are instead facing the prospect of an alarming surge that requires every person to act with intentionality: get vaccinated and boosted, get tested, and please, always wear a mask around others. These are the tools we have to try to keep each other safe over the holidays."

The general public has multiple options for receiving vaccines throughout Beverly Hills, including ACE Medical Pharmacy on Wilshire Boulevard, CVS on Wilshire, Hepps Prescription Pharmacy on South La Cienega, Rite Aid on North Canon Drive, and Mickey Fine Pharmacy on North Roxbury Drive. (Vaccine Clinic continues on page 13)



Community

Beverly Hills High School Music Teacher to March at Rose Parade

BY CARL ROBINETTE



Bill Bradbury trains with his sousaphone for the 5.5-mile Rose Parade route. Photo Courtesy of Bill Bradbury

For the first time in its 133-year history, one Rose Parade entry will consist of both a float and a marching band. Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) Instrumental Music Director and Performing Arts Department Chair Bill Bradbury will take part in the historic event. Bradbury will participate in the "Band of Marching Band Directors" alongside the float down the 5.5-mile route on Jan. 1.

The entry is called "Saluting America's Band Directors" and will include an animated float led by a marching band composed entirely of music directors from schools, colleges, universities and military bands from across the United States and Mexico.

"It is something special and quite a unique ensemble with a collection of directors from around the country," Bradbury told the Courier. "As a marching band we're kind of considered ancillary to the float. They made it that way so we won't occupy a spot that would be for a band, but we will be a marching band."

Bradbury has taught music at BHHS for 13 years and has worked in the Beverly Hills Unified School district for 27 years. This will be his second time marching in the Rose Parade. The first occasion was as a young adult more than 30 years ago with Edison High School in Huntington Beach. His instrument of choice is the sousaphone, a type of tuba that wraps around the player's body in a circle, making it easier to carry during a march than the traditional tuba. Still, at about 30 pounds, marching with the brass instrument for more than five miles requires the player to be in fairly good shape.

"Everybody's coming with the presupposition that you've memorized the music and that you're somewhat in shape for this endeavor," said Bradbury. That is why he has been training since Thanksgiving, marching on the high school track and at La Cienega Park while playing along to recordings of the band's set list.

"I'm good. I'm pretty happy about my training," Bradbury said, adding that he has

been completing the 5.5-mile trek while playing most of the time. "It's been something worthwhile to be able to work for."

The only reward for his efforts is experience points, but Bradbury says he is marching to honor his parents and music teachers who supported him over the years.

"And I march as an inspiration to my students as well," Bradbury said. "As an inspiration to these guys that the work and commitment to perform in a parade is something special."

Organizers canceled the Rose Parade in 2020 due to COVID-19. It was the first time since World War II and only the fourth time in its history that the parade was canceled. Bradbury said that reopening the parade after the pandemic makes his participation this year even more exciting.

"The greatest two parades are the Rose Parade and Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade," said Bradbury. "As a band director, if you ever get to be in one of those parades it's really special."

In 2019 the parade drew about 700,000 people to Pasadena and included 24 bands, 18 horse units and 42 floats. About 17 million households watched the parade on television.



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ISAIA Beverly Hills on Brighton Way Photo courtesy of ISAIA

(Brisk Holiday continued from page 1)

On Dec. 28, Lawry's The Prime Rib on La Cienega Boulevard announced the restaurant would be temporarily closed for dining-in due to "unforeseen challenges and staffing issues related to the pandemic in recent weeks." The announcement came shortly after Lawry's canceled the Lawry's Beef Bowl, an annual tradition in which the Rose Bowl teams are invited to dine at the Beverly Hills restaurant. Lawry's is still fulfilling to-go orders.

"Our business is good, it's not off the charts, but if we had a stronger quarter one

of this year, we would be beating 2019," Duke Hagenburger, the General Manager of menswear store ISAIA Beverly Hills, told the Courier. "We've been here for six and a half years, and we had a phenomenal 2019. And then, like everyone else, we had a tough time in 2020. We've seen it build back up, starting in the spring and going through summer, into the fall and the holiday."

Located at 9527 Brighton Way, Hagenburger attributes some of the store's stability to its highly localized clientele. "We're not relying on people to come into town to buy from us," he said. "It's a relationship-based business." Known for Italian hand-made menswear, ISAIA offers a tailormade Neapolitan shopping experience.

"We are fortunate, as a family business, to not have production issues," Hagenburger said. "Yes, it's a little slower and our deliveries are later than normal, but not ridiculous. With omicron, I think we'll have a little bit of fluidity in the first month or two of 2022, but the customer is definitely back in and they're ready."

Last year, Tara Riceberg, owner of Tesoro Beverly Hills, worried about not having customers in her shop. This year, she worried about not having enough product. "Thankfully I was able to order from various sources to fill my shelves with beautiful and purposeful objects," Riceberg told the Courier. "I think I had a strong holiday season because the city provided valet parking on Canon and I kept the store open on Friday and Saturday for late night shopping."

With fewer street meters to make room for outdoor dining parklets, Riceberg was concerned that her store would suffer due to the lack of street parking. Soon after she voiced these concerns to the city's Small Business Assistance Task Force, "my loading zone meters were removed and the valet was there," she said.

With the omicron surge, Riceberg is anticipating a dip in sales. She plans to strengthen online and curbside pick-up again. "At the end of the day, the health of my team and customers is my priority." She added, "I'm really proud of the city's efforts to help small business survive and thrive

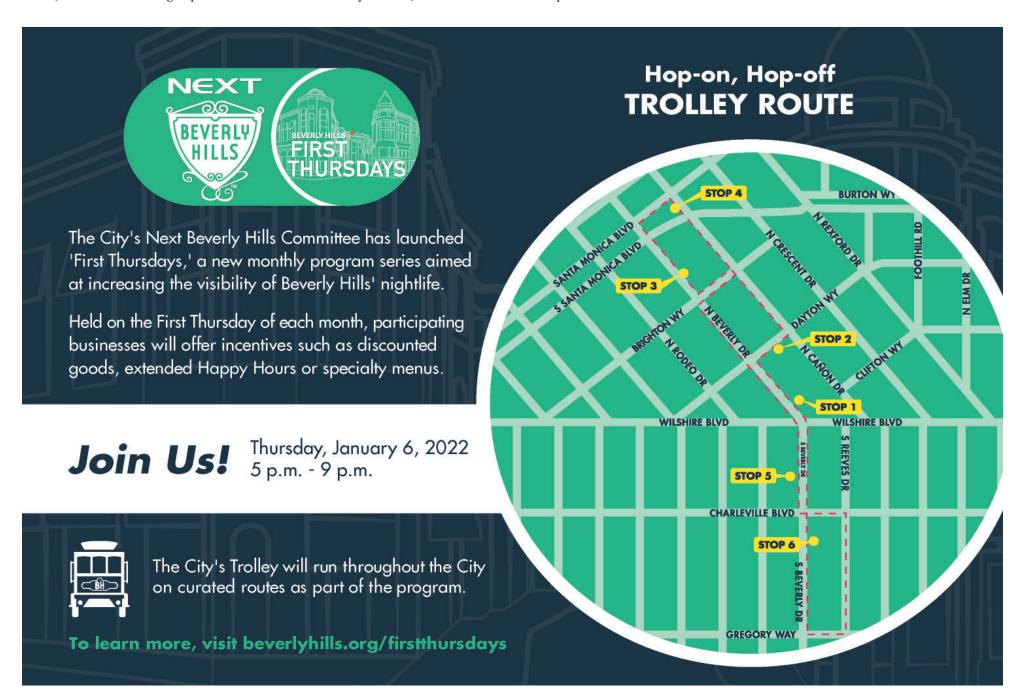
during these challenging times."

The city's efforts in these challenging times have definitely paid off, if the roster of new businesses is any indication. Openings expected in 2022 include Jon and Vinny's (454 N. Bedford Drive), Breadblok (260 N. Beverly Drive), Jeni's Ice Cream (445 N. Beverly Drive), Beverly Bar (434 N. Camden Drive), Full Proof Pizza (371 S. Doheny Drive), Lorenzo California (9529 S. Santa Monica Blvd.), My Thai Thing (9632 S. Santa Monica Blvd.), Maple & Ash (235 N. Beverly Drive), Erewhon Market (233 S. Beverly Drive), Philz Coffee (233 S. Beverly Drive), Tommy's (235 N. Canon Drive), Great Art Space (9465 S. Santa Monica Blvd.), The Shade Store (9565 S. Santa Monica Blvd.), Velverie (9737 S. Santa Monica Blvd.), Sweetgreen (245 N. Beverly Drive), ASRV (340 N. Beverly Drive), Sotheby's Auction House (350 N. Camden Drive), Maddox Gallery (425 N. Canon Drive), All'Antico Vinaio (9523 S. Santa Monica Blvd.) and Shake Shack (9601 S. Santa Monica Blvd.).

"I think it's pretty encouraging, to be honest," Johnson told the Courier. "Other cities are really struggling, and our spaces are getting filled up. I think the brand, and the fact that you're able to work in Beverly Hills or have a business is still very alluring to people. When I talk to the other Chamber presidents, they tell me that things are kind of tough."

Additional reporting by Samuel Braslow

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Health and Wellness

New Year's Resolutions

BY EVA RITVO, M.D.



Beverly Hills Courier columnist *Dr. Eva Ritvo* is a psychiatrist with more than 25 years' experience practicing in Miami Beach. She is the author of "Bekindr-The Transformative Power of Kindness" and the founder of the Bekindr Global Initiative, a movement to bring more kindness in the world. Dr. Ritvo received her undergraduate and medical degrees from UCLA, and psychiatry residency training at Weill Cornell Medicine.

hen my daughter politely asked, "So what is your New Year's Resolution?" I actually felt anger bubble up. I wanted to say "Are you kidding? I am just doing my best every day to stay alive and keep you, your sister and all my patients the same." But luckily, another thought bubbled up, and I reminded myself to just take a deep breath. I remembered what I tell patients when they feel angry. "Silence is golden and duct tape is silver." In other words, keep it shut!

So, I took a deep breath and said nothing. It worked. I was able to realize how irrational my response was, and it gave me insight into just how hard this year has been for me and for most of us. One of the hallmarks of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is a foreshortened sense of the future combined with feelings of dread and that is what got triggered when I thought about 2022, or as many are saying 2020, too.

Albert Einstein said, "In the midst of every crisis lies great opportunity." Instead of focusing on what I want to change next year, I decided to reflect on what I accomplished last year as a way to lift my own mood and spark hope for the future.

We have been in ongoing trauma now for almost two years with very little break. Many have had superimposed trauma, which is incredibly challenging. The seven stages of dealing with trauma are the following: shock and denial, pain and guilt, anger and bargaining, depression, the upward turn, reconstruction and working through, and finally acceptance and hope. I wrote to you about the opportunity for Post Traumatic Growth, but we can't seem to get to the other side on this one. Circumstances such as delta and omicron outbreaks are causing many of us to continue cycling between the first four stages without enough time and space

to get to the later healing phases.

As we close another difficult year, let's look at what has worked in 2020 and 2021 and resolve to continue to do more of it.

Take an inventory of the positive changes you have made. Don't worry about negatives at the moment, as we have had more than enough time to focus on them the last few years

Ask yourself the following questions and consider jotting down your thoughts:

Are you more in touch with your mental health than ever before?

Much of the stigma about mental illness has been erased these last years as suffering is universal. We are learning to live without all the distractions and many negative emotions have been surfacing. Hopefully, you are embracing all your emotions and not judging yourself harshly when you feel shocked, numb, hurt, angry, guilty or depressed. These are all part of the normal trauma reaction. We get in trouble when we deny our feelings, try to minimize them with drugs or alcohol or act out on them. If we can just breathe and accept them, they will come and go like ocean waves. Emotions are there to inform us. We need to learn to listen. Then we can choose our behaviors from a place of calm and reason not from an emotionally overcharged place.

How is your support system?

During trauma we must lean on our support systems. This is why every religion has a protocol to deal with loss. A common element in all is that the one experiencing loss is surrounded by friends, family and a supportive community.

Tapping into a support system has proven to be much more complicated when the whole world is undergoing simultaneous

trauma and contact with others can create exactly the problem we are trying to avoid. Moreover, those typically rushing into help such as your health care workers are also suffering. Burnout and compassion fatigue are to be expected and must be acknowledged and treated.

How has your support system changed? Who has helped you? How can you continue to nurture these relationships in the year ahead? If you have lost social connections, don't despair. Everyone has! The pandemic is causing/allowing us to move from breadth to depth, and for many this has been quite beneficial. If your support system is too narrow, spend time broadening or deepening it. Access therapy online or in person. Ask your doctor for a referral or contact community resources, such as the Maple Counseling Center https://www.maple- 4counseling.org. Who have you helped this last year? Can you derive satisfaction from that experience?

In what areas have you become more self-reliant?

We all got thrown into the deep end of the pool with this one. Between working from home and minimizing household staff, we have turned into cooks, housekeepers, school teachers, assistants and so much more. Without parties and events to attend, we have had to create our own joy. What have you learned? What do you feel most proud of this past year?

Can you embrace the NOW?

Eckhardt Tolle in "The Power of Now" instructs us to ask ourselves, "Are we safe right now? Are your loved ones safe right now?" If the answer is yes, we need to calm our nervous system and shift out of our fight or flight response and focus on the NOW.

We have discussed meditation, yoga, eating healthy food, hugging a pet, taking a shower or bath, and phoning a friend as some of the ways to come into the present moment and decrease worry. If you haven't developed your own list, please do so now and keep it visible. Coming into the present moment is a powerful way to engage our senses and stop the relentless thinking that so often doesn't serve you. Take three deep breaths right now and focus only on your breathing in and out slowly. See how you feel before you start and when you finish. Which changes have you made that are important to carry forward?

What else have you learned?

Although this is a collective trauma, everyone experiences it through the lens of their prior experiences and their unique vantage point. What has this trying time taught you? How have previous stressors prepared you to deal with the pandemic?

How have your values shifted?

After reflecting on how much I have grown this year, I feel better equipped to make constructive resolutions, and I hope you will too.

This New Year's I resolve to love and embrace life even when circumstances are undesirable. I resolve to treat myself and others with compassion. I resolve to remain as optimistic as possible and to continue to find the good around me.

Once again, I wish you and your family a safe, happy and healthy year ahead.

"Your success and your happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficultes."

Helen Keller •





SUMMARY NOTICE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-O-2854

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS RENUMBERING EXISTING ARTICLE 5 (CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM) OF CHAPTER 1 (CITY UTILITY SERVICES) OF TITLE 6 (UTILITIES AND FRANCHISES) OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ARTICLE 6 (CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM), ADDING NEW ARTICLE 5 (MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION) TO CHAPTER 1 (CITY UTILITIES SERVICES) OF TITLE 6 (UTILITIES AND FRANCHISES) OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills adopted Ordinance No. 21-O-2854 during the regular City Council meeting on December 21, 2021.

A summary of this Ordinance follows:

The Ordinance renumbers an existing Article 5 (Cross Connection Control Program) of Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to Article 6

The Ordinance also adds a new Article 5 to Chapter 1 of Title 6 the Beverly Hills Municipal Code entitled "Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction." The Ordinance will be effective and amendments to the Municipal Code will become operative thirty (30) days after its passage. Pursuant to Senate Bill 1383 ("SB 1383"), the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery ("CalRecycle") developed regulations ("SB 1383 Regulations") to reduce organics in landfills as a source of methane. The SB 1383 Regulations impose requirements on cities to adopt and enforce an ordinance to implement relevant provisions of the SB 1383 Regulations. As such, this Ordinance adopts requirements for (1) mandatory organic waste disposal reductions for single-family, multi-family, and commercial business organic waste generators, (2) commercial edible food generators, (3) food recovery organizations and services, (4) haulers (including self-haulers and haulers that are solid waste enterprises), facility operators, and community composting organizations, (5) direct service providers and vendors regarding recovered organic waste product procurement, and (6) inspections, investigations, and enforcement by the City.

You may contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 285-2400 or by email at cityclerk@beverlyhills.org to receive a copy of the Ordinance by email or to make an appointment to review the Ordinance at City Hall located at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 during regular business hours.

AYES: Councilmember Gold, Councilmember Friedman,

Vice Mayor Bosse, and Mayor Wunderlich

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Mirisch

ABSTAIN: None

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department at (310) 285-2467 or by email at AskPW@beverlyhills.org.

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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:

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.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), members of the Beverly Hills City Council and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference/video conference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public can access City Council meetings telephonically, through live webcast, and BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable.

To submit Audio/Oral comments during the hearing call: (310) 288-2288, to submit written comments please email: cityclerk@beverlyhills.org, to submit video comments (during public comment only) use https://beverlyhills-org.zoom.us/my/bevpublic (passcode: 90210). To Watch Video Live use http://beverlyhills.org/live or On-Demand use http://beverlyhills.org/citycouncilmeetings.

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

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

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

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THE SEASON FOR GIVING

As 2021 comes to a close, the Beverly Hills Courier would like to recognize a number of entities that have impacted the lives of our community. This past year has brought unprecedented challenges and new realities. It is our wish that 2022 shines brightly with hope and rejuvenation. Please join us in supporting these organizations and their critically important work.















































































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Police Blotter

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

ARSON

12/19/2021, 7:15 p.m. at 9600 Block of OLYMPIC BOULEVARD

ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED

12/26/2021, 7:00 p.m. at 400 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

12/25/2021, 8:15 a.m. at 100 Block of SPALDING DRIVE

12/2/2021, 11:26 a.m. at 8300 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

ASSAULT - SIMPLE

12/7/2021, 12:00 p.m. at 200 Block of MORENO DRIVE

12/5/2021, 11:31 p.m. at 9400 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

12/3/2021, 5:21 p.m. at 8900 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

BURGLARY -COMMERCIAL BUILDING

12/26/2021, 4:29 a.m. at 200 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

12/26/2021, 4:29 a.m. at 8900 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/25/2021, 9:19 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CANDRIVE

12/22/2021, 2:20 a.m. at 200 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

12/20/2021, 4:33 p.m. at 200 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BLVD

12/11/2021, 7:35 p.m. at 300 Block of FOOTHILL ROAD

12/3/2021, 4:29 p.m. at 200 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD

BURGLARY - FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

12/24/2021, 2:01 p.m. at 500 Block of N. LINDEN DRIVE

12/20/2021, 9:46 p.m. at 9400 Block of BRIGHTWAY

12/19/2021, 7:20 a.m. at 100 Block of S. PALM DRIVE 12/17/2021, 2:28 a.m. at 400 Block of SHIRLEY PLACE

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12/17/2021, 2:28 a.m. at 400 Block of HILLGREEN DRIVE

12/16/2021, 8:50 a.m. at 200 Block of SPALDING DRIVE

12/15/2021, 7:30 p.m. at 300 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD

12/15/2021, 11:00 p.m. at 9100 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/13/2021, 8:30 p.m. at 8500 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/11/2021, 8:58 a.m. at 300 Block of REEVES DRIVE

12/13/2021, 11:00 a.m. at 300 Block of S. RODEO DRIVE

12/6/2021, 9:00 a.m. at 8700 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/5/2021, 11:00 a.m. at 300 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

12/5/2021, 3:45 p.m. at 300 Block of S. ELM DRIVE

12/4/2021, 1:00 p.m. at 400 Block of N. ROXBURY DRIVE

12/3/2021, 1:00 p.m. at 100 Block of N. SWALL DRIVE

BURGLARY -RESIDENTIAL (ACCESSED GARAGE ONLY)

12/19/2021, 4:00 a.m. at 300 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

BURGLARY -RESIDENTIAL (COMMAREA)

12/20/2021, 10:54 p.m. at 400 Block of N. OAKHURST DRIVE

12/9/2021, 10:30 p.m. at 400 Block of N. OAKHURST DRIVE

BURGLARY -RESIDENTIAL (HOME OCCUPIED)

12/3/2021, 8:35 p.m. at 100 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

BURGLARY -RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE HOME)

12/25/2021, 11:00 a.m. at 400 Block of S. RODEO DRIVE

12/17/2021, 6:40 p.m. at 600 Block of WHITTIER DRIVE

12/17/2021, 8:43 a.m. at 100 Block of N. LE DOUX ROAD

12/17/2021, 9:59 p.m. at 400 Block of N. DOHENY DRIVE

12/7/2021, 6:15 p.m. at 9900 Block of DURANT DRIVE

12/2/2021, 7:40 p.m. at 100 Block of N. STANLEY DRIVE

ROBBERY

12/22/2021, 11:15 p.m. at 200 Block of N. CANDRIVE

12/6/2021, 3:28 p.m. at 9100 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/6/2021, 11:15 p.m. at 200 Block of S. DOHENY DRIVE

12/6/2021, 9:46 p.m. at N. CRESCENT DRIVE / BRIGHTWAY

12/5/2021, 5:15 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

12/2/2021, 9:30 p.m. at 200 Block of S. ARNAZ DRIVE

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

12/27/2021, 6:15 a.m. at 100 Block of S. MAPLE DRIVE

12/17/2021, 6:05 p.m. at 600 Block of N. ELM DRIVE

12/13/2021, 8:30 a.m. at 300 Block of S. ELM DRIVE

12/1/2021, 7:00 a.m. at 100 Block of N. CRESCENT DRIVE

THEFT OF AUTO PARTS

12/13/2021, 2:00 p.m. at 300 Block of N. WETHERLY DRIVE

12/8/2021, 10:00 p.m. at 400 Block of S. MAPLE DRIVE

THEFT FROM COMMERCIAL BUILDING

12/22/2021, 4:00 p.m. at 300 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

THEFT - GRAND

12/27/2021, 9:00 a.m. at 300 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

12/21/2021, 4:30 p.m. at 9400 Block of BRIGHTWAY

12/21/2021, 6:18 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

12/19/2021, 5:00 p.m. at 300 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

12/19/2021, 6:55 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

12/16/2021, 3:50 p.m. at 9500 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/15/2021, 11:23 a.m. at 9500 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/13/2021, 2:24 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

12/14/2021, 4:00 a.m. at 9300 Block of OLYMPIC BOULEVARD

12/12/2021, 7:06 a.m. at 800 Block of N. ROXBURY DRIVE

12/7/2021, 3:52 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

12/4/2021, 11:30 a.m. at 1200 Block of LEXINGTROAD

THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)

12/24/2021, 9:00 a.m. at 400 Block of SPALDING DRIVE

12/24/2021, 1:50 p.m. at 300 Block of S. ELM DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY

12/11/2021, 6:30 a.m. at 300 Block of REEVES DRIVE

12/11/2021, 2:15 a.m. at 100 Block of REEVES DRIVE

12/9/2021, 8:00 a.m. at 400 Block of S. MAPLE DRIVE

12/9/2021, 3:55 p.m. at 100 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

12/5/2021, 4:45 p.m. at 9900 Block of DURANT DRIVE

12/3/2021, 3:46 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

12/3/2021, 6:04 p.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/3/2021, 1:51 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/2/2021, 11:30 p.m. at 700 Block of N. REXFORD DRIVE

12/1/2021, 4:27 a.m. at 300 Block of N. CRESCENT DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY (FROM VEHICLE)

12/21/2021, 9:02 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ROXBURY DRIVE

12/18/2021, 9:10 a.m. at 900 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE

12/17/2021, 3:40 a.m. at 700 Block of ALPINE DRIVE

12/11/2021, 9:00 a.m. at 9400 Block of GREGORY WAY

12/5/2021, 6:32 a.m. at 1100 Block of SAN YSIDRO DRIVE

VANDALISM

12/24/2021, 9:17 a.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/23/2021, 3:48 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

12/19/2021, 2:24 p.m. at 9900 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

12/18/2021, 8:30 p.m. at 8800 Block of OLYMPIC BOULEVARD

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Avant was "a stalwart supporter of children and the Watts-Willowbrook community," previously even serving as President of Neighbors of Watts, a support group centered around childcare in South Los Angeles communities.

"As many have inquired, we have arranged the Jacqueline Avant Memorial Fund for the new MLK Children's Center in Watts, as per Jacque's wishes," a statement released by the Avant family said. "More information and a donation section can be found on the MLK Health and Wellness Development Corporation website: mlk-cdc. org."

Avant, the wife of producer Clarence Avant and Los Angeles philanthropist, was shot and killed in her Beverly Hills home on Dec. 1 at age 81. The family also announced that a special memorial will be held for Avant after the holiday season, with details forthcoming.

MLK-CDEC has raised funds for renovations to trailers that currently house the MLK Pediatric Clinic HUB, which, according

to the organization, serves approximately 5,000 Los Angeles children and teens in foster care each year. In 2022, the pediatric clinic will move into the first floor of the new three-story, 55,000 square foot MLK Child and Family Wellbeing Center. The Center will provide at-risk pediatric and adolescent patients and their families with improved outpatient clinical services, hoping to serve as a model for community-based programs addressing the needs of those struggling with care for mental illness, substance abuse and homelessness. The Autism Wellness Center will be located on the second floor.

The MLK-CDC has also raised additional funds for new furniture, equipment, and personal needs such as clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, emergency food vouchers, and MTA cards.

Donations can be made to the MLK Health and Wellness Development Corporation (a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization) for the Jacqueline Avant Memorial Fund for the new MLK Children's Center in Watts, California. To learn more or donate online, visit https://www.mlk-cdc.org/jacquie.

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This comes as a sorely needed balm to the city's hospitality industry, which has been one of the sectors hit hardest by COVID-19, Johnson added.

Running from Feb. 17-20, Frieze Week and Frieze Sculpture Beverly Hills will bring over 100 art galleries from 17 countries to Beverly Hills, in addition to highlighting the city's trove of outdoor public art. The headquarters of the event will be at 9900 Wilshire Blvd. directly across from the Beverly Hilton, the site of the future One Beverly Hills development. Organizers have estimated that the event will bring in tens of thousands of visitors from across the globe to Beverly Hills, although rising COVID-19 case numbers have made planners cautious.

Christine Messineo, Director of Frieze Los Angeles and Frieze New York, said in a statement that she looks forward to showcasing "the creative community" of the city.

"In Los Angeles, this takes many forms, both within the framework of the tent, with significant participation from Los Angeles galleries, as well as outside of the fair architecture," she said. "This intention extends to our inaugural Frieze Sculpture Beverly Hills presentation, which will remain on public view in Beverly Gardens Park for three months, and our continued collaborations with not-for-profits, local institutions and artists throughout Frieze Week."

The new year promises to have plenty of political activity as well. Vice Mayor Lili Bosse will take over as Mayor in April, replacing current Mayor Robert Wunderlich. Then, on June 7, polls will open for residents to cast their votes for three open City Council seats.

Many of the candidates vying for the seats plan to host public events as election day draws nearer. Wunderlich told the Courier that he will announce plans for "a campaign kick-off event and multiple coffees to meet with the residents of Beverly Hills" in the new year. Public Works Commissioner Sharona Nazarian, who announced her candidacy for City Council in August, told the Courier that she and other candidates are looking to hold a joint kickoff event in March, though a specific date has not yet been chosen.

"Beverly Hills candidates have traditionally coordinated the day candidates have their official campaign kickoff. It's like an open house where the community members go from home to home to meet the candidates on the same day," Nazarian told the Courier. "The time a candidate will speak at the podium is specified so no two candidates speak at the same time. It's a courtesy and practice in civility that our city candidates have always followed, and I am excited to honor that tradition."

In addition to the city election, June will also play host to the city's summer Concerts on Canon and the hopeful return of the Rodeo Concours d'Elegance, the annual Father's Day car show on June 19. The Concours d'Elegance was canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic, with a paired down version called the Tour d'Elegance held in 2021. While the pandemic makes certainty impossible, the city hopes that 2022 will allow for the return of crowds to Rodeo Drive to ogle dozens of classic and luxury automobiles

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With every cough or scratchy throat suddenly suspect, the omicron surge has also ramped up demand for testing. Two forms of testing exist for COVID-19, rapid antigen testing and PCR testing, each with drawbacks and advantages. Antigen tests can be administered at home with results in as little as 15 minutes, making them ideal for confirming whether a sore throat or fever is the result of COVID-19 or another seasonal illness. However, antigen tests are less sensitive than PCR tests. Add to that, the increased demand has made the tests scarce.

PCR, or polymerase chain reaction, is a laboratory procedure that amplifies genetic signals in a sample to determine whether

someone has COVID-19. The tests are better at catching asymptomatic cases or confirming positive results from an antigen test. What you get in accuracy, you lose in time and convenience. PCR tests take a few hours to a few days to complete, depending on the lab and the demand.

Free testing options are limited in and around Beverly Hills. DoctorNow at 181 N. Robertson Blvd. offers free PCR testing regardless of insurance status. Results typically come back the day after testing, but DoctorNow offers expedited services for \$120, according to its website. DoctorNow does not accept appointments and takes walk-ins only. For wait times, you can call in advance at 424-249-3038. •

(New State Laws continued from page 1) SB 9 also allows duplexes to be built on single family lots, effectively turning many of

gle-family lots, effectively turning many of the state's single-family lots potentially into four-family lots. Beverly Hills City Council passed an urgency ordinance Dec. 7 that brings the city into compliance with SB 9. The city is working to create a permanent ordinance in answer to the state bill's requirements. Some Beverly Hills City Council members have criticized the bill, calling it an overreach by the state.

Councilmember Lester Friedman called the bill "misguided" and a "one-size-fitsall" approach during the December council meeting.

Environment: Senate Bill 1383 is aimed at reducing state methane emissions caused by decaying organic material in landfills. Under SB 1383, cities and other jurisdictions in the state are required to enforce the new organic waste recycling requirements and support food waste reduction through city programs.

Beverly Hills City Council offered consensus support for reducing organic waste in the city, but Council Members Julian Gold, M.D., and John Mirisch criticized the bill on principle during the Council's Dec. 7 study session, suggesting that the state should foot part of the cost for enforcement of SB 1383.

"I think we need to have a serious discussion about literally everything that the state imposes on us," said Mirisch. "In this case it's something I agree with, but that they use that same excuse, 'Well you can raise fees and taxes and therefore it's not an unfunded mandate,' I think that's a larger problem and a larger issue."

Street Safety: Assembly Bill 43 makes it easier for cities to create slower speed limits, which could potentially support the City of Beverly Hills' traffic calming goals as part of its Complete Streets Plan.

Assembly Bill 773 allows cities to adopt permanent "slow streets" programs, which became popular as cities sought to accommodate pedestrian traffic in residential neighborhoods during the most restrictive months of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Beverly Hills City Council showed enthusiasm for the prospect of extending the city's own slow streets program during a meeting in March.

Cocktails: Senate Bill 389 is another COVID-era law that allows restaurants to send alcoholic beverages home with to-go orders through 2026. Legal delivery of cocktails to your door ends Dec. 31.

Jobs: Several worker protection bills will take effect in 2022. Senate Bill 3 will kick minimum wage up another dollar, requiring a wage of \$15 an hour for employers with 26 or more workers and a wage of \$14 for employers with 25 or fewer workers.

Assembly Bill 286 disallows companies behind food delivery apps from keeping any portion of a worker's tip.

Police and Crime: Assembly Bill 1475 prohibits law enforcement officials and agencies from posting booking photos and other media that identifies those arrested on suspicion of nonviolent crimes prior to prosecution.

Assembly Bill 1171 modifies California's penal code to remove the qualification of "spousal rape" from the books, making rape within a marriage fall under the standard legal definition of rape.

Assembly Bill 48 imposes tighter restrictions on police use of rubber bullets and tear gas for dispersing public assemblies, such as political protests.

Senate Bill 2 enables the decertification of police officers who have been fired for misconduct. The bill aims to prevent rule-breaking officers from being rehired by another agency.

Animal Welfare: Proposition 12 is aimed at creating more humane practices among pork and poultry farming operations. The law abolishes metal cages that restrict pigs from turning around. Prop 12 also bans cages too small for hens to open their wings. The new law has raised objections from agriculture lobbyists who say it will result in an untenable increase in pork production costs.

Mental Health: Senate Bill 221 requires healthcare providers to provide follow-up appointments for mental health and addiction treatment within 10 business days.

New Representation: With the 2020 census, political boundaries have been redrawn for jurisdictions throughout California and the state is now losing a Congressional seat, down to 52 representatives.

Beverly Hills will find itself in a new Congressional District in 2022, switching from the current District 33, which stretches west through Malibu to the new District 36, which will stretch south to Ranchos Palos Verdes.

Beverly Hills will also be switched from Assembly District 50, which extends west to Malibu. Now Beverly Hills will be in District 51, which will include Santa Monica and Hollywood.



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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To maneuver well, make sure you're in the same reality as what you're trying to influence. Once you accept the way things are, you have power in the situation. Drop all resistance to what is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It will be as easy to make a big change as it is to make a small one. So, as long as you are envisioning a change, go for one that will make a huge difference in your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Most of what needs organizing is emotional, but it can be handled through the physical moving of objects. You process feelings as you tidy up and arrange your possessions in a pleasing manner.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll look at things like a true and inclusive optimist. That means the glass is neither half full, nor is it half empty. It's

all the way filled and brimming over. It's just that some of the content is water and some of it is air.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One moment you're tuned in to the people around you and present to the conversation and work at hand; the next you are focused on experiencing your inner world. Alternating between these two forms of mindfulness will serve you well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One way to keep someone's attention is to dangle a promise in the air, then yank it back. It's the old carrot-on-a-string trick, not for the faint of heart, though it keeps things interesting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've been so busy watching the entertainment around you that you forgot to get up and show the world what you can do. Take your turn in the spotlight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll find creative ways to use what you have. You'll tinker and fix things and assemble your resources in such a way that the result is greater than the sum of its parts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Plan for future good times. The fun you anticipate will bring your endorphins up almost as much as the fun you're actually having. You love to be surprised by humor and camaraderie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Life is not a dress rehearsal. You're fully aware that the show will go on regardless of the level of energy of your performance, and this is why you give it your all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Removing yourself from a scene will help you see it for what it is. Tonight, someone you know needs to hear words of love. Lead with compassion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To learn from your mistakes, you have to be willing to make them in the first place. Your habit of being hard on yourself after the fact isn't helping. Ease up. It's okay not to get it right every

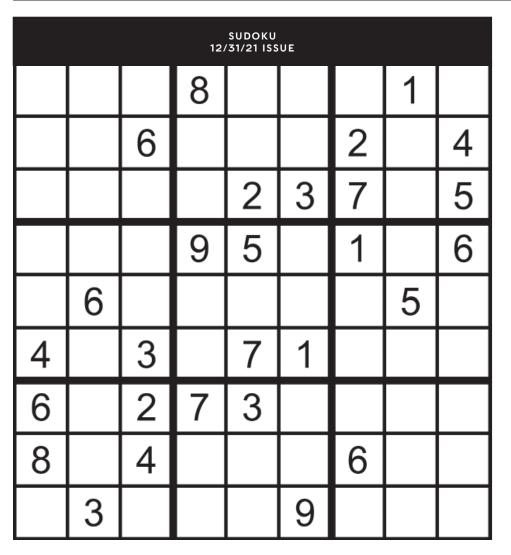


This week's featured pup up for adoption is Arthur, a 10-year-old miniature Schnauzer. He weighs 9 pounds and has a lot of love to give. To rescue Arthur, please contact Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538.

www.shelterhopepetshop.org

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SEASON TO TASTE BY LAURA TAYLOR KINNEL / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Laura Taylor Kinnel is a math teacher and the director of studies at a Friends boarding school in Newtown, Pa. This is her fifth crossword for The Times. Last New Year's Eve, when Laura got together with some wordplay-loving friends via Zoom, she gave them words from a working version of this puzzle, for which some of the celebrants suggested clues. I wonder if they'll remember any of them now. — W.S.

ACROSS

- 1 They might be put on 5 Singer Grande, informally
- 8 Undercover attire?
- Creole (Caribbean
- language)
- 18 Drive-19 Certain urban map
- 22 Demoralize
- 23 Little tyke
- 25 Flatter, with "up"
- 26 Things bachelors might have
- 27 Certain Scandinavian 28 "Gimme ____!" (start
- of a cheer at three Big Ten schools) 29 Noted Dadaist
- 31 ____ Helmer, Ibsen
- heroine
- 32 Scalpel creations 34 Relative of a tee-hee
- 38 Bit of marginalia
- 41 M.L.K. or R.B.G.: Abbr.
- 43 Stage name of rapper Yasiin Bey
- 44 Forest spirit
- **45** Pep
- 47 Onesie feature
- 49 "Sure, I'm game" 51 UNICEF address suffix
- 52 H.S. subj.
 - **ANSWERS FOUND** IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...

- 53 Words before point
- 54 Ring
- 56 Hold, as inhabitants
- 58 Med school subj.
- 60 Certain Scandinavian 61 "The One I Love"
- band _ Hall ("The Wind
- in the Willows" residence)
- 63 Loud but friendly growl
- **64** Bow
- 65 Adjusts the spacing between, as typed letters
- _ (apartment 67 No_ policy) 70 Big name in cast-iron
- cookware 72 Reduce in volume
- 74 As new
- 76 It'll knock you out
- 78 Ogler
- 79 Chiwere speakers often
- Modern medicine 83 Becomes less taut
- 86 Old "Up, up and
- away" sloganeer 87 Mannheim madame
- 88 Fivers
- 89 Kind of leaf
- 92 Scientist born on Christmas Day in 1642
- 94 With 117-Down, cholesterol reducer 95 Musician Brian

- 96 Paris's ____ Saintor rate Louis
 - _ Finch, "ER" doctor
 - 98 Possible result of
 - getting one's wires crossed
 - 99 Moola
 - 101 Singer/actress Shore 9 Project 103 Big block
 - 106 Two-time U.S. Open tennis champion while still a teen
 - 107 Breakfast dish
 - 109 Fruitcake tidbit
 - 112 Amasses, with "up" 114 Nuclear-medicine units
 - 115 ''_ , Virginia, there
 - is a Santa Claus" 116 culpa
 - 118 Trig function 119 Some laundromat
 - machines 122 This puzzle's images, in two different ways 35 Wishy-washy
- 80 Christmas ornament, 127 Physician awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom by G.W. Bush
 - 128 Party staple
 - 129 Prefix with space 130 Chandelier part, often
 - 131 ___-mo 132 Football units: Abbr. 133 Hurdle for a J.D. wannabe
 - DOWN
 - 1 Court sport grp. 2 Course preparers

- 3 Becoming faint
- 4 Solarium activity
 - 5 National dance co.
 - the U.S. in 2004

 - 10 Outback orders
 - 1965
 - 12 Come to **13** Fit
 - 16 "____ Maria"
 - 17 Super Mario Bros. platform
 - 20 Downfall
 - 24 Remove, as a ribbon
 - 33 Italian thoroughfare
 - response 36 Get, slangily
 - 37 Genuine
 - 40 Little lead
 - 45 First and reverse 46 Not learned
 - Panza 48 Lancaster-to-
 - 50 Citrus hybrid
 - 54 Come to _ 55 Present opening?

- 6 It was eliminated from
- 7 Library IDs
- 8 Kitty
- 11 Cabinet dept. since
- 14 Nightmare
- 15 "Got it"
- 21 Dropped the ball
- 30 Green shampoo
- 39 Filmmaker von Trier
- 42 Some graffiti
- 47 Proverb-spouting
- Scranton dir.
- 73 ''What's _ 75 Pride and prejudice,

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- 81 Pirate
- 84 Set
- 61 Where to go on a trip? 85 Mushroom 65 Not a mystery 87 Woman in 66 One keeping others Progressive ads
- up at night, perhaps 89 Classic dog name 68 Something else 90 Hip bones 69 Singer Gomez 91 What some
 - direction you?" 94 Volts/amp
 - 93 More than enough
- neighborhoods do
 - 98 Long-tailed monkey
- 100 Piano performance, possibly

106

- 102 Some ranges _ ("View of 104 El_
- Toledo" painter) 105 ____ Cradle (maritime rescue
- device) 108 Popular adoption agcy.
- 110 "Sign me up!" 111 High-maintenance
- large-scale sculptures

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117 See 94-Across 119 Agcy. fighting

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- 120 Bobby of the N.H.L. 121 Part of R.S.V.P.
- 123 Old-fashioned menorah filler 124 "Kitchy-
- kitchy-125 Raises
- 126 Teetotaler's opposite

Public Notices

RFQ 22-350-20 **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

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

REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS AND PREQUALIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR:

MULTIPLE PARKING STRUCTURES CCTV PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Beverly Hills ("CITY") has determined that all bidders for the Multiple Parking Structures CCTV Project ("Project") must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid on the Projects. 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 contractor (C7 & 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: MULTIPLE PARKING STRUCTURES CCTV PROJECT

The last date to submit a fully completed questionnaire is 5:00 PM Thursday, January 13th, 2022. 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 prequalification rating.

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

For any questions regarding the questionnaire and the qualification package contact the Project Manager, Eli Benitez (email: ebenitez@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

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

Beverly Hills High School Project: South Campus Modernization

Shoring & Retaining Wall #3/4

Beverly Hills Unified School District Owner:

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

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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT 2021271667 The following is/are doing business as: LA NATIVE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021264377

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021267788

The following is/are doing business as: 1) DAVE NELSON TELECOMMUNICATIONS

2) TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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TECHROMANCERS.COM 8) THE FONE GUY 9) TLA CONSULTING 2219 West Olive Ave. #193, Burbank, CA 91506-2648; Dave Nelson 657 D Laveta Terrace, Echo Park, CA 90026-4370; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed August 1994: Dave Nelson, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 09 2021; Published: December 31

2021, January 07, 14, 21, 2022 **LACC N/C BEVERLY HILLS COURIER**

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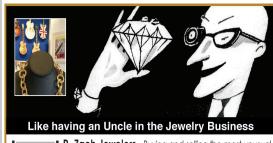
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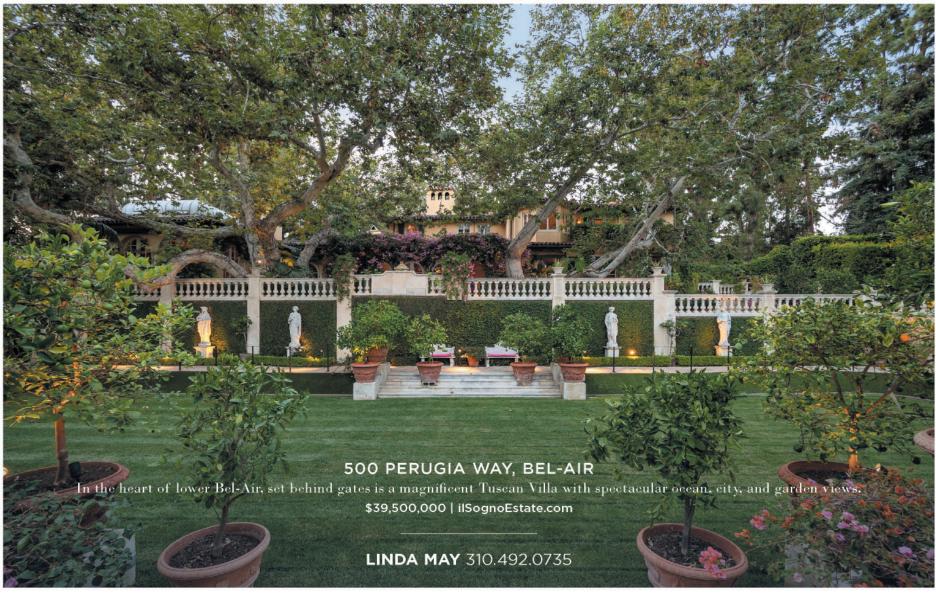
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