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Ophthalmologist Yaron S. Rabinowitz, M.D., specializes in LASIK and Corneal Transplant Surgery. The lead surgeon at Laser Eye Associates in Beverly Hills, he is also Director of Ophthalmology Research at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center; a Clinical Professor at UCLA; and the founder of the Eye Birth Defects Research Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating childhood corneal blindness and supporting research into blinding eye diseases. The foundation, in a groundbreaking collaborative effort with the United States Multi-National Forces stationed in Baghdad, is sending a physician to Amman, Jordan in January to perform emergency corneal transplants on 10 war-injured

Iraqi infants. It also has embarked on an aggressive expansion campaign at Cedar-Sinai Medical Center to fund stem cell research in diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration.

The Cornea Genetic Eye Institute is a specialist practice dedicated to LASIK eye surgery and the treatment of Corneal Diseases. Serving the Los Angeles community since 1990, the Institute offers the latest technology in corrective eye surgery, including bladeless Intralase technology, and the three most sophisticated, state-of-the-art lasers available for vision correction.

Dr. Rabinowitz, a 15-year National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant recipient, has also received UCLA's Medical Alumni Association research award; the American Academy of Ophthalmology's honor award; and—most recently—the Kritzinger Memorial Award for excellence in refractive surgery research from the International Society of Refractive Surgery.

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Q. Whom do you admire most in Beverly Hills?

A. My patients who are the leaders of the Beverly Hills business community for their innovation, foresight, and dedication to charitable causes.

Q. What is your favorite Beverly Hills memory?

A. I believe it will be my foundation's benefit concert on Saturday, February 10th, featuring Grammy Award-winning instrumentalist, Kenny G, at the historic Wilshire Theatre Beverly Hills. This is a pivotal evening for the foundation and, given the close proximity to Valentine's Day, our goal is to extend invitations to all area residents who support the importance of treating and curing blinding eye disease. The event is a unique opportunity for the Beverly Hills community—not only to enjoy this intimate concert event with an international superstar, but also to join us in funding vision research expansion at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. For more information, your readers can call these numbers:

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