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L.A. County Sheriff Robert Luna Addresses Rotary Club of Beverly Hills



Photo by Gidas Peteris

L.A. County Sheriff Robert Luna (pictured, second from left with Councilmember Sharona Nazarian, Vice Mayor Lester Friedman and Mayor Dr. Julian Gold) addressed the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills Aug. 28.

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Zero-bail policies, accountability for crimes—and for the actions of law enforcement—were topics touched upon briefly but forcefully

at the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills luncheon this week.

The speaker, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna, commanded a See **SHERIFF ROBERT LUNA**, page 12

Planning Commission Weighs Draft Rules on Medical Marijuana Businesses

BY ERIC LICA

New regulations that would allow a very specific type of marijuana business to begin operating in Beverly Hills were among the items discussed during a meeting of the Beverly Hills Planning Commission on Aug. 24.

Current ordinances prohibit any type of marijuana business from setting up shop in Beverly Hills. State-licensed companies that deliver medical cannabis can serve patients in the city, but they aren't allowed to have offices, keep inventory or otherwise operate within its boundaries. That is scheduled to change at the start of 2024, following the passage of SB 1186. The Medicinal Cannabis Patients' Right of Access Act was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom last September and will See **PLANNING COMMISSION**, page 16

Author Bonnie Garmus Appears at 'Beverly Hills Reads!'

BY RYAN TOROK

On Aug. 27, the inaugural "Beverly Hills Reads!" featured Bonnie Garmus, author of the bestselling novel, "Lessons in Chemistry," in discussion with recently retired Beverly Hills High School educator Julie Goler.

"Lessons in Chemistry," Garmus' debut novel, is set in the early 1960s and follows a brilliant, uncompromising female chemist, Elizabeth Zott, who experiences rampant workplace sexism, loses the love of her life and is a single mom. When she becomes the host of a televised cooking show, she also becomes one of the most influential public personas of her time, inspiring women to go after their professional ambitions.

Since its publication earlier this year, the book has become a huge success, skyrocketing



Photo by Ryan Torok

Author Bonnie Garmus appeared live by Zoom at the Aug. 27 event.

to the top of the New York Times Best Seller list. It's been translated into more than 40 languages. A forthcoming televised adaptation for Apple TV+, with actor Brie Larson appearing in the lead role as Zott, is on the way.

See **BONNIE GARMUS**, page 11

Well-Being of Residents on Health and Safety Agenda

BY ERIC LICAS

The physical and emotional well-being of everyone in Beverly Hills, both young and old, occupied much of the agenda during the most recent meeting of the Health and Safety Commission on Aug. 28.

Beverly Hills Unified School Board Member Rachelle Marcus opened the session with an update on a variety of maintenance projects and facility upgrades, including the installation of the Bulldog Aid Wellness Center at Beverly Vista Middle School.

"Students at BVMS now have access to

See **HEALTH AND SAFETY**, page 15

Courier Calendar

NOW - SEPT. 4

SANTA MONICA PLACE:

“WORLD OF BARBIE”

WED.-THURS. 12-6 P.M.

FRI. 12-8 P.M.

SAT.-SUN. 10 A.M.-8 P.M.

Mattel presents the immersive exhibition “World of Barbie.” Guests can visit Barbie’s Dreamhouse, see her full-size DreamCamper van, built by West Coast Customs, see an exhibit of more than six decades of Barbie dolls, accessories and more. Ticket prices vary by day. Advanced reservations for set times are available online. Anytime tickets are available without a set arrival time for an additional fee. Discounts are available for children (up to 12 years old), military, students, first responders and seniors. “World of Barbie” is located at Santa Monica Place at 395 Santa Monica Place, Santa Monica. theworldofbarbie.com

NOW - OCT. 1

ODYSSEY THEATRE:

“ELEPHANT SHAVINGS”

MON., WED.-SAT. 8 P.M.

SUN. 8 P.M.

Odyssey Theatre Ensemble presents “Elephant Shavings” written and directed by Odyssey Theatre Ensemble artistic director Ron Sossi and set within the walls of West L.A.’s Odyssey Theatre complex. The stage is set for drama, humor and absurdity when one member of a theater’s acting ensemble finds herself challenged to confront the common dreams we have about the nature of reality. An introduction to both Eastern philosophies, including Buddhism, Hinduism and Sufism, and to modern Western teachers like Rupert Spira and Mooji, “Elephant Shavings” evolved out of Sossi’s enduring interest in the realm of metaphysics

and his lifelong quest to understand the core essence of human consciousness, awareness and “the meaning of life.” Odyssey Theatre is located at 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles. Tickets range from \$25-\$45 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Monday and Wednesday showings are pay-what-you-will. Reservations are available online. odysseytheatre.com

NOW - OCT. 2

ROGUE MACHINE THEATRE:

“HEROES OF THE FOURTH TURNING”

MON., THURS.-SAT. 8 P.M.

SUN. 3 P.M.

Rogue Machine Theatre presents the Los Angeles premiere of “Heroes of the Fourth Turning” by Will Arbery. The play, directed by Guillermo Cienfuegos, takes place on a dark night, in the middle of America, where four young conservatives gather to toast the newly inducted president of their tiny Catholic college. Their reunion spirals into chaos and clashing generational politics, becoming less a celebration than a vicious fight to be understood. Will Arbery’s haunting Pulitzer Prize Finalist play speaks to the heart of a country at war with itself, offering both grace and disarming clarity. Tickets are \$45 for general admission, \$25 for students and \$35 for seniors. Performances on Sept. 1, 18, 15 and 22 are pay-what-you-want. The Rogue Machine Theatre is located at 7657 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles. roguemachinetheatre.org

NOW - MARCH 10, 2024

MOCA GRAND AVENUE:

“MAPPING AN ART WORLD: LOS ANGELES IN THE 1970S-80S”

TUES.-WED., FRI. 11 A.M.-5 P.M.

THURS. 11 A.M.-8 P.M.

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

“Mapping an Art World: Los Angeles in the 1970s-80s” revisits the decades leading up to the founding of The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) in 1979 and the opening of MOCA’s Grand Avenue building in 1986. Through the presentation of works from MOCA’s collection, the exhibition aims to reconsider the pivotal decades of the 1970s and 1980s, and to explore the spirit of experimentation and collaboration and the unique cultural and social landscape that contributed to and firmly established Los Angeles as one of the most dynamic art capitals in the world, and MOCA as an enduring presence for the city’s artists. The exhibition features more than 200 artworks and pieces of archival ephemera—including beloved works by Eleanor Antin, John Baldessari, Mike Kelley, Claes Oldenburg and Ed Ruscha alongside more rarely-exhibited works and new acquisitions by Carolee Caroompas, Alonzo Davis, Ilene Segalove and Joey Terrill, among others. Admission to this show is free. moca.org

SEPT. 9

ROTARY CLUB OF BEVERLY HILLS: DONATIONS TO CAMP PENDLETON FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

The Rotary Club of Beverly Hills will host a donation drive for the mothers and children of Camp Pendleton. The military base hosts 70,000 marines, 10,000 children under the age of 5 and 160 babies each month. Many families arrive at the base without critical items and a low income. The Rotary Club asks for new and gently used baby, child and household items for the young families of Camp

Pendleton. Items in greatest need are diapers (most needed), baby and young children’s clothing, toys, books, bathtubs, strollers, cribs, dishes, cookware, meal preparation tools, bedding and gift cards (\$25) from Target and Walmart. Monetary donations can be made by contacting Rotarian Lillian Raffel (lraffel@gmail.com). Collection of these items takes place at the Beverly Hills Fire Station #1 at 445 N. Rexford Dr., Beverly Hills. bhrotary.org

SEPT. 9-10

LOS ANGELES UNION STATION TRAIN FESTIVAL 2023 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

In partnership with Metro Los Angeles, Amtrak and Metrolink, Los Angeles Union Station invites guests of all ages to check out rail equipment on the tracks from various decades since the opening of the station, marvel at the rarest of model train exhibits and participate in tours about the history, restoration and art throughout the building. The event features railroad equipment tours and displays, model train displays, architecture, arts and culture tours, information booths, ShopLAUS, music, giveaways, eateries and amenities and more. This event is free with more information available online. unionstationla.com

SEPT. 10

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS: DAY OF WELLNESS 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

The city of Beverly Hills presents a day of wellness with over 30 health and wellness providers to help prioritize self-care needs. Roxbury Community Center and Park will be fully activated with activities including seminars, meditation circles, group exercise classes, yoga for all ages and stress reduction techniques. This event is free to the public and all ages are welcome. More information is available online. beverlyhills.org

SEPT. 27

BEVERLY HILLS POLICE GALA 6 P.M.

The Beverly Hills Police Officers Benevolent Fund will hold the Beverly Hills Police Gala (formerly the Black & White Gala) on Sept. 27. It will be held at Espelette at Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills. This event features a cocktail and hors d’oeuvres reception, live auction and awards presentation. Exclusive live auction items include once-in-a-lifetime BHPD experiences, including a VIP Chef Experience at Steak 48 with Chief Mark Stainbrook. An online auction will be held Oct. 13-22. This gala is one of the best-attended and most highly anticipated events in the city. Funds raised benefit the Beverly Hills Police Officers Benevolent Fund. For more information or to donate, contact the Beverly Hills Police Officers Benevolent Fund at 310-550-4551. bhpoa.org



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Diana Cignoni and Denise Blasor in “Elephant Shavings” at the Odyssey Theatre until Oct. 1



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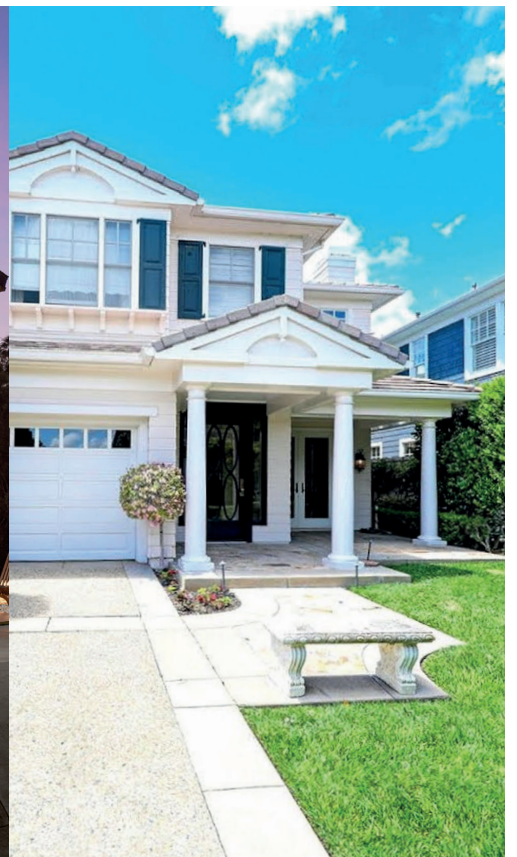
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Rent Stabilization Commission Sees Shakeup in Membership



The city is looking to fill vacancies on the Rent Stabilization Commission.

BY CLARA HARTER

The Beverly Hills Rent Stabilization Commission, responsible for advising the City Council in all matters related to the city's Rent Stabilization Ordinance, is in the

process of recruiting three new members.

The Rent Stabilization Commission is different from other city bodies in that it has specific categories for different commissioners.

See RENT STABILIZATION, page 17

BHPD Makes Arrests in Grand Theft and Robbery Incidents



Photo by Ryan Torok

BHPD conducted a grand theft investigation connected to stolen sunglasses on the 400 block of N. Rodeo Drive.

BY RYAN TOROK

On Aug. 27, Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) officers arrested three suspects in connection with the theft of two pairs of sunglasses, valued at approximately \$2,000,

from a store on the 400 block of N. Rodeo Drive.

The incident occurred around 5:45 p.m., according to BHPD Lt. Reginald Evans, the department's public information officer.

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Roundtable Convenes Iranian Crown Prince with Young Activists



Photo courtesy of NUFDI

A roundtable in Beverly Hills featured Crown Prince of Iran Reza Pahlavi (center) in discussion with young Iranian American activists.

BY RYAN TOROK

A recent roundtable featured 25 young Iranian American activists in an intimate conversation with Crown Prince of Iran Reza Pahlavi, who, as the founder and leader of the self-styled National Council of Iran, an exiled opposition group, is widely viewed as a proponent of a secular and democratic Iran.

The discussion, held Aug. 25 at Beverly

Hills City Hall, was organized by Washington D.C.-based advocacy group National Union for Democracy in Iran (NUFDI). It took place as the Iranian American community prepares to commemorate one year since the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian woman who died last September after she was detained by Iran's morality police for improperly wearing a hijab.

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Beverly Hills Fire Department Empowerment Camp Returns



Photos courtesy city of Beverly Hills

Last year's Empowerment Camp was a great success.

The Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) is reprising its Empowerment Camp on Oct. 14-15. The camp provides teens in grades 9-12 with hands-on experience in firefighting exercises training, and leadership opportunities.

"Our Beverly Hills Fire Department

and the city of Beverly Hills is committed to uplifting and empowering this next generation of great leaders," said Beverly Hills Mayor Dr. Gold. "We want to inspire all young people in their journey of becoming firefighters."



The application deadline is Sept. 1.

The camp will be held in person at the Beverly Hills Fire Department at 445 N. Rexford Drive. Women who are 18 and older and actively pursuing a career in firefighting are encouraged to apply as a mentor instructor.

"We are fortunate to have had so many curious young adults participate in our hands-on training, getting a close glimpse of what our women and men do to protect our community," said Beverly Hills Fire Chief Greg Barton. "We look forward to welcoming the class of 2023!"

"We had such a great turnout last year," said Melissa Hillis, BHFD Fire Engineer. "The teens really pushed themselves and made us all proud. Our department is a huge proponent of improving gender diversity and increasing community ties, so we're welcoming all curious minds this year who are aligned in our mission."

Free registration for residents will open on Sept. 1 and will remain open until the camp is filled. To register, visit beverlyhills.org/empowermentcamp or for questions, email FiredUp@beverlyhills.org ●

JPA Negotiations Take Place



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A Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/BHUSD JPA Committee meeting took place on Aug. 24 to negotiate the Joint Powers Agreement.

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AYSO Kicks Off Season with Soccerfest



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City and BHUSD officials attended the AYSO Region 76 Kick-Off Season Opening Event, SoccerFest on Aug. 27 at La Cienega Park. Pictured (from left): Vice Mayor Lester Friedman, Mayor Dr. Julian Gold and BHUSD Board Members Mary Wells and Rachelle Marcus

Chinese Business Association Ribbon Cutting



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The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce held an official ribbon cutting this week to mark the launch of the Chinese Business Association of Beverly Hills on Beverly Drive.

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BVMS PTA Hosts Back-to-School Carnival

On Aug. 25, Beverly Vista Middle School (BVMS) PTA hosted its 3rd annual BVMS Back-to-School Carnival, sponsored by Michael J. Libow, in collaboration with community partners Beverly Hills Firefighters' Association and Pavillions. The student-only event is a much-anticipated tradition at the beginning of the school year, giving students the chance to connect, forge new friendships, and start the school year on an exciting note. Deserving of special thanks are Michael J. Libow, Pavillions, BHFD, BHPD, BVMS Staff, BVMS PTA, and all the parent volunteers.



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'Golda' - At War



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Helen Mirren, Rami Heuberger, Lior Ashenazi and Dvir Benedek

BY NEELY SWANSON

An opening montage of archival news clips travels quickly over highlights of Israeli history. We witness its birth in 1948, punctuated by the many Egyptian invasions and ceasefires leading up to the lightning speed vanquishing of Israel's Arab enemies from Egypt, Syria and Jordan in the Six-Day War of 1967. Israel's stunning David versus Goliath victory was credited to legendary military leader Moshe Dayan. But there was to be another war, sooner than Israeli leadership anticipated, and it is that war and Golda Meir's role as Prime Minister that is the subject of the biopic "Golda" directed by Guy Nattiv and starring Helen Mirren.

In 1974, Golda was called to testify in front of the Agranat Commission to justify her actions during the Yom Kippur War of 1973, a war that caught the Israeli government completely unprepared. Using this inquisition as a framework for the film, the viewer is taken into committee meetings where the possibility of an Arab invasion is discussed. The spy agency has had many indications that the Egyptians and Syrians were amassing weapons at the borders but the cabinet is skeptical. Dayan is in favor of only the most minimal protective measures. The disagreements are heated with General David "Dado" Elazar who favors full mobilization.



Helen Mirren and Liev Schreiber

With a bird's eye view of the inner workings and disagreements in such a high-powered cabinet led by a woman whose role in the birth of Israel was legendary, one would expect a feeling of urgency and foreboding. And therein lies one of the many

problems with this film. It is the eve of Yom Kippur, the highest and most somber of holidays, and there is every evidence that an attack is imminent. Instead, you would think the cabinet was discussing the price of wheat in Russia.

Trailed constantly by her personal assistant Lou Kaddar, Golda is never without a cigarette. Chastened by her doctor for the personal habits endangering her life—cigarettes, coffee and lack of exercise—she is passive and unmoved. When faced with

rivals and supporters alike in the cabinet, she is passive and unmoved.

At this critical juncture in the life of Israel, when unthinkable defeat is possible because they were caught off guard, we are treated to never-ending shots of Golda walking slowly down narrow corridors. In lieu of dialogue expressing her anxiety, we are given close-ups of Golda wringing her hands.

Golda Meir, a leader in the free world, one of the architects of her country, was renowned for her steely attitude and straightforward approach through crises. Nowhere is any of this steeliness in evidence. This was the woman who ordered the Mossad to hunt down and assassinate the leaders of Black September, the terrorist group that massacred members of the Israeli Olympic squad in Munich. Diplomatic when necessary, she made clear her displeasure with leaders who crossed her, like the Austrian Chancellor who closed a Jewish Agency transit center under pressure from Palestinian terrorists. A passing reference is made about her anger with Austria but it is given no context.

But it is not just Golda who is given short shrift. Moshe Dayan, the military genius who led Israel to defeat their Arab enemies in the Six-Day War, the spoils of which were the Sinai Desert and the Golan Heights, shows none of the characteristics that made him so influential. Dayan, the Minister of Defense under Golda, is silent and almost jocular in his dismissal of the threat of war on Yom Kippur. He is the polar opposite of “Dado” Elazar, the General who vocally advocates for a full deployment of the army against what he is sure is the buildup to war.

General Elazar, as a character, comes off considerably better. A forceful advocate for his position, he is proven right. His relationship with Golda is respectful of her position and her advice. The interaction between the two of them almost borders on a viable and convincing portrayal.

Clearly, the film is a disappointment. The script is chock full of clichés and rife with cheap sentimentality. Illustrative is this line at the beginning of the war as the Egyptians continued to advance into Israeli territory: “The enemy has tasted blood. We are fighting for our lives.” This is a statement that comes under the category of the bleeding obvious. But it may be unfair to blame so much of it on the scribe, Nicholas Martin, a successful television writer with one feature to his credit. That film was “Florence Foster Jenkins,” and, like this film, was full of flat dialogue and wasted its primary assets, Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant.

Director Guy Nattiv failed to capitalize on all the advantages he was given. Performance and script were hampered by the slow pace he used throughout. As already mentioned, there was no sense of urgency, even when it looked like the war might be lost. He had his Golda endlessly walking the same hallways. Purposeful or not, there is little drama in a meander down a corridor. Nattiv was endlessly looking for



Helen Mirren and Lior Ashkenazi



Helen Mirren and Camille Cottin

the shot and forgot to find the emotion. Yes, Golda smoked a lot, but it's not a point-of-view shot. Smoke might be a metaphor for what was going on but he needed to frame it better. He would try trick shots like the one of an upside-down desk, a package of “Missile” cigarettes (seriously?) or the top of Golda's head. Because of the languorous pacing, performance was missing. It's tough to express anxiety verbally when you can drive a truck through the interactions.

The score by Dascha Dauenhauer is completely unmemorable and fails to underpin the action. Perhaps because this was filmed entirely on sound stages (unless I'm very much mistaken) there is little of note in the cinematography and production design.

It is the makeup that is most notable for the multiple prostheses worn by Helen Mirren in an attempt to resemble Golda Meir at that stage of her life. One would think that it might be the facial aspects that would be the most distracting but they're not. It's the exaggerated leg add-ons that overwhelm the

look Nattiv was trying to achieve.

But let's take a moment to discuss the elephant in the room—the casting of Helen Mirren as Golda Meir. She was not the first non-Jew to portray Golda. Such luminaries as Anne Bancroft, Judy Davis, Ingrid Bergman and Colleen Dewhurst have all portrayed her on stage and screen. It's not a question of who but of how well. We will never know whether Helen Mirren could have been a viable Meir because this film fails to deliver on so many levels. It is possible

she is chosen as a bankable star because most of the cast were Israeli or British actors with whom most of the audience will be unacquainted. The exceptions to this were Camille Cotton (“Call My Agent”) as Golda's assistant who trails after her with cigarettes, Henry Goodman (“Woman in Gold”), the chairman of the Agranat Committee, and Liev Schreiber (“Ray Donovan”), a laconic Henry Kissinger. But they, like everyone else, were not given viable characters to perform. Now playing at the AMC Century City.



Neely Swanson spent most of her professional career in the television industry, almost all of it working for David E. Kelley. In her last full-time position as Executive Vice President of Development, she reviewed writer submissions and targeted content for adaptation. As she has often said, she did book reports for a living. For several years she was a freelance writer for “Written By,” the magazine of the WGA West, and was adjunct faculty at USC in the writing division of the School of Cinematic Arts. Neely has been writing film and television reviews for the “Easy Reader” for more than 10 years. Her past reviews can be read on Rotten Tomatoes where she is a tomato-approved critic.



ROUNDTABLE, from page 4

Her death prompted widespread protests in Iran while galvanizing members of Iran’s diaspora community, including in Beverly Hills, to stage demonstrations in solidarity with those seeking dramatic reforms in the Islamist country.

During the roundtable, Pahlavi—the eldest son of the last Shah of Iran, who was ousted from rule during the Iranian Revolution of 1979—spoke with the attendees, including college students and young professionals, about the work they’ve done the past year to raise awareness about Iranian human rights abuses. Pahlavi, whose stop in Beverly Hills was one of several he made during a recent trip to Los Angeles—he currently lives in Great Falls, Virginia—appeared at the City Hall discussion along with his wife, Princess Yasmine Pahlavi.

For the past year, Beverly Hills resident Camyar Meshkaty, 31, has worked hard to spread knowledge about what happened to Amini and about events unfolding in the Middle East country. This has included organizing the rally, “Solidarity with the Heroic People of Iran,” in Nov. 2022 with the support of his mother, Nooshin.

In advance of the recent roundtable with the crown prince, Meshkaty connected NUFDI’s leadership with Beverly Hills officials so the event could be held here in the city.

“The amount of noise surrounding this and everything else going on—it’s never been at this level before,” Meshkaty, whose parents were born in Iran and who was raised attending Beverly Hills public schools, told the Courier about the protest movement. “I think that’s where the hopefulness comes



in.”

NUFDI Vice President Cameron Khansarinia moderated the recent discussion with the crown prince. While he declined to provide specific details about what was shared during the off-the-record event, he said it included lively exchanges between Pahlavi and attendees about what their hopes for the country they all love and care for are going forward.

“I thought it was very productive,” Khansarinia told the Courier in a phone interview. “I thought it was good for young people to hear from the prince, who people consider to be the most important voice and advocate for a secular democracy in Iran, and it was important for the prince to hear from young people born after the 1979 Revolution, who’ve maybe never been to Iran, about how they feel attached to Iran.

The current revolution in Iran is being led by young people, and to have a roundtable of young people here was particularly powerful.”

Marking the one-year anniversary of Amini’s death, on Sept. 16 a large rally is taking place in downtown Los Angeles, spotlighting continued human rights abuses in Iran while connecting those committed to seeing change. Sept. 16 has been dubbed “Mahsa Day,” and the rally in Los Angeles is coinciding with similar demonstrations in cities across the world. The event begins at 2 p.m. and takes place at Los Angeles City Hall.

The aim of the forthcoming rally is “to help spread awareness and capture the public’s attention about the ongoing state of affairs in Iran,” Meshkaty said. “The objective is to get people together and unite them around a common goal.” ●

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The event attracted a number of city officials.

BONNIE GARMUS, from page 1

Goler conducted the interview with Garmus at the City Hall Municipal Gallery before an audience of approximately 250 in-person attendees. Garmus appeared live via Zoom from her home in London, speaking to Goler about what went into creating her book's central protagonist.

"I was writing my role model, basically," Garmus, who was working as a professional copywriter when she began writing the novel, said.

Garmus said she had experienced sexism in the workplace, where, like Zott, male coworkers showed little respect for her work but managed to accept credit for it.

During the hourlong "Beverly Hills Reads!" discussion, which also was accessible to view online, Goler asked her questions

while also taking questions from the audience, including Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) students in attendance.

Students asked about the plot choices, including why a central character dies so early in the book, as well as about Garmus' writing process. For her part, the author was more than happy to share why she made certain decisions and explained that she is highly self-critical when it comes to editing her work. Her editors, too, forced her to leave out beloved passages from the final product.

"I'm pretty good at being ruthless, but it turns out my editors are even more ruthless," Garmus said.

She also discussed one of the book's many themes—science versus faith. Her character, Zott, is the daughter of a religious

figure who misled people for personal financial gain, and Zott conveys a skepticism of religion that Garmus appears to share. However, Garmus said the feedback from religious friends has been positive. After reading "Lessons in Chemistry," an Episcopalian priest told Garmus her book wrestled with many of the questions facing those in his community.

Of course, people in the audience were curious about Garmus' involvement with the upcoming "Lessons in Chemistry" streaming series, which premieres on Oct. 13. Garmus said she was not involved in writing or creating it. She was permitted to give notes on the script, and those involved with making the show were free to incorporate her suggestions as much or as little as desired. At the time of the interview, she'd only seen rough cuts of the series and was excited to see the final product.

She has, however, spent time getting to know the series' star, Larson, and had only positive words to say about her.

"She's charming and she's smart, and I think she's a wonderful person," Garmus said of Larson, whom she met on Zoom and spent an evening with over dinner.

The City Hall event was organized by Goler, who taught English at BHHS from 1993 until the end of the 2022-2023 academic school year, and Laura Margo, vice chair of the city's Human Relations Commission. Speaking to renowned authors is far from foreign territory for Goler, who, as the founder of Julie's Book Groups, is a leading

private book group leader and facilitator.

Goler told the Courier that part of what drew her to "Lessons in Chemistry" was its universal appeal—it works for adults and is accessible to kids—along with its pro-STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) message.

According to Margo, an anonymous donor contributed financial support for the event while many different city groups sought to help organize and promote the program.

"When we brought this up to the Human Relations Commission, everyone was super excited about it," Margo said. "Then the city became excited about it. We decided to partner with BHUSD and the Beverly Hills Public Library, and then once we publicized it, the Beverly Hills Education Foundation called and said, 'We want to be involved.' It grew from there."

The event marked the first time the city was involved in a communal reading experience since BHUSD and the Human Relations Commission partnered on "One Book, One City," a community reading project. For that program, the book was "Boys in the Boat" by author Daniel James Brown.

In the future, Goler and Margo are excited about holding additional in-person events for the city's bookworms, young and old.

"We just want to foster the camaraderie," Goler said. "Let's get back from all Zoom events and try to be in person." ●

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SHERIFF ROBERT LUNA, from page 1 larger-than-normal crowd at the Crystal Ballroom of the Beverly Hills Hotel on Aug. 28.

Luna took office nine months ago after unseating the controversial incumbent, Alex Villanueva.

He inherited a scandal-plagued department with deep-seated issues to root out. But Luna's nearly four decades in law enforcement (most recently as Long Beach Chief of Police), affable nature and gift for storytelling, combined with obvious political savvy, inspire confidence that he is up to the task.

His candor regarding the challenges facing his department struck an encouraging chord with the audience, as well.

In less than an hour, Luna managed to clear up some prevalent misconceptions and offer pragmatic, nuanced solutions to issues long deemed black-and-white.

There is indeed a new sheriff in town. And he began his remarks on a jovial note after arriving a minute or so past his appointed speaking time.

"I did not speed through Beverly Hills. I did not do anything wrong. Everywhere I looked there were cameras. And I smiled at each one of them," he said, drawing laughter from the audience.

Luna then recited a few statistics regarding the country's largest sheriff's department.

"Los Angeles County is a little over 4,000 square miles, with over 10 million people documented that are here. I think there's a lot more than 10 million people by the way.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has about 17,000 employees, 10,000 of those are sworn employees. And our budget just grew to \$3.9 billion."

One of Luna's first actions was to hire a CFO.

"Believe it or not, the sheriff's department with that budget didn't have a CFO running its operations. That's probably why you saw a lot of the conflict between our board of supervisors and the office that I hold now," he said.

He continued with additional daunting statistics, such as the fact that the department (in addition to cities and unincorporated areas) oversees security for nine community colleges, 37 courthouses and seven custodial facilities.

"Our average inmate population is about 14,000. And you may have heard this before, but we estimate that at least 40% of our population is mentally ill. So that makes us one of the largest mental illness facilities in the United States," said Luna.

He then turned to another difficult issue. That is, the five consent decrees currently in effect over the department.

"For those of you who are not familiar with that terminology, a consent decree is basically an order from a judge, whether it's a federal judge or state judge, that you're mandated to do certain things. Unfortunately, as I inherited those coming in, it looks like we're going to pick up two more because of past actions that I've inherited as well."



Photo by Ana Figueroa

Sheriff Luna spoke in the Crystal Ballroom of the Beverly Hills Hotel.

The latter rather stark fact prompted Luna to hire a new Director of Constitutional Policing.

"Why did I do that? It is because there are two issues that, unfortunately, our department gets a lot of attention for. One of them I just named, which is the consent decrees. As a matter of fact, when I walked into my job, when I met with the federal monitors over Lancaster and Palmdale, they were telling us we were getting an 'F' grade. We were not even coming close to meeting the requirements under almost nine years of being under this," observed Luna.

The Director of Constitutional Policing will help ensure compliance with settlement agreements, which are costing taxpayers millions each year. The goal, said Luna, is not only to eventually get out from under them, but to "realistically change our behavior to police in a more constitutional manner. That's what's gotten us in trouble in the past."

Luna then turned to a topic on the minds of most of the public of late. That is, an uptick in brazen crime and the appropriate consequences therefore.

He began with a disclaimer of sorts.

"For those of you who haven't met me in the past, I am a moderate person. I don't believe that the answers are far to the right. And I don't believe the answers are far to the left. We will always find solutions if we can find a compromise with a lot of things we do. But at the same time, always looking at ways of not sacrificing those values that are very important to me, to us," said Luna.

He added that when he became a police officer, from day one he was "victim centered."

"I care about serving people, and I care about what happens to people. So, from that perspective, when you have a victim of a crime, it is our job to make sure that not only are we taking care of them but also making sure that there's justice for the crimes that have been committed. And that's always very, very important. But as we move forward, recognizing it's 2023, there are some challenges in that area," he said.

He recognized that the Inspector General and Civilian Oversight Commission both play an integral role in ensuring public trust in such a huge and diverse county.

Beverly Hills, of course, is within that county. In addition to the obvious camaraderie between Luna and BHPD Chief Mark Stainbrook—who was in attendance, as was

Fire Chief Greg Barton—Luna expressed admiration for the city's technological prowess.

"It has put you on the map, those cameras, the drones, and the integration of all that technology with ALPR (automated license plate reader) systems. If somebody does commit a crime here in Beverly Hills, they're most likely going to be held or at least are going to be arrested. So, I really tip my hat to you, to Mark and anybody who was involved in the decision-making to do that. As I look out and forward to what we're going to do with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, a lot of it's going to look like what you're doing now," said Luna.

On the topic of looking forward, Luna spoke of the global events set for Los Angeles in the years to come.

"I just spent a couple of hours last week with a lot of my peers discussing a small event coming in 2028 called the Olympics. And from what I understand, it is going to be the largest public event ever in the history of the world. It's a very large footprint, and I'm excited to be part of it. I'm excited that all of our law enforcement and fire partners, really everybody in this room is going to be a big part of that. And then two years before then you have the World Cup coming, which will be a very good practice run for all of us."

He added that he will be traveling next summer to Paris, to see first-hand how that city is incorporating technology to keep the 2024 games safe.

One of the last topics Luna discussed in his prepared remarks was zero bail. The policy, which eliminates bail for certain categories of crimes, is a touchstone issue for both the right and the left. Luna brought up complexities often overlooked by both sides.

He first told of a recent town hall at a mall in the Ladera Heights area, along with LAPD Chief Michael Moore.

"The business owners were telling us that they're getting hit almost two times a day, with people running in and grabbing items and leaving. That is 100% unacceptable. It should not be the norm. It can't be the norm. People are asking, 'Is this person going to go to jail, or are they going to get cited?' Those are very, very important questions that we should be asking," said Luna.

He noted that Beverly Hills is no stranger to what has become known as a "smash and grab, grab and go or whatever terminology you want to use," said Luna.



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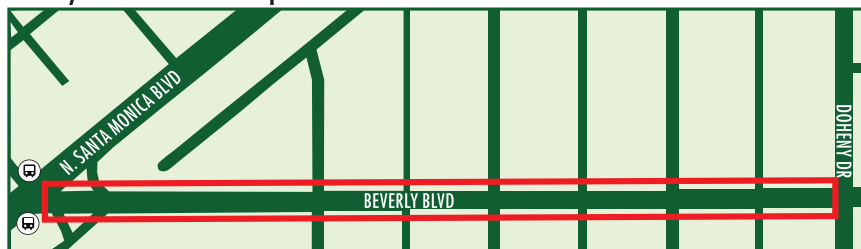
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He continued, "Now before anyone throws their cookies at me, I mentioned this earlier. I'm a moderate. I'm a person that doesn't believe that everyone needs to be in jail. But I do believe the right people need to be in jail. And I believe that when people commit crimes, they need to be held accountable. And right now, there's so many questions specifically here in California, specifically here in LA County, about policies that exist."

He went on to describe two specific challenges regarding zero-cash bail. One is the preliminary injunction issued in the ongoing class action of *Urquidi v. Los Angeles et. al* against the LAPD and the LA Sheriff's Department.

"The Beverly Hills Police Department didn't get included in that. Well, why is this important? Because if somebody gets arrested here in Beverly Hills, and they meet certain categories of a crime, where do you think they go? They come to me at the Los Angeles County Jail. And because I have that injunction placed on our department, we can only take certain categories of people."

He added, "So if you commit what the law considers to be a serious crime, or a violent crime, you're not affected by this, but everything else is. So, somebody breaks into your house. That's not considered a serious crime or a violent crime. Somebody steals a package off your porch, that's not considered under these categories. One of the most striking things is if you get caught selling fentanyl or methamphetamine, it's

not considered a serious or violent crime," said Luna.

He noted that both he and Chief Moore have testified in an attempt to have the judge in the *Urquidi* case reconsider. But, thus far, the injunction still stands.

Complicating the matter even more are the new pre-arraignment release protocols that take effect Oct. 1 throughout the county of Los Angeles. Those new rules (which the *Courier* will explore in a future issue) determine release status based on an arrestee's risk to public or victim safety and their likelihood of returning to court, rather than relying on money bail.

He concluded by noting that despite frequent frustration, crime is actually down slightly.

"At the end of the day, you all have the power to hold people accountable. And remember, when we're talking about crime, when we're talking about the criminal justice system, law enforcement, it's only one part of it. You have the district attorney's office, you have the city attorney's office, you have the public defender's office, and then you have the judges that are involved. They're great people. But the zero-bail thing, there's some misinformation out there that this comes from the DA's office. The zero-bail issue is coming from the judges. That's a whole different branch of this judicial system that we have law enforcement work with."

During a brief question and answer session that followed, Luna was asked about claims that ALPR technology is overly

invasive of privacy rights.

"I'm going to tell you something, if you remember several months ago, we had that very tragic mass shooting in Monterey Park. You know how we caught that suspect? ALPR. We picked up his license plate in another adjoining city. Those tools are absolutely necessary, and they keep you and your families safe. I need to throw that out there because I know they could be controversial. On the law enforcement side, we need to make sure that we have good policies, that we have good training to make sure we're adequately using it...These technologies are just absolutely critical to law enforcement being successful in keeping our communities safe."

When asked again to explain the logic of the zero-bail system, he gave this final take:

"The whole argument for zero bail is that if you don't have any money; it's unconstitutional to hold you. This is not my opinion; this is theirs. It's unconstitutional for them to hold you for the mere fact you don't have money. So, if you take two individuals and they commit the same crime, one has money one doesn't. The one with money gets out, the other stays...If somebody commits a crime for the first time, should they be given a second chance? I'm a believer of second chances, but I think each case has to be evaluated on its own," said Luna.

He concluded with a story that summed up many of the themes of the past hour.

"My wife and I went out to dinner last Friday. We ended up at a Marshalls store in

Long Beach. And as soon as we walked in, there were two women walking out with two full bags of stuff. And my wife said, 'Hey, they're stealing.' And I turned around and I started to follow them. And I mean, I tell people not to do this...[laughter].

"But, as any cop in the room will tell you, there's something inside of us that says, 'Don't allow this to happen.' So, I followed up. They took off running. I did not run after them. I did follow them. And eventually, one of them dropped the bag. The other one took off, and she was fast."

After taking the recovered bag back to Marshalls, Luna was dismayed to learn that store employees are instructed to neither confront thieves nor call police when thefts take place.

"If you are a store owner sitting here listening to me, please don't do that. It encourages people to do exactly what I just described. People are filling up bags and they're walking off with them, and it's 100% wrong. And we need to stop it as a community to let people know what's tolerated and what's not. Those two young ladies who took off running were too fast for me. Maybe 25 years ago, I may have been able to catch up. I was hoping they would get in a car so I could get the plate and report it, but that didn't happen. But at least I recovered half the stuff." ●

Breaking News: BHPD Intercept Burglary Suspect On Aug. 31



Photo by Caroline Bloch

The alleged suspect was intercepted by BHPD.

On the afternoon of Aug. 31, the Beverly Hills Police Department received a residential burglary call. Unconfirmed reports indicate that the residence in question is a home presently on the market and unoccupied in the Trousdale Estates area.

When the possible burglary suspect fled, police officers followed suit. Witnesses at the scene report seeing the officers use their vehicles in a maneuver to stop the suspect's vehicle by spinning it completely

around. The vehicle, which appeared to be a Chevy Malibu, came to a halt at the corner of Doheny and Hillcrest drives. The witnesses then observed the officers draw their guns as they commanded the suspect, a white male, to exit the vehicle. The suspect remained on the curb as officers proceeded to remove an extensive amount of contents from the trunk and interior of his vehicle. As of press time the investigation is ongoing at the scene. ●

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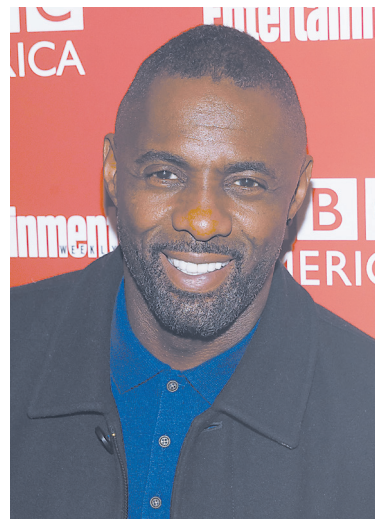
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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your wisdom shines through your choice of what and whom to get involved with. Trust those initial prescient instincts, especially when they seem to have no rhyme or reason. Something deep in you knows.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your team is good, but it could use more people on it. The same one who supports and adores you one day may fall short on another, but with a robust team there will always be someone to absorb the demand. Keep adding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You keep hitting a block on your way to the next level. It's OK to accept that this project has an upper limit. Instead of trying to make your offering different, think about who might need exactly this offering.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The people who have what you want may not be the best ones to teach you. They may have lucked into the position with talent, support or good timing. Guidance comes in many forms. Stay open to all kinds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are nurtured by earth, air and water, but the element you need most today comes from the fiery ball in the sky. Sunshine above connects with the fire in your belly. Soak up the rays and your passion returns.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's something you're attached to that used to provide you with a means to collect joy. Now joy is coming to you in a different way. "Be like a tree and let the dead leaves drop." -- Rumi

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't need luck; you just need practice. As long as you're repeating the right things, repetition brings mastery. Tonight: In the absence of a good option, you don't have to choose the lesser of two evils. Choose nothing instead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be a point in every relationship when doing the selfless thing seems hard. That point should (SET ITAL) not (END ITAL) be early on. If you're feeling resistant or ungenerous, there's probably a reason, and you should heed it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Fun is contagious. Some people are more susceptible, and certain environments more conducive. But perhaps the most

influential factor in the spread of fun today will be timing, which you're a master of.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your thought process will be like television. You don't control all the programming, but you can choose the channel and change the show too. You're never stuck with what's on. The controller is in your hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being self-entertaining makes you much

better company than those who depend on others for amusement and happiness. You'll be reminded that the better you are with yourself, the more you bring to relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The old adage "Location, location, location..." will apply. You won't have to work as hard when the environment does the heavy lifting for you. For the greatest ease, go to the popular places at the unpopular times.



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Photo courtesy BHUSD

Crews recently installed the modular structure of the new Bulldog Wellness Center.

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 counselors, a wellness space, and opportunities to practice mental wellness," the school's principal, Dr. Kelly Skon, told the Courier in an email. "No longer is there a stigma associated with taking care of oneself. It has become a part of our Bulldog culture."

Crews were in the process of connecting plumbing and electricity, Marcus said. District officials expect to have the facility ready to open in October.

Marcus shared time-lapse footage of a crane lowering portions of the modular structure into place. She noted that its beige exterior walls, green door and burgundy-trimmed roof match the color palette of the existing campus, making it appear "like it's a part of the school."

Additionally, the district has begun posting new signs at their schools sharing information about mental health resources and coping strategies. These were put up in part to comply with AB 748, a state law passed last year in the hope of ensuring that youth can find support in moments of personal crisis.

"I'm really happy to hear about the focus on mental health," Health and Safety Commission Vice Chair Erica Felsenthal said. "Like Commissioner Baker said, they all need it. We all need it so it's great to have those resources posted and available."

Other health and safety-related developments underway at Beverly Hills Unified include a fresh revision of the district's emergency operation procedure. That's the set of guidelines students and staff will follow in the event of a critical incident or natural disaster on campus.

"They're so old," Marcus said. "They were last done in 2017."

Mark Mead, BHUSD executive director of school safety, was working on that update. District officials hope to have the revised emergency plan ready in time for the Great Shakeout, a statewide earthquake drill coming up on Oct. 19.

Locally, the Beverly Hills Human Services Division is preparing for the city's first Day of Wellness at Roxbury Park on Sept. 10. Over 40 mental health and well-being experts will take part in the resource fair. It will feature yoga for kids and adults, healing sound

bath ceremonies as well as workshops on caregiver support, social media awareness and a wide variety of topics.

The interactive and educational gathering is free and open to all. If it's a hit, it may become a recurring event, the city's Interim Human Services Outreach Manager, Enisha Clark, told the commission.

"As we're planning and seeing how much excitement is behind this event and how many people are stepping up and saying I want to participate, we're definitely creating a blueprint for how we're going to do it next year, how we might bring it back better," she said.

The day of wellness falls in the middle of suicide prevention month. In preparation for a nationwide, month-long awareness campaign, commissioners heard a presentation Monday from Kathleen Kim, Director of the Briskin/Wilder Welcome Center at the Maple Counseling Center.

She pointed out that 48,183 people died by suicide in 2021, an average of one person every 11 minutes. It has been a steadily growing cause of death in the U.S. over the past 20 years according to the CDC, with people 85 and older experiencing the highest rate of cases.

Kim urged people to not ignore warning signs in their loved ones. Although it can be an uncomfortable discussion to have with a friend or relative, she noted that there is no research to suggest that talking to someone about suicide would make it more likely that someone would take their own life.

"If they're threatening suicide, take it seriously," Kim said. "Don't think that it's an attention-seeking behavior. Even if it is, threats of suicide should always be taken seriously."

Support services for older Beverly Hills residents managing mobility issues, chronic conditions and those recovering from falls were brought up Monday during a presentation from June Simmons, President and CEO of the Partners in Care. The organization has worked with the city to receive referrals of at-risk individuals from the fire department.

As many as 20 individuals who connected with Partners in Care this way have attended or completed their Matter of Balance Program, Simmons said. It teaches

people safe exercises to rebuild lower body strength and helps them identify and minimize hazards in their residences so that they can regain the freedom to move about their homes. In addition, in-person workshops like Matter of Balance can become a source of social interaction for those who have become isolated.

The commission also received an update on the installation of a citywide outdoor

warning siren system. These will be used to broadcast emergency information and updates in public spaces. The project was conceived in the wake of the Woolsey Fire, which destroyed over 600 structures in neighboring Malibu alone five years ago.

So far, 10 sirens have been installed. The last two going up should be online within a month, the city's Emergency Manager Meena Janmohamed said. ●

Next stop: more subway.

PURPLE (D LINE) EXTENSION TRANSIT PROJECT
 Section 1 – Beverly Hills Update

SEPTEMBER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
 Weekend paving work at the intersection of Wilshire Bl and La Cienega Bl will take place in early September. Station construction continues on Wilshire Bl through September.

TRAFFIC DETOUR INFORMATION
 Left turn restrictions remain along Wilshire Bl between San Vicente Bl and La Cienega Bl.

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PLANNING COMMISSION, from page 1 prevent local governments from directly or indirectly preventing the establishment of medical marijuana delivery businesses.

City governments will still have discretion to regulate those businesses, however. The Planning Commission examined and recommended suggested rules at the Aug. 24 Meeting.

Draft regulations presented to the commission provide that medical marijuana delivery companies would only be allowed in the Business Triangle. They would not be allowed on the first floor of buildings or within 600 feet of schools, parks, libraries and other sensitive locations. Businesses would also be prohibited from displaying logos outside of their offices or on any of their vehicles that make it obvious that they are keeping large quantities of marijuana. The purpose of that rule is to avoid attracting potential criminals who might try to target medical marijuana stores in the city, Beverly Hills Municipal Affairs Program Manager Cindy Owens told commissioners Thursday.

"We just don't want people to know it's there so we don't have crime," Owens said.

Chair Gary Ross brought up the possibility of expanding that rule to explicitly prevent cannabis distributors from displaying logos in other public spaces like parking lots. However, other members of the commission and city staff said such restrictions could unfairly impede those companies' ability to advertise.

Commissioners acknowledged that "gray areas" in the proposed rules for marijuana delivery companies may need to be worked out before they officially go on the books. However, they found that the draft regulations laid a solid foundation and

recommended them for consideration by the City Council.

"I, personally, would not be too concerned about something that might be in a gray area like the regulation of the name," Commissioner Peter Ostroff said. "Because to me, I think you've done it well. And I would leave it be if someone wanted to challenge something as being too aggressive, that's ok with me and we'll deal with it at that time."

Another item brought up during the meeting was the recurring renewal of a conditional use permit allowing the Peninsula Beverly Hills to host live music outdoors until midnight during regular business days and as late as 2 a.m. on Fridays and holidays. That arrangement was first approved in 2014, and the business has had to request a renewal every two years. At the hearing, representatives of the hotel asked the city to lift the need for renewal. However, commissioners instead offered to consider expanding the period between approvals to five years. All involved parties will reconvene on the matter Oct. 26.


The third point of business was an application for a permit to set up a Rolls Royce and O'Gara Coach vehicle showroom at 9460 Wilshire Blvd. The proposal would allow the dealership to move into a building that has remained vacant for an extended period. That could revitalize what has become a somewhat dormant corner of the city, Murray D. Fischer, an attorney for the dealership, said at the hearing. Commissioners voted 4-0 to approve permitting for the new showroom. Vice Chair Terr Kaplan recused herself from the issue because she owns property within 500 feet of the proposed renovation site. ●

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Police made arrests in connection with a sunglass theft from a Rodeo Drive business.

GRAND THEFT, from page 4

According to Evans, three individuals entered a store, where two of them stole two pairs of sunglasses. The third individual attempted to steal a third pair of sunglasses.

The suspects, in what BHPD described as a “grand theft investigation,” were detained and ultimately arrested during a traffic stop. The sunglasses were eventually recovered and returned to the location, Evans said.

Police activity affected traffic around N. Santa Monica Boulevard and Bedford Drive.

BHPD identified the three suspects as Aleksanyan Harutyun, 39, a male from

Mission Hills, CA who is being charged with grand theft; Karen Kirakosyan, 29, a male from Glendale, CA who’s being charged with attempted grand theft; and Rafik Melkonyan, 34, a male from Glendale, CA who’s being charged with grand theft.

According to the California Penal Code, grand theft occurs when anyone steals property or services worth more than \$950.

The incident occurred as the Beverly Hills community as well as those in surrounding cities are concerned about the apparent rise in organized retail theft at neighborhood shopping centers.

RENT STABILIZATION, from page 4

The commission is composed of two landlord members, two tenant members, two at-large members and one alternate member from each of the three categories. Their collective job is to inform rent stabilization policies that fairly address the needs of renters and property owners.

Applications recently closed for a landlord vacancy and a tenant vacancy, while applications will soon open for an at-large member to fill the spot currently held by Chair Lou Milkowski.

Milkowski was recently selected from a pool of nine applicants to serve on the city’s Planning Commission once longtime Commissioner Peter Ostroff’s term concludes on Dec. 31.

Appointments for all three Rent Stabilization openings will be made by City Council in future meetings. Candidates must be residents of Beverly Hills for at least two years prior to filing an application.

For the at-large commissioner position, Milkowski told the Courier he thinks it’s essential that candidates have a thorough understanding of the city’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) and are prepared to analyze and balance the perspectives of landlords and tenants.

“They need to be fair and they need to see both sides,” he said. “They need to look beyond whatever their background is because everybody has some sort of bias depending upon what their life experiences are.”

“And they need to know what is best for Beverly Hills,” he added.

Most multifamily rental properties—meaning they contain two or more

residential units—are subject to the city’s RSO. There are exemptions for hotels, most condominiums and newer properties.

The RSO comprises Chapters 5 and 6 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.

Chapter 5 applies to all units in multifamily properties built up until 1978 that are currently rented for \$600 or less. Chapter 6 applies to all other multifamily properties that were first leased any time up until 1995.

Both chapters outline complex regulations for maximum allowable rent increases, evictions, additional tenant surcharges, remodeling and landlord pass-throughs of costs related to water reliability, seismic retrofit, refuse and annual registration.

“What I would look for in an applicant is somebody who understands all of that and is prepared to work in, what I would consider, a heady environment,” said Milkowski.

Despite the complicated nature of the commission’s work and the sometimes-long hours required for meetings, Milkowski strongly recommends that residents consider applying for the vacant at-large commissioner position.

“When you have public comment and you get to listen to, evaluate and analyze what someone is saying, it gives you the feeling of participating in our community,” he said. “Something I’ve always strongly held is that giving back to your community, to a community that you love and that you want to be part of, is an important part of life.”

More information about commission vacancies and applications can be found at beverlyhills.org/cityclerk/howtobecomeacommissioner/currentcommissionvacancies/.

The BHPD uses several resources to prevent and address incidents of retail theft, including its Real Time Watch Center, which employs drones and automated license plate readers, among other tools, to enhance its surveillance capabilities.

The incident on Rodeo Drive was one of at least two robbery situations that resulted in police activity over recent days. A robbery situation resulting in police activity occurred on the evening of Aug. 30. The incident involved three masked individuals entering a retail business and selecting various clothing items prior to exiting without paying for the items.

According to BHPD, a confrontation with loss prevention occurred prior to police being notified. After police officers arrived, two suspects were quickly taken

into custody following the commercial robbery. A third suspect fled and attempted to evade officers by hiding. A containment was quickly established on the 9600 block of Wilshire Boulevard.

The search for the third suspect caused street closures, which impeded traffic for drivers attempting to turn off Wilshire Boulevard and onto residential streets.

After a systematic search, the suspect was taken into custody. In addition to BHPD resources, the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department and the Los Angeles Police Department assisted during the incident as well.

The three arrested suspects were all juvenile males. Two of the perpetrators are 15 years of age. One is 17 years old. ●

PURPLE (D LINE) EXTENSION TRANSIT PROJECT

La Cienega Station (Sec 1) - Deck Removal Phase 2
Weekend Closures of Wilshire Blvd./La Cienega Blvd.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

The **LAST** weekend deck removal work on Wilshire Blvd. is scheduled for Friday, September 8th through Monday, September 11th.

Full Street Closure on Wilshire Blvd between La Cienega Blvd and San Vicente Blvd, and La Cienega Blvd closed at the intersection of Wilshire Blvd.

Work Hours: 8 p.m. Friday evening to 7 a.m. Monday morning.

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CRUNCH TIME

BY MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Michael Schlossberg is an internist in Bend, Ore., who has been making crosswords for The Times since 2020. He says he got the idea for this one while thinking about the books he read to his kids when they were little. He tried to get all the circles in the puzzle to line up, but that proved to be impossible. Michael says his favorite part of constructing is converting a theme idea into a completed grid — “more fun and challenging than actual solving.” — W.S.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Wildfire season stat, for short</p> <p>4 Title feline in a Hanna-Barbera cartoon</p> <p>10 Act impartially</p> <p>16 Capital of Peru?</p> <p>19 Hebrew letter on a dreidel</p> <p>20 Communities for some commuters</p> <p>21 Gridiron standout</p> <p>22 Article in El Mundo</p> <p>23 Taylor Swift’s “___ the Damn Season”</p> <p>24 Spanish wine classification</p> <p>25 Produce in bunches</p> <p>26 Trojans’ sch.</p> <p>27 Big shows</p> <p>29 Grassy area</p> <p>30 Parliament member</p> <p>31 TikTok alternative, familiarly</p> <p>33 Neologism</p> <p>35 Family feud participant</p> <p>39 Brainstorming aid</p> <p>41 “Really, you too?”</p> <p>42 Nutrition fig.</p> <p>44 Word said four times in the Lord’s Prayer</p> <p>45 Each</p> <p>46 Page in a passport, perhaps</p> <p>47 Machine-shop tools</p> | <p>48 Actor Somerhalder of “The Vampire Diaries”</p> <p>49 Longtime newswire inits.</p> <p>50 When repeated, reply to “Who wants a cookie?”</p> <p>51 Woman in Camelot</p> <p>52 “Green”</p> <p>53 Italian wheels</p> <p>54 SCOTUS appointee of ‘93</p> <p>55 Since</p> <p>57 Home of Umm al Quwain: Abbr.</p> <p>58 Gent</p> <p>60 Crashed and burned</p> <p>62 Cat scratchers</p> <p>64 Draws</p> <p>65 Heavy lifter?</p> <p>66 Words in an analogy</p> <p>67 French vineyard region</p> <p>70 “The highest result of education,” according to Helen Keller</p> <p>73 Sheep shelters</p> <p>77 Excited jackpot cry</p> <p>79 Goofy image, maybe</p> <p>80 Forewarned</p> <p>82 Base of a nonmeat burger</p> <p>83 “___ I a Woman?”</p> <p>84 Stumbling sounds</p> <p>85 Look at quickly ... or closely</p> <p>86 Many a fed. holiday</p> <p>87 Thrilla in Manila result, in brief</p> <p>88 Does some massaging</p> <p>90 Least inviting</p> | <p>92 Fade out</p> <p>93 Like many consigned goods</p> <p>95 Part of the fam</p> <p>96 When repeated, slangy sound of eating</p> <p>97 Makes some alterations to</p> <p>99 Sound like a real jackass</p> <p>100 Org. with a Canine Good Citizen certification</p> <p>101 ___ Eisle, where Luke Skywalker meets Han Solo</p> <p>103 “Tarnation!”</p> <p>105 Serenades, as the moon</p> <p>107 Audibly gobsmacked</p> <p>111 Spot for a bowler</p> <p>114 “Thanks ___”</p> <p>115 Strings entered during checkout</p> <p>118 Magic word</p> <p>119 Classic children’s book character eating its way through this puzzle, with “the”</p> <p>122 Choice words</p> <p>123 And others, in Latin</p> <p>124 Sold products on behalf of</p> <p>125 Grp. that measures l-Across</p> <p>126 Place to crash while camping</p> <p>127 Brother of Eos and Selene</p> <p>128 Navarra’s land</p> <p>129 Harden</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Go before</p> <p>2 Idealistic, and then some</p> <p>3 Notwithstanding</p> <p>4 Actress Thompson of “Thor: Love and Thunder”</p> <p>5 Big name in spatulas</p> <p>6 Tricked somebody</p> <p>7 First Nations group</p> <p>8 Middle name of James Garfield</p> <p>9 Govt. agency established in November 2001</p> <p>10 Clutch, for one</p> <p>11 Jetson son</p> <p>12 Gemologist’s consideration</p> <p>13 Civil engineering or molecular biology</p> <p>14 Pique</p> <p>15 Riveting icon</p> <p>16 ±</p> <p>17 “1984” superstate</p> <p>18 Feature of an action comedy</p> <p>28 Heavy load</p> <p>32 Place for a pew</p> <p>34 Merely cosmetic feature of some electric vehicles</p> <p>36 Time to stop trying?</p> <p>37 Server at a royal table, once</p> <p>38 Tasting the forbidden fruit</p> <p>40 Slobbers</p> <p>43 What makes her hear?</p> <p>45 Italian novelist Pera</p> |
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ANSWERS FOUND IN NEXT WEEK’S PAPER...

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| <p>53 Singer with the 2001 No. 1 hit “Fallin”</p> <p>56 What makes an avocado rich</p> <p>59 Kind of jacket inspired by a school’s uniform</p> <p>60 Femur-tibia connector, for short</p> <p>61 What “puppy paws” equal, in craps</p> <p>63 “Hurray!”</p> <p>67 Drops in midair</p> | <p>68 Member of a furry race</p> <p>69 “Go ahead. I’m not scared”</p> <p>71 Focused, workwise</p> <p>72 ___ de’ Medici, who founded the Medici dynasty</p> <p>74 Subjects of some grade-school posters</p> <p>75 Paul Krugman’s subj.</p> <p>76 Thrill</p> <p>78 Air force?</p> | <p>81 Poet who wrote “The Cow” and “The Panther”</p> <p>89 “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape” actor</p> <p>91 Fruity desserts</p> <p>94 Brackish</p> <p>98 Certain subway art</p> <p>99 Slow dance with quick turns</p> <p>100 Keyless</p> <p>102 Tibetic language</p> <p>104 Difficult situation</p> <p>105 State of mayhem</p> | <p>106 Sharp</p> <p>108 “La Maja Desnuda” and others</p> <p>109 Anti-apartheid org.</p> <p>110 Near miss</p> <p>112 Rocky Mountain town</p> <p>113 Assayer’s unit</p> <p>116 Wrinkly fruit</p> <p>117 “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape” actor</p> <p>120 Little chuckle</p> <p>121 Gilbert and Sullivan princess</p> |
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Police Blotter

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



ASSAULT - SIMPLE

8/28/2023, 9:33 a.m. at 200 Block of S. RODEO DRIVE

8/26/2023, 10:30 p.m. at 500 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

8/19/2023, 2 p.m. at 400 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

8/16/2023, 8:26 a.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING

8/28/2023, 8:17 a.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/27/2023, 7:45 a.m. at 9600 Block of BRIGHTON WAY

8/26/2023, 3:20 a.m. at 8900 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

8/23/2023, 5 p.m. at 200 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

BURGLARY - FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

8/20/2023, 1:44 a.m. at 300 Block of N. OAKHURST DRIVE

8/19/2023, 10 p.m. at 100 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

8/19/2023, 8 p.m. at 100 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

8/19/2023, 12:15 a.m. at 300 Block of S. ELM DRIVE

8/16/2023, 9:55 p.m. at 9100 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/14/2023, 2 a.m. at 400 Block of N. MAPLE DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE HOME)

8/14/2023, 8:15 a.m. at 200 Block of S. WETHERLY DRIVE

DUI ARREST

8/27/2023, 8:24 p.m. at 300 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

8/20/2023, 12:08 a.m. at 1100 Block of COLDWATER CANYON DRIVE

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

8/18/2023, 10 p.m. at 100 Block of S. CANON DRIVE

8/18/2023, 3 p.m. at 300 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

8/16/2023, 9:30 p.m. at 100 Block of S. OAKHURST DRIVE

ROBBERY

8/18/2023, 7 a.m. at 100 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

THEFT OF AUTO PARTS

8/20/2023, 12 p.m. at 400 Block of PECK DRIVE

THEFT FROM COMMERCIAL BUILDING

8/25/2023, 3 p.m. at 9400 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/17/2023, 1:54 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

THEFT - GRAND

8/25/2023, 12:15 p.m. at 200 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

8/21/2023, 7:28 p.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/21/2023, 1:38 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

8/19/2023, 5:58 p.m. at 200 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

8/18/2023, 12 p.m. at 9300 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/17/2023, 12:47 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)

8/19/2023, 8:39 a.m. at 100 Block of S. DOHENY DRIVE

8/18/2023, 11 p.m. at 300 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

8/14/2023, 6:56 p.m. at 200 Block of N. CRESCENT DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY

8/26/2023, 10:45 a.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/24/2023, 1:44 p.m. at 100 Block of N. HAMEL DRIVE

8/21/2023, 3:12 p.m. at 400 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

8/20/2023, 12 a.m. at 1100 Block of COLDWATER CANYON DRIVE

8/19/2023, 12:20 p.m. at 100 Block of N. ROBERTSON BLVD.

8/18/2023, 4:38 p.m. at 400 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

8/17/2023, 2:20 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

8/16/2023, 6 a.m. at 400 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

8/14/2023, 4:34 a.m. at 400 Block of S. SWALL DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY (FROM VEHICLE)

8/18/2023, 2 p.m. at 300 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

8/17/2023, 6 p.m. at 9100 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/16/2023, 5:50 p.m. at 100 Block of S. OAKHURST DRIVE

8/16/2023, 12:15 a.m. at 200 Block of S. STANLEY DRIVE

VANDALISM

8/26/2023, 9 p.m. at 1100 Block of COLDWATER CANYON DRIVE

8/18/2023, 2 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

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SUMMONS (CITATION JUDICIAL)
CASE NO: 21STCV32851

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
FERNAN MARTICIO BALICOCO

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
EDUARDO GOMEZ, ET AL

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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

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

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney:
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DATE: August 11, 2023
By: David W. Slayton, Executive Office/Clerk
I. Mariscal, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023167778
The following is/are doing business as: **BOOKS 2 CHERISH 10401 Wilshire Blvd #917, Los Angeles, CA 90024**; Bookfield Productions, Inc. 2554 Lincoln Blvd #619, Venice, CA 90291; The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on October 2013: **Bookfield Productions, Inc., Fern Field, President**; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 2, 2023; Published: August 18, 15, September 1, 8, 2023 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023178107
The following is/are doing business as: **BEVERLY HILLS NEWSSTAND 216 S. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212**; Mader News, Inc. 508 S. Varney Street, Burbank, CA 91502 The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on July 2023: **Mader News, Inc. Evan Mader, CEO**; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 15, 2023; Published: August 18, 15, September 1, 8, 2023 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023161841 The following is/are doing business as: **THE MAN CAVE BARBERSHOP N SPA 998 Robertson Blvd. Ste #201 Los Angeles CA 90035**; Crescent Franklin 848 S. Sherbourne Dr. #4 Los Angeles, CA 90035; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on June 2011: **Crescent Franklin, Owner**; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 26, 2023; Published: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023 LACC N/C

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023190008 The following is/are doing business as: **FEINSTEIN FINANCIAL INSURANCE SERVICES 820 Gretna Green Way, Los Angeles CA 90049**; Bobbi Feinstein 820 Gretna Green Way, Los Angeles CA 90049; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on AUGUST 2003 : **Bobbi Feinstein, Owner**; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 29, 2023; Published: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023169875 The following is/are doing business as: **ENCINO TOWERS 5150 Yarmouth Ave. Encino, CA 91316**; Migdal Properties, LLC. 4929 Queen Florence Lane, Woodland Hills, CA 91364; The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on November 2012: **Migdal Properties, LLC., Mark David Migdal, Member**; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 4, 2023; Published: August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2023 LACC N/C

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 23SMCP00333
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of: **Ashley Stiles Turek**
To all interested person(s):
Petitioner:

Ashley Stiles Turek
current residence address: **9663 Santa Monica Bl. Box 775, Beverly Hills, CA 90210** filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, on July 25, 2023** for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Ashley Stiles Turek
Proposed Name:
Ashley Parrant Devine Phillip Washington Adams Charlemagne Wie Amandpolandz Lalinopatar Drenkopqriskop Stiles

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 objec-

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tion 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: **September 15, 2023**
Time: **8:30am**
Dept: **K**

The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, SANTA MONICA COURTHOUSE.**

Reason for name change: Petitioner is already known by her proposed name wishes to be known by her proposed name in all personal/business affairs.

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:
Ashley Stiles Turek
Judge of the Superior Court: Lawrence Cho
Executive Officer/Clerk, David W. Slayton
Dated: **August 16, 2023**
BHC - 08/18/23, 08/25/23, 09/01/23, 09/08/23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 23SMCP00417
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of: **Saul Fitzmaurice Kozubei**
To all interested person(s):
Petitioner:

Saul Fitzmaurice Kozubei
current residence address: **445 Edinbrough Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90048** filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, on July 31, 2023** for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Saul Fitzmaurice Kozubei
Proposed Name:
SAUL FITZMAURICE KOTZUBEI

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 objec-

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NOTICE OF HEARING:
Date: **October 2, 2023**
Time: **8:30am**
Dept: **K**
Room: **203**

The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, SANTA MONICA COURTHOUSE.**

Reason for name change: Petitioner would like to change the spelling of his last name to make it more phonetically accurate in the English language.

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:
Saul Fitzmaurice Kozubei
Judge of the Superior Court: Lawrence Cho
Executive Officer/Clerk, David W. Slayton
Dated: **July 31, 2023**
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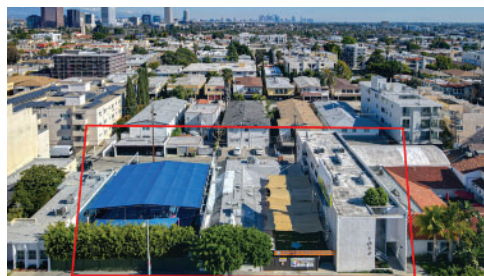
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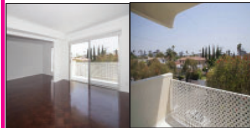
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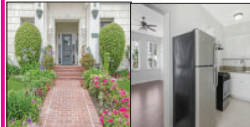
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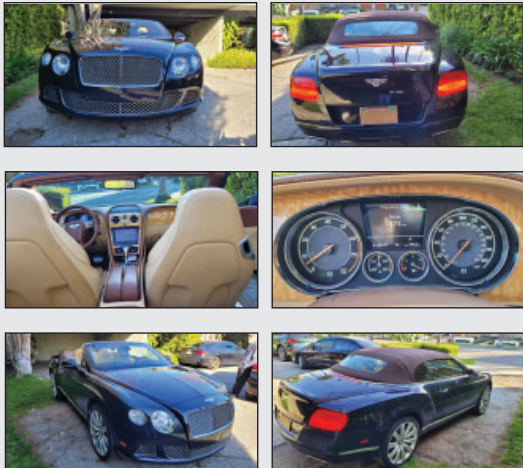
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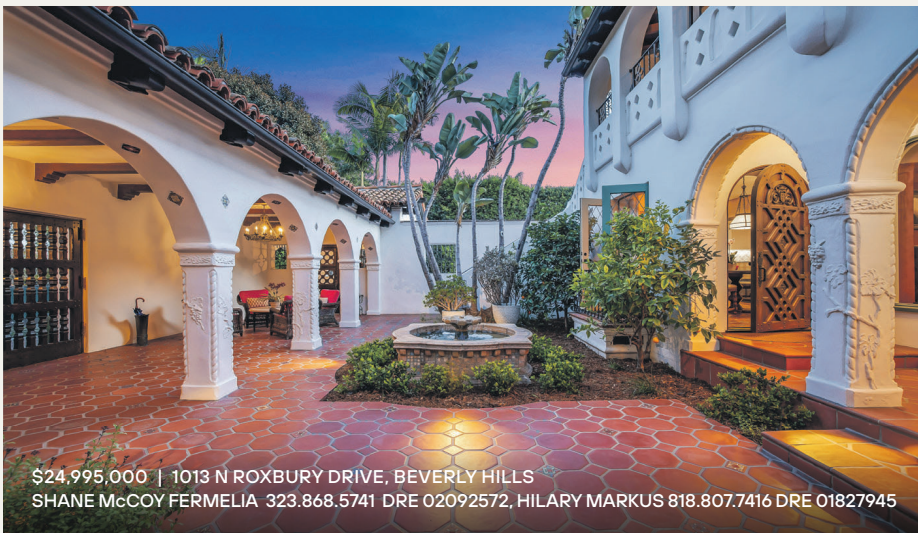
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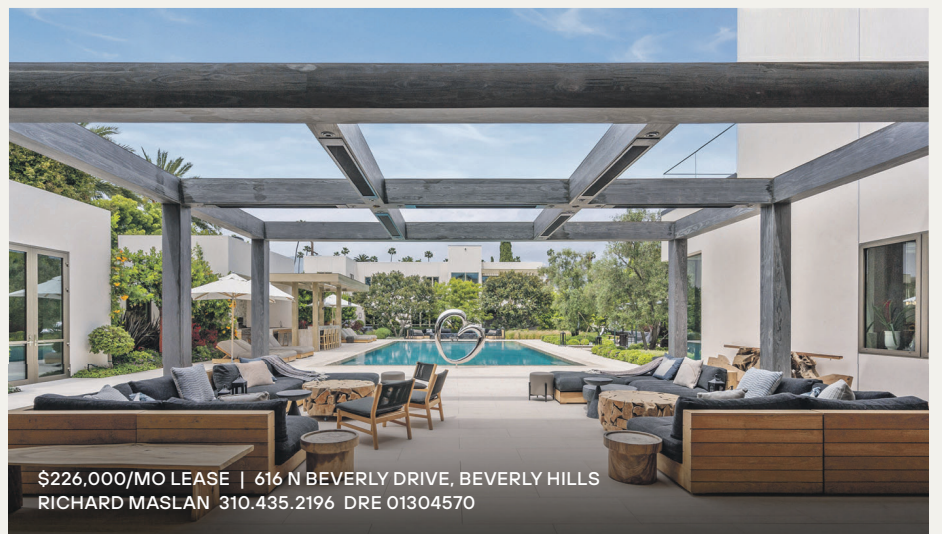
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