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City's Electrical Resilience Ad Hoc Holds Inaugural Meeting



Photo courtesy city of Beverly Hills

The Mayor's Citywide Electrical Resilience (MCER) Ad Hoc Committee held its first meeting Aug. 30.

BY RYAN TOROK

The inaugural meeting of the mayor's citywide electrical resilience ad hoc committee took place Aug. 30. Community leaders passionate about alternative energy solutions examined ways in which the city can meet the growing demands for power while improving its aging energy delivery infrastructure.

Participants of the discussion included Mayor Dr. Julian Gold, who outlined the new committee's purpose and provided a recap of the city's energy innovations, Public Works Director Shana Epstein and City

Consultant Mariko Geronimo, co-founder and chief energy economist at economic consulting organization Lumen Energy Strategy.

"We're committed to a lower-emissions future," Gold said at the outset of the two-hour meeting.

For much of the conversation, the committee focused on the city's outages problem. A series of power outages in Trousdale Estates in 2022 during an intense heat wave rattled residents of the community and sparked discussion among city

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City of L.A. Revokes Approval for Bulgari Resort

BY CLARA HARTER

Following direction from Los Angeles City Council, the city's planning director revoked approvals for the Bulgari Resort in Benedict Canyon this week, putting an end to the long-planned and highly divisive project.

The proposed 58-room luxury resort located at 9704-9712 West Oak Road received the green light from the city's Planning Commission in 2017. Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, whose fifth district includes the project site, led the charge to unravel approvals citing concerns about the hotel's environmental impact.

She spearheaded a vote to have the council direct the planning director to revoke the General Plan Amendment granted to the development. Her motion initially deadlocked 7-7 in May, before passing 8-6 in an Aug. 16 meeting, prompting Planning Director Vince Bertoni to send a Sept. 6 letter to the developer Gary Safady revoking the amendment and killing the project.

"This is a monumental win for our mountains and sends a clear message that our hillsides are worth defending," said Yaroslavsky in a statement. "The city of Los Angeles hasn't allowed a new hotel in these mountains in nearly 100 years, and thanks to hundreds of community and environmental leaders, it won't anytime soon."

See BULGARI RESORT, page 13

Craig Corman Announces 2024 City Council Run

BY CLARA HARTER

Cultural Heritage Commissioner Craig Corman has declared his run for the 2024 City Council election, becoming the latest candidate to vie for one of two open seats.

Corman is a lawyer by trade and served three terms on the Planning Commission. He believes his legal expertise, extensive civic experience and deep connection to the city of Beverly Hills will set him apart from other candidates.

"I've lived almost all my life here, I love the city, and I want to help take care of the people who live here and work here and play here and shop here," Corman told the Courier. "I love seeing the city thrive and I'd like to help it continue to do so."

Corman hopes that his decade-plus of experience as a commissioner will instill



Craig Corman

confidence in voters.

"Planning Commission, more than the other commissions, has to

See CRAIG CORMAN, page 14

Liaison Committee Stakes Positions on Local, State and National Legislation

BY RYAN TOROK

The Beverly Hills City Council Liaison-Legislative Lobby Committee Meeting, held Sept. 6, provided the committee's two Council liaisons—Mayor Dr. Julian Gold

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Courier Calendar

NOW - SEPT. 10

LACMA: "AFRO-ATLANTIC HISTORIES"
MON., TUES., THURS., 11 A.M.-6 P.M.

FRI. 11 A.M.-8 P.M.

SAT.-SUN. 10 A.M.-7 P.M.

LACMA presents "Afro-Atlantic Histories," a new exhibit. This show charts the transatlantic slave trade and its legacies in the African diaspora. Over 100 artworks and objects from the last four centuries are featured in this exhibition. Those works are presented in juxtaposition with evolving perspectives across time and geography through paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, photographs, time-based media and ephemera. Featured artists include Frans Post, Édouard Antoine Renard, Kerry James Marshall, Alison Saar, Hank Willis Thomas and Kara Walker. Tickets to LACMA are free every day for attendees 17 and under, and for everyone after 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Otherwise, tickets are \$20 for adults and \$16 for seniors (65+) and students (18+) with ID.

lacma.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. 16

GETTY CENTER: "ARAYA": FILM SCREENING AND CONVERSATION
4-6 P.M.

Inspired by the Getty Research Institute exhibition "Alfredo Boulton: Looking at Venezuela (1928-1978)," this screening of the award-winning Venezuelan documentary "Araya" shares a compelling and poetic depiction of the harsh living conditions faced by people working in the salt mines on a small coastal region of Venezuela's Caribbean peninsula. The screening will be followed by a conversation between curators J. Raúl Guzmán and Idurre Alonso. A reception with the curators follows the event. This screening is free with advance reservations required. The venue for this event is the museum lecture hall at The Getty, located at 1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles.
getty.edu

SEPT. 16

SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE: "HIGH COTTON"
7:30 P.M.

The Santa Monica Playhouse Benefit Series presents "High Cotton," an award-winning new play from Sheri D. Bradford. After communing with the spirit of her deceased great-great-grandmother, Shannon "Sweetpea" Cameron returns home to her tiny South

Carolina hometown to try and convince her no-nonsense grandmother to start a cannabis farm on the land where their ancestors were enslaved. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds go towards the Santa Monica Playhouse Benefit Campaign. The Santa Monica Playhouse Benefit Series is an innovative program that presents extremely limited engagements of new and developing works by emerging and renowned local, national and international artists. Selected artists receive technical and artistic support, rehearsal space and the opportunity to present a fully mounted production, with proceeds supporting the Playhouse Annual Fund, International Cultural Exchange and Diversity-in-Education programs, Artistic Mentoring, Jewish Heritage Series and Senior Outreach. Santa Monica Playhouse is located at 1211 4th St., Santa Monica.
santamonicaplayhouse.com

SEPT. 19

HAMMER MUSEUM: "FLUX, FALL 2023" SCREENING
7:30 P.M.

The Hammer presents the Flux screening series, which brings the creative community together to celebrate outstanding short films and music videos from around the globe, with inventive filmmaker presentations and performances, followed by a courtyard party with DJ and cash bar. Admission is free with seats assigned on a first-come, first-served basis when you pick up your ticket at the box office. Valet parking is available on Lindbrook Drive for \$10 cash only. Self-parking is available under the museum. Rates are \$8 for the first three hours with museum validation, and \$3 for each additional 20 minutes, with a \$22 daily maximum. There is an \$8 flat rate after 6 p.m. on weekdays, and all day on weekends.

hammer.ucla.edu

SEPT. 27

BEVERLY HILLS POLICE GALA
6 P.M.

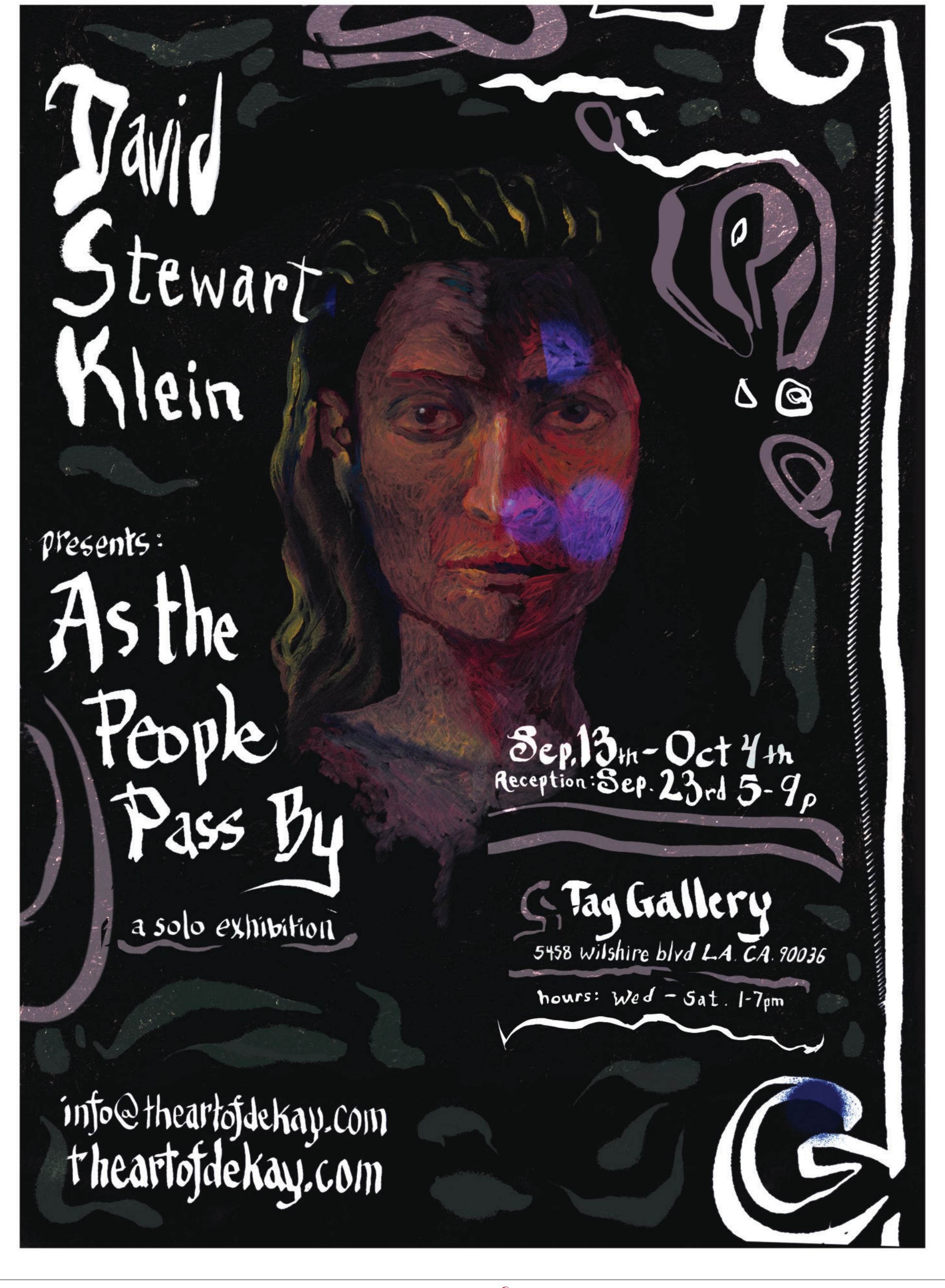
The Beverly Hills Police Officers Benevolent Fund will hold the Beverly Hills Police Gala (formerly the Black & White Gala) on Sept. 27. It will be held at Espelette at Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills. This event features a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception, live auction and awards presentation. Exclusive 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



Photo courtesy The Getty

The film "Araya" will screen at The Getty on Sept. 16 from 4-6 p.m.



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City Convenes Jewish Community Meeting



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Magen Am President Rabbi Yossi Eilfort (third from left), BHPD Police Chief Mark Stainbrook (fourth from left), Councilmember Sharona Nazarian (center) and Sgt. Jeffrey Newman (far right) attend a Jewish security meeting.

BY RYAN TOROK

The Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) held a community security meeting on Sept. 5, drawing city and Jewish leaders.

The gathering at the Beverly Hills Public Library's 2nd floor auditorium

brought together Mayor Dr. Julian Gold, Councilmember Sharona Nazarian, BHPD officers, local rabbis, security officials and others. Rabbi Yossi Eilfort, president of Magen Am, a nonprofit that provides security services to Jewish organizations, along with representatives of Nessah Synagogue,

Chabad of Beverly Hills and Beth Jacob Congregation were also in attendance at the recent event.

Held ten days before the start of the High Holidays, the meeting included a presentation on current crime statistics while offering guidance on how to provide a safe High Holidays experience for those who'll be attending synagogue. And for those in the observant Jewish community who don't use phones during the holidays, the gathering's speakers discussed how to effectively navigate police conduct without the use of electronic devices.

"This was something I thought was important for our community to participate in," Nazarian told the Courier. "A lot of the Orthodox in our community don't carry phones on High Holidays. So, for the community to be safe, we put together a meeting to be proactive and address concerns and to let them know about what programs are available."

Rosh Hashanah begins Sept. 15, and Yom Kippur starts Sept. 24.

BHPD is taking several steps to ensure the safety of those who will be celebrating this month. According to BHPD Lt. and Public Information Officer Reginald Evans,

the city's police will have increased visibility during the holidays, conduct extra patrols and special watches at synagogues and supplement its sworn patrol officers with the Real Time Watch Center's virtual patrol officers.

"In addition, we listen to the needs of the synagogues and try to address their specific needs," Evans said. "Many have their own private security and at times, armed security. If security personnel are on scene, they are often the first to address a potential threat. However, there is a high probability that the security staff would be identified as witnesses to a potential threat."

Nazarian said the most important step an individual can take toward ensuring their personal safety is maintaining contact with local law enforcement.

"Communication is key, and we want to empower our community. If you see something, say something. If you hear something going on, or if your services are going late—some services go past 11 p.m. on Yom Kippur—encourage everyone to let the police know so there will be increased patrols as people walk home," Nazarian said. "Communicate with our police. They are there to support you." ●



TRAFFIC ADVISORY Hawthorne Elementary School Fun Run

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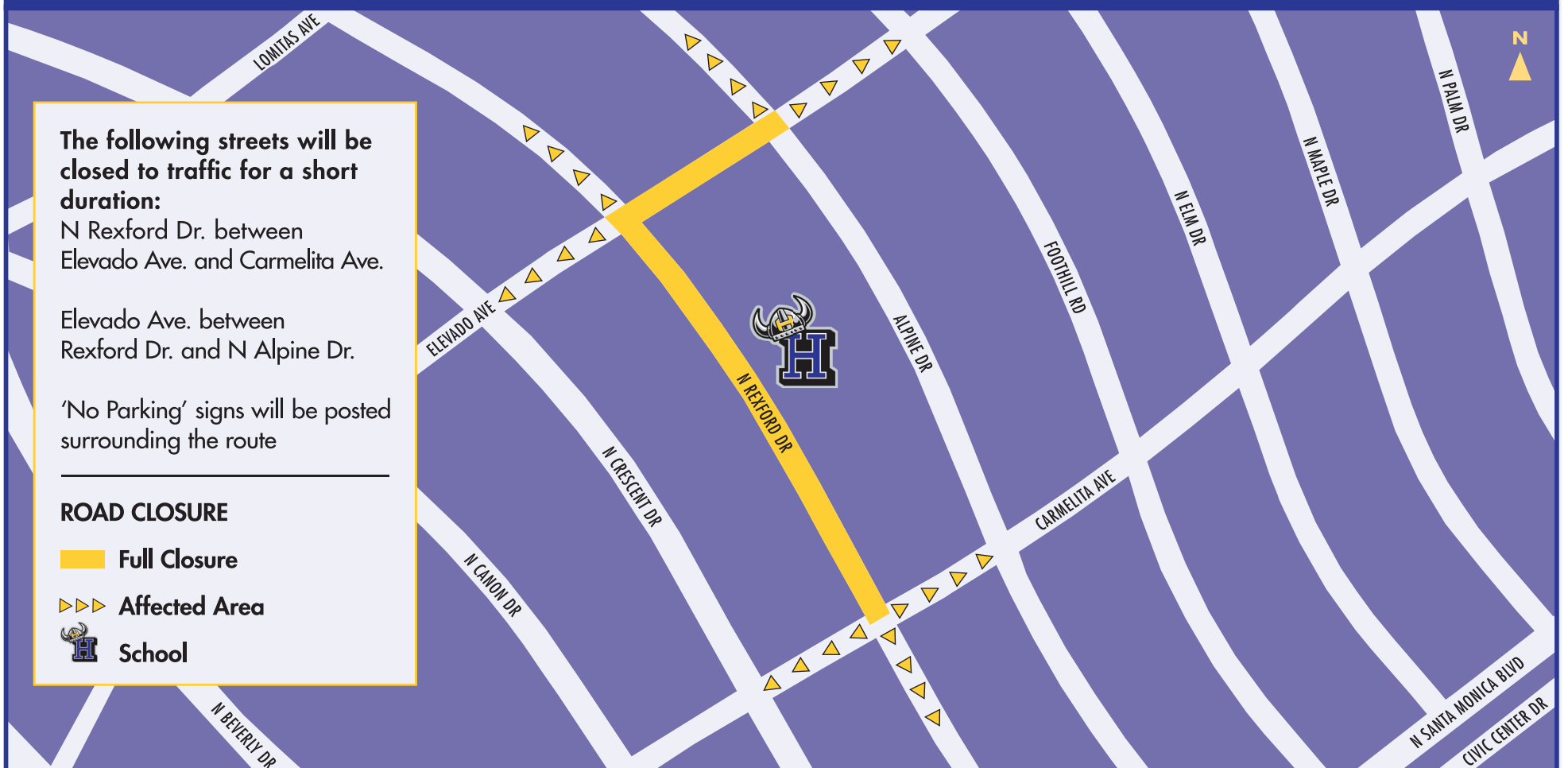
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Sobriety and Driver's License Checkpoint



The Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) Traffic Bureau will conduct a sobriety and driver's license checkpoint on Sept. 8 in the area of North Santa Monica Boulevard and Crescent Drive. The checkpoint will be operational from approximately 7 p.m. and conclude at approximately 2 a.m. All traffic will pass through the checkpoint. Motorists will be stopped and contacted by uniformed officers, who will check for alcohol and/or drug-impaired drivers. Officers will also check to ensure all contacted drivers have a valid driver's license.

DUI checkpoint locations are determined based on data showing incidents of impaired driving-related crashes. The

primary purpose of DUI checkpoints is to promote public safety by taking suspected impaired drivers off the road.

Impaired drivers put others on the road at significant risk," Chief Mark G. Stainbrook said. "Any prevention measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads significantly improve traffic safety."

The BHPD reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties and a suspended license.

Funding for impaired driving enforcement operations is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ●

Beverly Hills Day of Wellness Takes Place Sept. 10



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Group yoga training

The Beverly Hills Day of Wellness will take place Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Roxbury Park and Community Center. The event will feature over 35 free classes, workshops and self-care practices to choose from. All ages are invited to engage in hands-on experiences exploring aspects of mental,

physical and emotional well-being. Forty experts will also be on hand to share their expertise in areas such as nutrition, fitness, mindfulness, mental health, wellness strategies and therapies, and more.

Free classes and workshops include: See DAY OF WELLNESS, page 7



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WIZO California New Year's Luncheon



Photos by Curtis Dahl

Yadegar, Chairperson WIZO California Gina Raphael and Lande

WIZO California held a New Year's Luncheon and Boutique on Sept. 7 at the The Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel. Speakers included Ruth Wasserman Lande, former Knesset member, Co-Chair of the Abraham Accords' Caucus and media personality, in conversation with

journalist Shirin Yadegar. The event honored Eleanor Nankin with a Lifetime Achievement Award. WIZO California provided an official welcome to Rachel Bachar, wife of the new Consul General of Israel who is an advocate for women and girls. ●



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9/11 Memorial Volunteers



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Carla Vaga and her daughters Ava (left) and Aria volunteered last weekend to help apply rust inhibitor material on the 9/11 Twin Towers beam at the city's 9/11 Memorial Garden. The work was done in preparation for the commemorations taking place on Monday, Sept. 11. The public is invited to attend a morning ceremony at Fire Station 1 at 6:45 a.m. and an evening ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

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• Yoga, Thai Chi, Chair Yoga for Kids, Pilates, High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), Krav Maga Self-Defense Training, and more;

• Social Media Safety: How to Keep Families Safe Online;

• Mental Health Workshops include Teen Mental Health; Hypnosis Sound Bath to Lower Anxiety and Boost Confidence; Uncovering Resilience: The Science Behind Connection and Wellbeing; Let's Address Stress: Tips for Building Resiliency from the Inside Out;

• Nutrition Strategies: Nutrition and Mental Health: How Food & Supplements Affect Mood; and, Less Sweets, More Sweat: Hypnosis to Achieve Health Goals;

• Family Wellbeing: Family Reconnection Exercises to Making Family Relationships Stronger and, Building Bridges: Conflict Resolution for the Whole Family

• Inner Dimensions of Wellbeing, Singalong for Wellness and How to Be Your Best Self!

The Beverly Hills Teen Advisory Committee will lead a teen wellness station where community members can express

their creativity by handcrafting dream catchers or meditate on the future while creating vision boards.

Also, with so much research on how animals can help improve mental health, Wags and Walks Animal Rescue will have a mix of puppies in an area for people to experience the therapeutic joy of the animal/human connection.

Ridesharing is encouraged. Parking is available at Roxbury Park and Community Center but may be limited due to event crowd. Additional parking is available at Beverly Hills High School, 241 S. Moreno Drive (Entrance off S. Moreno Drive and Durant Drive). A shuttle will run between Beverly Hills High School and Roxbury Park every 10 minutes from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Beverly Hills Day of Wellness is presented in partnership with the City of Beverly Hills Community Services Department, the Human Relations Commission, the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Health and Safety Commission.

For the full schedule of events and list of health and wellness providers, visit beverlyhills.org/dayofwellness.

Rep. Lieu Named to Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People in AI"

BEVERLY HILLS COURIER

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-36th District) has been named by TIME Magazine to its inaugural TIME100 AI, a new list highlighting the 100 most influential people in artificial intelligence. Lieu, whose district includes Beverly Hills, was featured on the front page of the Courier's Aug. 18 issue after giving an address before the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills on the topic of AI.

Lieu holds a computer science degree from Stanford University and is at the forefront of the movement to regulate AI in a manner that both preserves ingenuity and protects key values. "AI already has reshaped the world in the same way that the steam engine reshaped society," Lieu said over Congress's August recess. "But with the new advancements in AI, it's going to become a supersonic jet engine in a few years, with a personality, and we need to be prepared for that."

The Courier featured Lieu's AI address in its Aug. 18 issue.

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TV For Early Fall Viewing



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Martin Short and Steve Martin in “Only Murders in the Building: Season 3”

BY NEELY SWANSON

Choices are proliferating when it comes to television viewing this time of year. Here is an overview of some familiar series that might be of interest, as well as some exciting domestic and international newcomers.

“Only Murders in the Building: Season 3”

They’re back and they’ve got another murder to solve. Almost two murders because following up on last season’s finale, Oliver (Martin Short) has been given the opportunity to bring a play to Broadway and nobody can murder theater like he can. He hires Charles (Steve Martin) as one of the characters, which will bring its own challenges, not to mention quirky producers and casting issues. With her partners in podcasting otherwise occupied, Mabel (Selena Gomez) feels abandoned, especially because her aunt has sold the apartment in the Arconia out from under her.

Oliver has the good fortune to have action superstar Co-Bro himself, Ben Glenroy, as his lead, something that is both a blessing and a curse. A jerk of the first order, it’s not much of a spoiler to let you know that he’s not long for this world and there are plenty of people who would have liked to see him gone. Joy (Andrea Martin) makes another appearance as Charles’ girlfriend and the always hilarious Jackie Hoffman as Uma, the

building busybody, does not disappoint. The stunt casting is extraordinary, exceeding the previous seasons. Paul Rudd (Ben) made an appearance at the end of the last season, but nothing can top the casting of Meryl Streep as an actress auditioning for Oliver’s play who ends up playing a major role in his life. Playing an actress who’s never quite made it, she is hilarious when she’s bad.

John Hoffman and the other writers have to be faithful to the franchise that they’ve created and try to hew to the pattern already established but, excellent actors notwithstanding, this particular series of episodes feels bloated and even more over the top than before.

Fans of the series will stay with it, but, for me, most of the magic is gone.

The first two episodes streamed Aug. 8 on Hulu, with subsequent episodes appearing weekly after that.

“Harlan Coben’s Shelter” –Hide and Seek

Harlan Coben, mystery writer par excellence, is known for his convoluted plots, strong characters and endless red herrings that have nothing to do with the solution of the mystery. “Shelter,” the miniseries, definitely has very strong characters and enough convoluted plots to keep your head spinning.



Photo courtesy of MHz Choice

Hélène Seuzaret and Claudia Tagbo in “Crime is Her Game”

Mickey Bolitar has been sent to live with his unmarried paternal Aunt Shira in New Jersey after the horrific traffic accident that killed his father and sent his mother to a long-term rehab facility. The family had just moved to California after living in Europe for Mickey’s entire life. New Jersey is a major culture shock. As the new kid in town, he is on the outside looking in but so is recent transfer student Ashley Kent and they bond immediately. Arthur Spindell aka Spoon, resident nerd, adopts Mickey and the goth Ema gets brought along against her will.

When Ashley mysteriously disappears, this oddball trio starts investigating. Their hunt will take them to the local haunted mansion and its mysterious owner, not so affectionately called the Bat Lady. Along the way they will stumble on the case of the boy who vanished 20 years before, something that makes everyone even more wary of Ashley’s disappearance. But this is high school with all the drama it entails. So, add jealousy and envy to the already raging hormones.

Most of the episodes were written by Coben and his daughter Charlotte. The

cast is outstanding, led by Jaden Michael as Mickey Bolitar. His accomplices in mystery solving are Abby Corrigan as Ema and Adrian Greensmith as Spoon, and both of them grow on you. Brian Altemus is Troy, Mickey's nemesis and Sage Linder plays his girlfriend and head cheerleader Rachel. The grownups are an especially stellar group led by Constance Zimmer as Shira, Missi Pyle as Hannah Taylor, Didi Conn the chirpily cheerful teacher with a secret, and the well-disguised Tova Feldshuh as Bat Lady.

Although not a fan of Coben's work—hard to follow—I found myself hooked by the third episode and you probably will be too. Sometimes it's just fun to be totally lost in something.

Eight episodes streaming on Amazon Prime.

“Crime is Her Game”

Mismatched police detectives are a familiar genre, but mismatched distaff partners are often more interesting. “Cagney and Lacey” was the best of this category. The Brits have used this dynamic successfully in “Murder in Suburbia” and in one of my personal favorites, “Scott & Bailey.” Like “Cagney and Lacey,” those two British shows also played on the privileged vs. streetwise cop pairs, something that “Crime is Her Game,” the new French language series on MHz does very well.

Gaby Molina, an up from the lower ranks police captain, prefers going solo. She is not pleased when her boss assigns Lieutenant Celine Richer, recently transferred from Paris, to be her partner. Celine's elite background as a lawyer-turned cop who insists on following all the rules, grates on Gaby's streetwise sensibilities cutting whatever corners are necessary to get the job done, including overlooking the criminal activities of her best snitch, Vargas, an unreliable source if ever there was one. Like most series, some of the episodes are better than others, but it's the characters that have you coming back.

The casting is excellent with Claudia Tagbo especially engaging as Captain Molina. Besides her police work, she is trying to make a go of the farm she inherited from her adoptive parents. Lucky for her, she has a dog who can sniff out the truffles that keep her from going under in the agriculture game. A Black actress primarily known for comedy, she has the presence and timing to lead the ensemble. H el ene Seuzaret plays C eline as the uptight partner with a secret. Bruno Locht is hilarious as Vargas the snitch who is always looking out for his own best interests, often scamming Gaby until she knocks the wind out of his schemes.

In French with English subtitles,

Streaming on MHz Choice

“The Other Black Girl”

Zakiya Dalila Harris's delicious twisty-turny novel, “The Other Black Girl” is now a delightfully edgy 10-part limited series.



Sinclair Daniel, Brittany Adebunola and Hunter Parrish in “The Other Black Girl”

Photo courtesy of Hulu

Nella (Sinclair Daniel), an assistant at Wagner Books, aspires to be an editor. She's talented, fast, smart and accomplished. Nella has made tremendous headway and is on track to become Wagner's second Black editor in more than 25 years. Then into the office arrives the beautiful and mysterious Hazel (Ashleigh Murray), the other Black girl, who immediately charms all she meets in ways beyond Nella's comprehension. Even company owner Richard (Eric McCormack) falls under her spell.

Hazel, looking to Nella as her touchstone, encourages Nella to be true to herself and her work, pushing her to be honest about the new book she's been assigned to give notes on. But this is not just any book, this is a book by Wagner's cash cow Colin and it's incredibly racist in tone. Nella, conflicted, goes to her boss Vera for advice and that advice is to put her concerns aside and compliment their lead author for his brilliant work. Hazel, having read the book, pushes Nella to be honest in her assessment. And this is where things get sticky. Nella points out the troublesome aspects in the editorial meeting and Hazel publicly disagrees with her. In one fell swoop, Nella's promotion possibilities have taken a nosedive and she now has a rival rather than an ally in the office.

The writers, including Harris, have found a way to ground this series in issues of racism, trust, competition, office politics and betrayal in ways that make this a thriller that keeps you watching until the end. I would have preferred a less bloated series (it's at least two episodes too long) but it works well enough and the ending is particularly satisfying,

Streaming all 10 episodes Sept. 13 on Hulu.

“The Swarm”

Based on the bestselling novel by Frank Sch atzing, “The Swarm” is an ambitious international production. Deadly attacks are happening around the world in the ocean. The CW released only one episode for review but it's a thriller. It's man versus the sea and man is not coming out ahead. Opening on an Indigenous fisherman entering the sea in a reed dugout equipped only with a net, he paddles out and casts his fishnet off the side of his boat. Feeling a tug, he realizes that it's caught on something, and he must untangle it or lose a valuable piece of equipment and a day's work. Diving down, he finds the mesh has caught on rocks. As he pulls out his knife and begins the process to free it, a school of fish circles him, forming a funnel...fade to black. The scene immediately switches to Vancouver Island where an Orca has washed up on shore. Riddled with slashes, it has been killed by fishermen trying to protect their boat from an attack by the Orca who had repeatedly rammed it, causing damage that endangered their

lives. This is very atypical behavior. Sea life throughout the world is behaving mysteriously. Fast cutting between Marine Biology stations in Germany, Canada and England, bizarre occurrences are threatening the lives and livelihoods of those who work and inhabit the waters. Is this the aftereffect of increasing pollution and climate change? Is there something more sinister occurring?

The cast, as international as the storylines, is a panoply of stars you may or may not know, including C ecile de France as Dr. C ecile Roche and Barbara Sukowa as Prof. Katherina Lehmann. The direction of the first episode is taut and moves so quickly that you may miss some details but you won't miss the overall feeling of foreboding. Composer Dascha Dauenhauer has created a score that is reminiscent of John Williams' music from “Jaws” in the psychological unease that it triggers with certain melodic threads. If the rest of the episodes live up to the pilot, this will be a must-see adventure where nothing less than the world itself is in danger.

Premiered Sept. 5 on the CW, with episodes are released weekly at 9 p.m. ●



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.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard**, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, will hold a public hearing to consider:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING ARTICLE 47 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 10 OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING NON-STOREFRONT, DELIVERY-ONLY MEDICAL CANNABIS RETAIL AS A CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED IN PORTIONS OF THE C-3 ZONE AND ADDING ARTICLE 23 TO CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 4 OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING REGULATORY AND OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR SUCH RETAILERS AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Article 47 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) generally prohibits the establishment of commercial cannabis uses and activity in the City, with certain exceptions as required by state law. In 2022, Senate Bill 1186 (“SB 1186”), referred to as the Medicinal Cannabis Patients’ Right of Access Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), added Chapter 26 (commencing with Section 26320) to Division 10 of the Business and Professions Code. The Act prohibits local governments, beginning January 1, 2024, from adopting or enforcing any regulations which prohibits or effectively prohibits the delivery of medicinal cannabis to patients or primary caregivers within their jurisdictions.

The proposed ordinance incorporates code changes to the BHMC for SB 1186 compliance and will be presented to the City Council for a public hearing and first reading. The proposed ordinance makes code changes in the BHMC that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Adds Article 23 to Chapter 2 of Title 4 to establish regulatory and operational requirements for non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail businesses.
- Amends Section 10-3-1604 of Article 16 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to add “Non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail” as a conditionally permitted use, with the remainder of Section 10-3-1604 to remain unchanged.
- Adds paragraph “E” to Section 10-3-1654 of Article 16.5 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to prohibit non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail uses in a pedestrian oriented area with the remainder of Section 10-3-1654 to remain unchanged.
- Amends paragraph “B” of Section 10-3-3800 of Article 38 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to add non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail as a conditionally permitted use with required findings with the remainder of Section 10-3-3800 to remain otherwise unchanged.
- Amends Section 10-3-4701 of Article 47 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to add definitions of certain terms.
- Amends Section 10-3-4703 of Article 47 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to add paragraph “D” providing an exemption from the general prohibition on cannabis activity for certain non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail, with the remainder of Section 10-3-4703 to remain unchanged.
- Adds Section 10-3-4705 to Article 47 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 to specify the standards and requirements for non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail use.

On August 24, 2023, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed ordinance and adopted Resolution No. 2036, recommending the City Council amend portions of the BMHC to establish “non-storefront, delivery-only medical cannabis retail” as a conditionally permitted use for properties in portions of the C-3 zone and to establish regulatory and operational restrictions for such retailers (collectively, the “Amendments”).

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. The project will not result in a direct or

reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The businesses authorized under this zone text amendment are similar to already existing permitted general uses such as retail, with the only difference being the product sold (i.e., medical cannabis and medical cannabis products). The proposed ordinance does not change the zoning for any properties, meaning that they do not create negative environmental impacts or result in physical changes to the environment. Accordingly, the City Council will consider a recommendation to find the project categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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In Person Participation:

All interested persons are invited to attend and speak on this matter in person. Please see the above information on the location and time of this meeting.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Cindy Owens, Municipal Affairs Program Manager** at (310) 285-1026, or by email at cowens@beverlyhills.org. Please also contact us to add your email to the interested parties list for this ordinance, so that important updates and notifications may be sent to you.

HUMA AHMED
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Thursday, September 28, 2023
TIME: 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: **Meeting will be held in person at:**
Commission Meeting
Room 280A
Beverly Hills City Hall
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Members of the public may also participate via teleconference; details provided below

PROJECT ADDRESS: City Wide

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at a REGULAR meeting on **September 28, 2023**, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider:

A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND DRAFT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO RESIDENTIAL CONVERSION OF EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS TO MIXED USE BUILDINGS AND AN ADDENDUM TO AN ADOPTED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONE AMENDMENTS

The Mixed Use Overlay Zone (MU Overlay Zone) was adopted in November 2020, via Ordinance No. 20-O-2825, and established development standards to guide future commercial/residential mixed use developments on certain C-3 Commercial Zone properties in the City. The MU Overlay Zone allows for properties to be redeveloped with mixed use projects, or to convert existing commercial buildings to mixed use projects. At their July 18, 2023 formal meeting, the City Council reviewed the progress of the implementation of the MU Overlay Zone thus far, and discussed whether the MU Overlay Zone regulations should be modified in the future. As part of this discussion, staff identified an existing issue in the conversion section (BHMC §10-3-1888) of the MU Overlay Zone regulations, as it does not allow existing commercial buildings to calculate density based on the existing building envelope, rather than the size of the property. The City Council provided direction to staff to develop a draft amendment of the MU Overlay Zone regulations for the City Council's consideration to allow the use of the minimum unit size of 500 square feet to calculate the maximum density allowed for conversion projects. This will also necessitate a change to the General Plan Land Use map to identify the density calculation that is applicable for conversion projects, and therefore, requires a General Plan Amendment. Once staff presents the draft ordinance and General Plan Amendment to the Planning Commission for review, the draft zoning ordinance and General Plan Amendment resolution will be presented to the City Council for consideration.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City of Beverly Hills has previously adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the adoption of the Mixed Use Overlay Zone regulations (Project). The City of Beverly Hills was the lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and was responsible for the preparation of the MND and related initial study. The previously adopted MND document is available at www.beverlyhills.org/environmental. If a digital copy cannot be obtained by an interested party, please contact the staff listed in this notice and alternate arrangements will be made. The previously adopted MND indicated that the Project would not result in significant impacts to Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Mineral Resources, and Transportation/Traffic. The MND also indicated that the Project would result in less than significant impacts related to Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Public Services, Recreation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire, and either no impact or less than significant impacts on certain environmental issues related to Aesthetics, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, and Population and Housing.

An addendum to the previously adopted MND for a proposed change to the Mixed Use Overlay Zone has been prepared, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15164. A copy of the addendum will be available as part of the agenda materials for this meeting date, on www.beverlyhills.org/citycouncilmeetings, at least 72 hours before the meeting. The Project description and location are described above, and the adoption of amendments includes changes that are limited to revisions that will result in greater clarity regarding the application of regulations. The proposed general plan amendment and code changes will include a clarification regarding the calculation of maximum density allowed for conversion projects under the MU Overlay Zone, and a change to the General Plan Land Use map noting this clarification. Since these changes consist of clarifications of existing regulations, the Project will not result in significant impacts to the areas of study in the adopted MND, and none of the conditions in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15162 have occurred, the City Council will consider the adoption of the addendum to the previously adopted MND.

How to Participate

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Any written comments received by end of the day on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 will be attached to the agenda report regarding this item. Any comments received after Wednesday, September 20, 2023, but prior the public hearing, will be distributed to the Commission under separate cover.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Chloe Chen, Senior Planner** in the Planning Division at **(310) 285-1194**, or by email at cchen@beverlyhills.org. Copies of the project materials are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

Chloe Chen
Senior Planner

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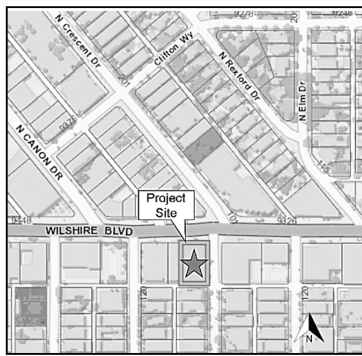
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Thursday, September 28, 2023
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PROJECT ADDRESS: **9360 Wilshire Boulevard (Sixty Hotel)**
(Cross Street: South Crescent Drive)

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the following:

Development Plan Review. Pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) §10-3-3107.A.1, a Development Plan Review is required to allow rooftop uses in the C-3 zone. The rooftop uses at the Sixty Hotel consist of a rooftop bar, lounge areas with unenclosed architectural features, food preparation room, and a rooftop gymnasium.

Conditional Use Permit. Pursuant to BHMC §10-3-2862, a Conditional Use Permit is required to allow outdoor recreation and dining facilities for a hotel, as well as to allow an increase in the overall capacity of hotel areas. The Sixty Hotel currently operates a dining facility on the ground floor and offers dining services on its rooftop. The Sixty Hotel provides outdoor recreational options with a rooftop pool and poolside lounge areas.

Extended Hours Permit. Pursuant to BHMC §10-3-1958, an Extended Hours Permit is required to allow rooftop operations during extended hours (defined as those hours between 10:00 PM – 7:00 AM on weekdays and 10:00 PM – 9:00 AM on weekends). The Sixty Hotel is located within a commercial-residential transition area and is requesting rooftop operations as follows:

- Rooftop operations until 2:00 AM on Friday night and Saturday night;
- Rooftop operations until 1:00 AM from Sunday night – Thursday night;
- Up to 12 rooftop events per year that could operate until 2:00 AM on a night other than a Friday or Saturday.

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. Upon review, the project appears to qualify for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Existing Facilities) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15301 of the state CEQA Guidelines. This exemption is applicable to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. Accordingly, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to find the project exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Judy Gutierrez, Senior Planner** in the Planning Division at (310) 285-1192, or by email at jgutierrez@beverlyhills.org. Copies of the associated application materials are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by contacting the project planner listed above.

Sincerely:
Judy Gutierrez, Senior Planner



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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE §10-3-100 TO REDEFINE AN ALTERNATIVE PARKING FACILITY.

The proposed Ordinance would amend the definitions section of Title 10, Chapter 3 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC §10-3-100) to redefine an Alternative Parking Facility to include fully automated parking systems. The proposed Ordinance is the result of a Zone Text Amendment request by an applicant to construct a fully automated alternative parking facility in conjunction with a new three-story commercial building located at 8633 Wilshire Boulevard.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed Ordinance has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. Upon review, the Ordinance appears to qualify for a Class 5 Categorical Exemption (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15305 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Accordingly, the City Council will consider a recommendation to find the project categorically exempt from further environmental review under CEQA pursuant to Section 15305 of the Guidelines. The Class 5 exemption is applicable to projects consisting of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density. Therefore, the City Council may find the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

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Mike Gatto, a retired State Assemblyman and personal attorney to Safady, issued a statement expressing his frustration with the city's decision.

"This project has been in the works for six years, has invested millions, and has followed all procedures," stated Gatto. "This action sends a message to all looking to invest in Los Angeles that the city can't be trusted to follow its own rules."

The luxurious development would have been nestled in the Santa Monica Mountains to the north of Beverly Hills and featured 58 hotel rooms, eight private residences, a spa, gym, theater, sushi bar and fine dining restaurant.

Supporters touted its economic benefits and world class amenities, while detractors said it would have negative environmental and traffic impacts.

Mark Levin, board president of Save Our Canyons, an organization of local residents opposed to the hotel, issued a statement praising Yaroslavsky for her "strong leadership" on this issue.

"The decision to stop processing the

Bulgari hotel application demonstrates that the people who represent us can differentiate an inappropriate project from appropriate development," stated Levin. "The community has always been very clear that the high fire severity zones of the hillsides are not the right place for this kind of use."

Safady, for his part, had previously emphasized his desire to build the hotel in harmony with the surrounding habitat.

"I want to do something where the homes can blend in seamlessly with the environment and put the environment first," he said in a May 16 Council meeting. "Our ethos is sustainability, our ethos is wildlife, our ethos is fire prevention."

The project was estimated to bring 50 to 70 new jobs to the area.

Gatto expressed concerns about both the loss of these jobs and the message the city is sending to other developers.

"If one accepts it is this simple for the NIMBYs on council to kill projects they don't like, then nothing—no housing, no new businesses—will ever get built in Los Angeles," he stated. "All this has done is undermine the

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leaders about how to bring more reliable electricity service to that area and beyond. The formation of the electrical resilience ad hoc is part of an effort to make Beverly Hills more energy independent and avoid such scenarios going forward.

When it comes to issues of energy resilience, Epstein is all too aware of the problems plaguing the city.

"I am the recipient of all those first calls when people's power goes out," the public works director said during the recent meeting. "So, I definitely know it's been a major concern for this community."

Before delving into ways of becoming more energy resilient, however, Geronimo said it was necessary to define "resilience." While the power industry has no standard definition, a resilient electrical system can refer to a system that withstands, absorbs, recovers from and adapts to disruptions, such as natural disasters. Making a distinction between a "resilience hazard" and a "system you're trying to make resilient" helps provide a framework over what you have control over and what one cannot control, Geronimo said.

"You don't have control over the hurricane—you can't do anything about that—but you do have control over the equipment that gets demolished in the hurricane," she said.

Additionally, she broke down basics about grids and microgrids, with the latter describing a self-contained grid that has batteries for energy storage and generators to produce power. Microgrids allow cities to produce or store some of their own electricity. With the city's current system, between 70-80% of the city's outages are driven by equipment failures or causes unknown to Southern California Edison (SCE), the utility that provides electricity for most of the city's homes and businesses, Geronimo said.

The recently launched electrical resilience ad hoc was formed following a call this past May for applications to join the committee. Since his swearing-in ceremony this past April, Gold has said he wants to explore achieving greater electricity independence

for the city.

The ad hoc consists of two council members as well as several at-large volunteer members. Along with Gold, its members are Vice Mayor Lester Friedman; attorney Ethan Bearman, who expressed a lifelong interest in alternative energy; attorney Linda Spiegel; Jeff Wolfe, a member of the city's planning commission; and Mark Nehoray, a member of the city's public works commission.

"Energy is important to me, and the mission of this committee really resonated with me," Nehoray said. "So, I'm here to serve."

The meeting explored outside-the-box ways of achieving more electricity independence. For instance, the committee weighed the feasibility of creating neighborhood microgrids while acknowledging it could be both cost prohibitive and difficult to equip the city's older residential buildings with the necessary infrastructure. The installation of solar panels on residential roofs might make more sense, committee members said.

Geronimo floated the idea of offering "resilience audits" to the city's residents, in which someone would come to your home and tell you what it would cost to make your home more energy resilient.

Gold, for his part, was on board. "Great idea," the mayor said. Friedman, meanwhile, also expressed support for the suggestion of home energy audits, calling it a step toward the goal of reaching 100% energy self-reliance.

Also, Geronimo asked rhetorically whether the goal should be reducing outages or, in the case of outages, ensuring there are alternatives available to the community so that they continue to have access to essentials.

Over the next few months, the commission will continue meeting regularly before making a recommendation to City Council based on its findings.

"The goal is to, in four or five meetings, get most of this done before the new year," Gold said. "I'd like to see if we can get enough information for a reasonable recommendation for the council to explore going forward." ●



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Rendering of proposed Bulgari Resort

city's credibility and taken away hundreds of jobs from the working people who need them."

This decision is one of several high-profile referendums on luxury development near Beverly Hills and in the Santa Monica mountains.

In May, luxury retail conglomerate LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton saw

its development agreement for the proposed Cheval Blanc hotel project revoked through a Beverly Hills Special Election.

In addition, the LA City Council is currently considering a controversial Wildlife Ordinance that would place strict limits on all mountainside development in the name of protecting the environment. ●

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Corman with his family

CRAIG CORMAN, from page 1 make a lot of substantive decisions that can be controversial,” he told the Courier. “I think my record on the Planning Commission shows that I listened to all sides and I try to make informed decisions.”

One key lesson Corman learned on the Planning Commission was the importance of taking the time to address points raised by public commenters—even if he disagreed with them—in order to ensure everyone felt heard. This is a skill Corman intends to bring with him to council, he said.

If elected, maintaining and elevating the city’s top-notch public safety would be Corman’s number one priority.

“We have a world-class police department, but we need to do more to keep our community safe and protect our businesses,” said Corman in his campaign announcement. “The best way to prevent crime is to make sure everyone knows that if they come to our city and commit crimes, they will be caught and punished.”

Corman advocates for recruiting more sworn officers, minimizing administrative

duties of patrol officers to maximize the time they spend in the field, deploying more patrol cars and private security vehicles, amplifying the city’s camera surveillance system and utilizing AI to monitor live camera feeds.

Corman would also like to push the District Attorney’s Office to allow Beverly Hills to hire a local prosecuting attorney in order to file charges that the D.A. declines to. Corman said such an attorney could enable the city to more effectively deter repeat offenders by filing misdemeanor charges for offenses like shoplifting or trespassing.

Beyond public safety, Corman’s priorities include engaging with the community to plan for future housing growth mandated by Sacramento, strengthening infrastructure and environmental sustainability, improving government efficiency and supporting local schools.

He is the son of two Beverly Hills High School alumni and a member of the BHHS Class of 1977. He earned his B.A. from Stanford University and his J.D. from the

University of Michigan Law School.

Corman worked first for prominent local trial attorney Marshall Grossman and later at O’Melveny & Myers, where he focused on entertainment litigation.

“I think my legal training and experience helps me spot legal and factual issues that others may not,” he told the Courier. “In that sense, I think I can help the council reach more informed and hopefully better decisions.”

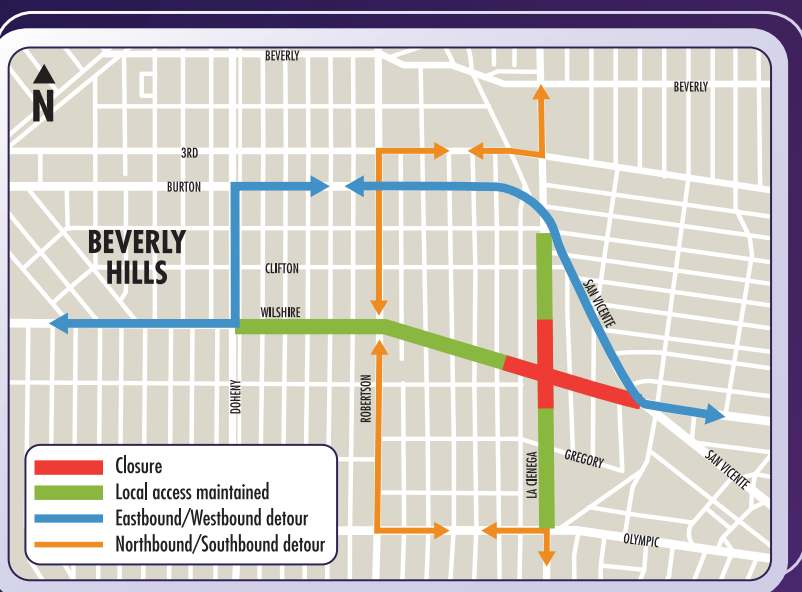
Corman and his wife Karen raised their son and daughter in Beverly Hills. Craig managed and coached his children’s baseball and softball teams for six years in Beverly Hills Little League and has been a member of the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills since 2016.

“I love Beverly Hills, and it’s been a privilege to grow up here and see my own children grow up here, too,” he said in his campaign announcement. “Now, I want to use my knowledge of the city, legal skills and public service experience to help take care of my fellow residents.” ●

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Autoimmune Diseases on the Rise: What to Know

BY FRANCESCO BOIN, M.D., AND NUNZIO BOTTINI, M.D., PH.D., CEDARS-SINAI

The names might sound familiar: Rheumatoid arthritis, type 1 diabetes, multiple sclerosis, lupus and scleroderma.

Autoimmune diseases affect an estimated 24 million people in the U.S. These chronic and disabling disorders—more than 80 and counting—develop when one or more of our immune systems mistakenly attack cells, tissues and organs instead of protecting the body. Problems can also arise when our immune systems fail to manage the interactions of our body's many organ systems, from respiratory to reproduction.

The debilitating and long-term nature of these complex disorders can significantly decrease patients' quality of life and ability to work. The stress of these illnesses is often a big burden on families.

Autoimmunity appears to be increasing in the United States and in many parts of the world. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, new studies indicate that SARS-CoV-2 infections might be linked to a substantially increased risk of developing a range of autoimmune diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, vasculitis and inflammatory bowel disease.

How does our immune system work?

Our immune system is a complex network of cells, proteins, tissues and organs with the critical task of helping to keep us well and alive. We have three types of immunity. The first of these is the innate or "natural" immunity we are born with that provides general protection against "outsiders" such as bacteria or viruses. As we age, we develop "adaptive" immunity when we are exposed to diseases or get vaccinations. Lastly, we can acquire short-term "passive" immunity from another source like a mother's breast milk that protects a baby against germs or diseases to which its mother has been exposed.

What causes autoimmune illnesses?

The exact cause of autoimmune diseases is not well understood, but the immune system is involved in every aspect of human anatomy and physiology, so its malfunction can target any organ and system in the body.

There are risk factors that research suggests can increase the chances of developing one of these diseases. Genetics, sex, race and ethnicity and the environment appear to play a role. For example, having relatives with an autoimmune illness increases a person's risk. Also, if someone already has an autoimmune disorder, it increases the chance they will develop another one.

Researchers studying the rise of autoimmune conditions around the world have also found evidence that some chemicals, such as organic pollutants, toxic metals and certain solvents, could play a role.

Who is more at risk for developing an autoimmune disorder?

Women are significantly more susceptible to developing an autoimmune illness,

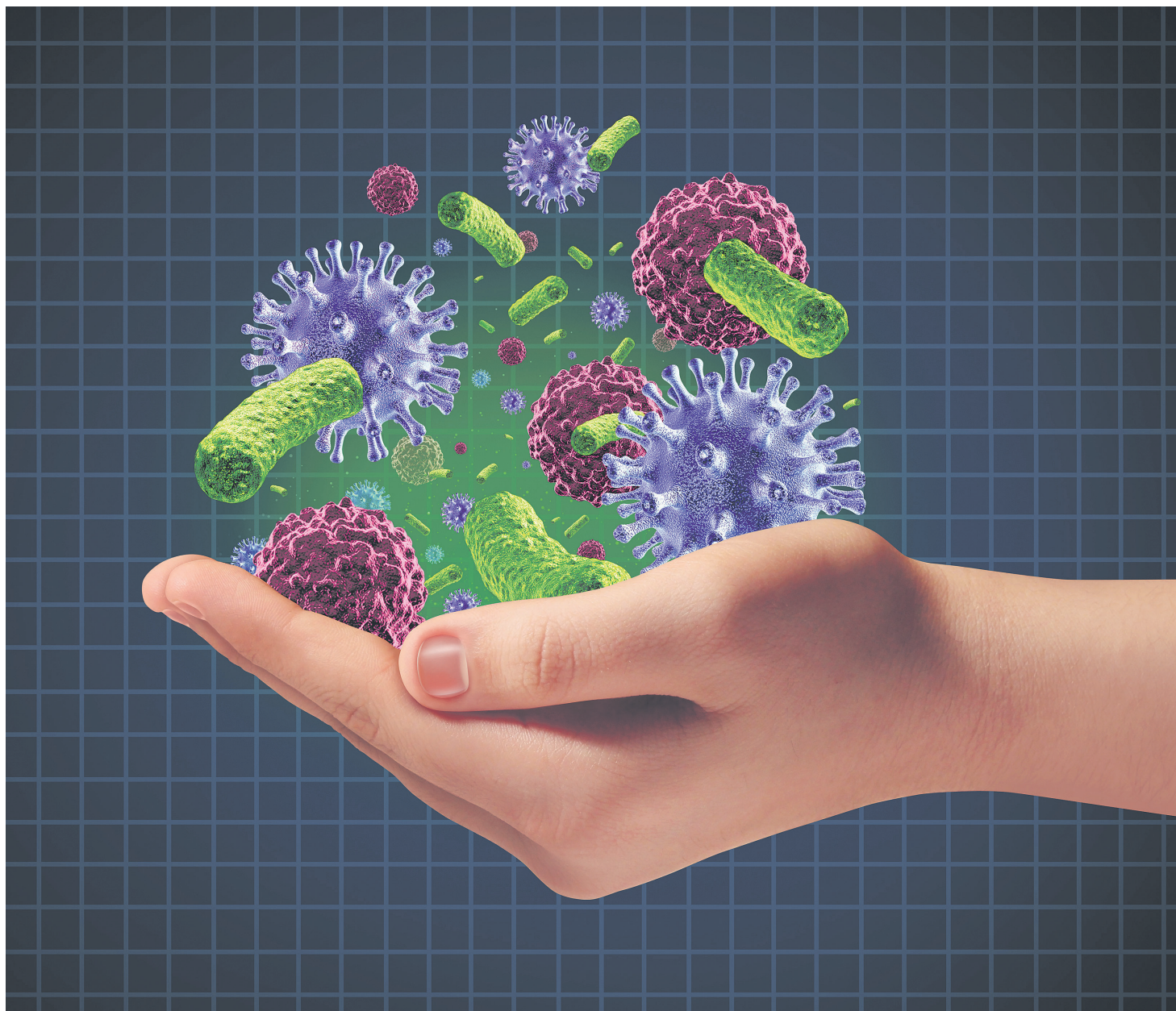


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although some disorders are more common in men. Lupus, which can cause chronic pain and inflammation throughout the body—including the joints, skin, heart and other organ systems—is far more common in women. However, ankylosing spondylitis, a disorder that causes bones in the spine to fuse over time, is more common in men. Type 1 diabetes and Crohn's disease (chronic inflammation of the digestive tract) occur at about the same rate in men and women.

The precise cause of the sex differences in autoimmunity is not completely understood. Studies suggest genetics and hormones play a key role. Being obese or having a prior infection or exposure to toxins also may elevate the risk of a breakdown in the immune system.

Race and ethnicity appear to contribute to the risk for developing autoimmune disorders as well. Cedars-Sinai investigators have found that people of Ashkenazi Jewish descent develop Crohn's disease at higher-than-average rates. Black women face a higher risk for developing lupus than people of European ancestry. African American and Hispanic patients with scleroderma—an autoimmune disease characterized by thickening and scarring of the skin and vital organs and

the narrowing of the blood vessels—develop more severe forms of the illness and have a higher death rate from the disorder.

What are symptoms of autoimmune diseases, and how do I get diagnosed?

There are very few specific tests for autoimmune diseases. Common symptoms of autoimmunity such as fatigue, joint pain, intestinal problems, swollen glands and

recurring fevers can be associated with other conditions. The best suggestion is to find a medical center that has specialists and specialty clinics focused on the diagnosis and treatment of autoimmune disorders. Getting answers can require detective work, so it is important to find a clinician who will partner with you in the journey to find a diagnosis and effective treatment. ●



Dr. Francesco Boin (left) is the Chair of Rheumatology and Director of the Cedars-Sinai Kao Multispecialty Scleroderma Program. His research focuses on the genetic risk of scleroderma and the biology of immune cells involved in the development of this disease. Dr. Boin uses his clinical work with patients to help design studies targeting the most important questions about scleroderma.



Dr. Nunzio Bottini (right) is the Founding Director of the Cedars-Sinai Kao Autoimmunity Institute and a practicing rheumatologist. His research to improve and develop effective therapies for patients involves the investigation of genetic mechanisms that may put people at risk for developing rheumatoid arthritis, type 1 diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease and lupus.

LIAISON COMMITTEE, from page 1 and City Councilmember John Mirisch—the opportunity to take positions on a handful of local, state and national legislation.

Participants in the meeting included Jamie Jones, a lobbyist at government relations firm David Turch and Associates, and Andrew Antwih of advocacy firm Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer and Lange.

Mirisch and Gold delivered some of their strongest words of support for the U.S. Senate bill, “End Hedge Fund Control of American Homes Act,” which prohibits individuals and entities from owning more than 100 single-family residences. Mirisch, for his part, has long spoken out against the corporatization of real estate, specifically hedge funds and private equity investors buying up large numbers of homes. The council member said it creates barriers for those ordinary families seeking to purchase single-family residences for themselves.

“This will allow the American dream to be more in reach of people,” Mirisch said, if the bill—which was introduced in 2022 by U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley of Oregon—eventually passes.

The Council Liaison-Legislative Lobby Committee makes recommendations to the Beverly Hills City Council on the city’s position on legislative matters being addressed at the local, state and federal levels. Ultimately, City Council is responsible for the final adoption and expression of the city’s position on

legislative matters.

During its latest meeting, the committee weighed legislation that included “10-Year Pilot Program for Trucks with 6-Axles,” which would establish a voluntary decade-long pilot for states to increase truck weights on federal interstates to 91,000 pounds on six axles. Current weight limits are 80,000 pounds on five axles. The committee’s council liaisons said they opposed the legislation on the grounds that they did not believe larger vehicles would serve interstates well.

Another item that garnered the committee’s attention was the “Fifth Amendment Integrity Restoration Act,” which, known as FAIR, was being considered by the committee at the request of Beverly Hills Police Department Chief Mark Stainbrook. The bill, the result of bipartisan efforts in the U.S. House of Representatives, would reform the civil forfeiture asset process by raising the level of proof necessary for the federal government to seize property, among other actions.

But the committee opposed the bill, which was introduced in the House earlier this year, echoing positions taken by local law enforcement, including Beverly Hills Police Department Chief Mark Stainbrook.

“They feel very strongly that this would be awful if we did this,” Gold said.

Supporting another position taken by Stainbrook, the committee’s liaisons

opposed State Senate Bill 94, “Recall and Resentencing: Special Circumstances,” which would allow felons who committed serious crimes before 1990 and have been in custody for at least 25 years to petition for resentencing. This includes felons who were convicted of murder. Stainbrook has publicly encouraged community members to reach out to their local legislators about voting against the bill.

The two council members signaled support for the “Voting Thresholds” expressed in Assembly Constitutional Amendment 13 (ACA 13). The committee took a position at the behest of the League of California Cities, an association of cities with the state of California that supports ACA 13. According to the League of California Cities, ACA 13—which passed the State Assembly this month and will now go before the State Senate—was introduced in part because an initiative that qualified for the November 2024 ballot could potentially undermine local control, strip voters’ rights and “decimate tens of billions of dollars of local government tax.”

ACA 13, if passed, would require future ballot measures that increase voter approval requirements to also pass by the same margin. The League of California Cities has called it a “common-sense proposal,” and the committee’s council liaisons indicated they agreed.

But not everything on the committee’s agenda garnered such support. When

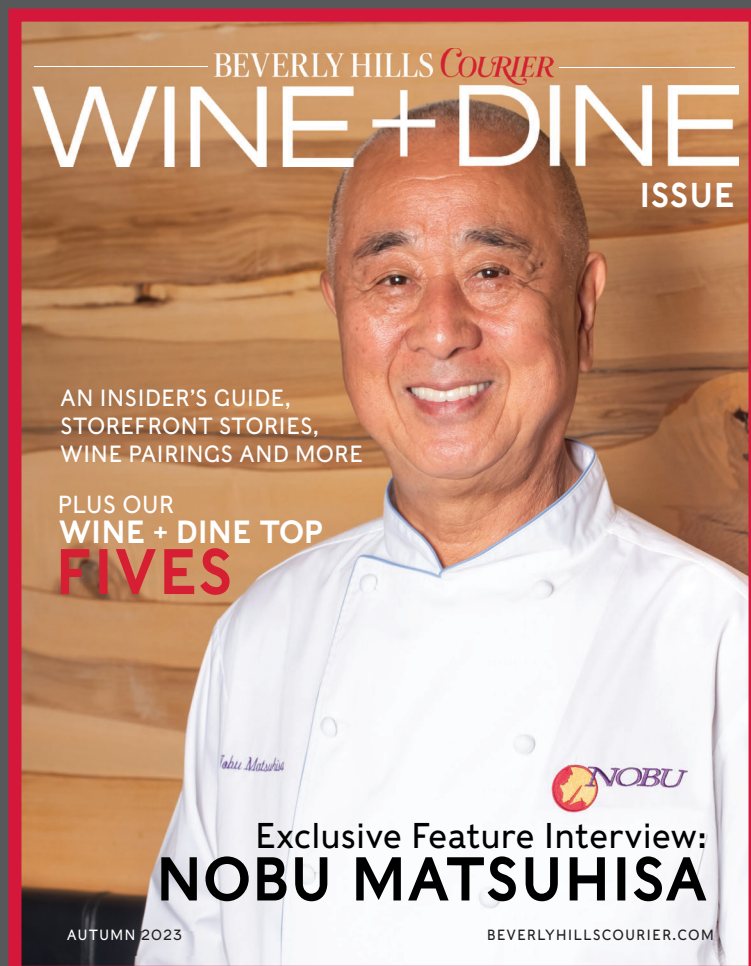
considering a California constitutional amendment proposal regarding employment workers’ rights, Mirisch said, “This is problematic.”

Echoing a letter of concern issued by the League of California Cities to the amendment’s author, State Senator Thomas Umberg, Mirisch described the language of the measure—which attempts to enshrine the rights of workers to join a labor union and collectively bargain with their employers—as far too “broad.”

While the committee agreed in large part with the League of California Cities’ positions on state bills, the council liaisons said the League did not always represent the views of smaller cities, including Beverly Hills.

“There needs to be a strong voice for smaller cities,” Gold said, adding that Beverly Hills represents 35,000 people against a state of millions and is thus not often considered by the League as the association forms stances on various measures.

Ultimately, the two council members expressed gratitude to the two lobbyists who joined the meeting, saying they provided invaluable help as the committee weighed the 14 pieces of legislation. ●

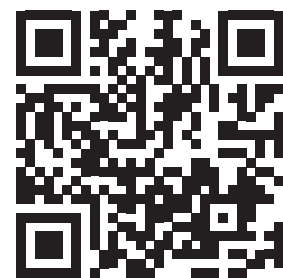


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Letter to the Editor

The Abraham Accords and Rosh Hashanah: A Time for Reflection and Renewal

Next week, we celebrate the third anniversary of the Abraham Accords on Sept. 15, a date that this year also marks Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year; a unique opportunity to commemorate peace and new beginnings.

Just last month, Beverly Hills hosted a landmark event that exemplifies the transformative power of these Accords. The Kingdom of Bahrain held a special ceremony at the Beverly Hilton to launch the King Hamad Peaceful Coexistence Award, a testament to the diplomatic breakthroughs achieved by the Abraham Accords. Attended by a diverse group of hundreds, including former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, the event showcased the real-world impact of this historic agreement.

The Abraham Accords have been

nothing short of a diplomatic triumph. By normalizing relations between Israel and several Arab nations, including the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, the Accords have shattered decades-long diplomatic barriers. Initiated by the Trump administration, the Accords have been embraced by the Biden administration and Democrats, an important example of bipartisanship in a polarized world. The Accords are not just a Republican or Democratic achievement; they're an example of the power of American leadership.

The U.S. Congress further strengthened the Accords by passing The Israel Relations Normalization Act, which mandates that the State Department establish a strategic plan to strengthen and expand these peace agreements. Congress is also considering legislation that would establish a Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords, further

cementing the bipartisan nature of this initiative.

The Abraham Accords are not just about the Middle East; they're about setting an international precedent for resolving seemingly intractable conflicts. In a world rife with division, the Accords offer a blueprint for what can be achieved when nations, and people, come together for the greater good.

Led by our city Council, Beverly Hills has been an outspoken advocate for Middle East peace. The City has fought against the discriminatory BDS movement, condemned the UN's anti-Israel bias, and is among the first cities in the nation to have adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism.

Now, as we celebrate the third anniversary of the Abraham Accords, it's an opportunity for Beverly Hills to continue being a leading voice advocating for peace between Israel and its neighbors and

encouraging further national and international support for the Abraham Accords.

This Rosh Hashanah, as we reflect on the year that has passed and look forward to the year ahead, let's thank our city and community leaders for having a vision for a better tomorrow and working towards it. Let's also take a moment to consider the profound impact of the Abraham Accords. They have opened doors and set the stage for future diplomacy. They are more than words on a page; they are a catalyst for real peace in the Middle East and beyond.

Dillon L. Hosier
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
ICAN: Israeli-American Civic Action Network

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ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED

9/3/2023, 2 p.m. at 200 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

ASSAULT - SIMPLE

8/31/2023, 9:45 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ROXBURY DRIVE

8/28/2023, 11:25 a.m. at 200 Block of S. RODEO DRIVE

8/26/2023, 11 p.m. at 500 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING

9/4/2023, 4:55 p.m. at 400 Block of N. ROXBURY DRIVE

9/3/2023, 1:43 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

8/31/2023, 9:30 a.m. at 8300 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/29/2023, 5:37 a.m. at 100 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

8/28/2023, 3:26 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

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8/27/2023, 8:05 a.m. at 9600 Block of BRIGHTON WAY

8/26/2023, 3:25 a.m. at 8900 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

8/24/2023, 7 a.m. at 200 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

BURGLARY - FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

8/30/2023, 11:45 a.m. at 1400 Block of PARK WAY

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (HOME OCCUPIED)

9/4/2023, 3:15 p.m. at 800 Block of N. CAMDEN DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE HOME)

9/2/2023, 1:20 p.m. at 300 Block of S. CANON DRIVE

DUI ARREST

8/27/2023, 9:21 p.m. at 300 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

HATE INCIDENT

8/31/2023, 4:40 p.m. at 9100 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

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9/4/2023, 12:01 a.m. 200 Block of S. ALMONT DRIVE

9/3/2023, 1:15 a.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

SHOPLIFT ROBBERY

8/30/2023, 6:30 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

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8/25/2023, 7 p.m. at 9400 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Do enough people know about what you do? Are they the people who will most benefit from your offering, or should you be opening yourself to a different group? You'll answer these questions and make money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your steadiness is a superpower. It doesn't come from being rigid, but from being rooted like the majestic oak, and flexible enough to bend with the wind. You'll provide a stable presence others seek emotional shelter in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are as many versions of love as there are people. Some love with words, others with total silence and careful listening. Some love with support, others with competition. You'll try and fit what you give to a need.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Those unaware of their image and the expectations attached to it can disappoint people by breaking promises they didn't even know they made. It's a reason you stay aware and curious about how you're being perceived.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Explaining a funny, exciting or amazing moment to someone who wasn't there isn't as easy as it seems. Everything has a context, which often doesn't translate, but your storytelling is on point today and you get lots of practice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want your environment to favor all the things you wish to do and be. It doesn't always have to happen with money. Think about what can be addressed without a purchase. Look at the need behind the need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because you surround yourself with lifelong learners, you can trust that people want to grow and improve. It's your turn to lead. You mostly support people in their efforts, give them resources and get out of the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't feel like doing what you told yourself to do. Take a break to reassess. Your inner rebel will resist you less when you remember that no one is forcing you. You're totally free to choose short-term or long-term pleasure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's no substitute for the information you can gather in close physical vicinity. If possible, meet in person. As

inconvenient as it may seem, it will be better in the long run for all involved, as well as for the project at hand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your ideas will tend toward the grand scale. Though it would be impractical (or impossible) to execute at the level of your vision, ultimately, these big dreams will be the reason for the extraordinary results you do get.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Each person brings out a different side of

you; often subtly so, but in today's case more obviously. You'll react in ways that surprise you. It's exciting to realize that each new person is a chance to know yourself more completely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to be looking at someone to know when they are looking at you. You sense attention even at great distances. You have the ability to feel an invisible wink. Be confident in what you know.



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THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE
09/08/23 ISSUE

WANNA BE STARTIN' SOMETHIN'
BY RICH KATZ / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Rich Katz, of Park City, Utah, does freelance work in corporate restructuring. This is his second crossword for The Times, following "The Final Frontier" in January. That puzzle had answers like DEATH EATER reinterpreted as D.E.A. THEATER ("Staging of a narc sting?") and PARK AVENUE as PARKA VENUE ("Iditarod, for one?"). For both puzzles, Rich's computer-savvy son searched databases for phrases that Rich could use as examples of his themes' wordplay. — W.S.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Noon, in France</p> <p>5 "Good Times" and "Happy Days," e.g.</p> <p>12 Trees whose berries flavor gin</p> <p>20 Thick soup noodle</p> <p>21 Kind of nerve that runs through the leg</p> <p>22 Clearing</p> <p>23 This puzzle has 21 of them</p> <p>24 Entitle?</p> <p>26 ___ horribilis (1992, per Queen Elizabeth)</p> <p>28 Unconventional protagonist</p> <p>29 Snoopy grp.</p> <p>30 Disreputable sorts</p> <p>32 Seasickness?</p> <p>38 Hash ingredients, informally</p> <p>39 Neighbor of Georgia</p> <p>42 Sport with two diacritics in its name</p> <p>43 Record holder</p> <p>45 Russian legislature</p> <p>48 Catch some rays</p> <p>49 Topped, as Tupperware</p> <p>51 Omission?</p> <p>55 Like this clue's number</p> <p>56 Occurs to, with "on"</p> <p>58 Big ___ (props)</p> <p>59 Craft project with rubber bands</p> <p>60 Bumbler</p> | <p>62 The "Y" of JPY</p> <p>63 Start of some praise</p> <p>65 Lay one's cards on the table?</p> <p>66 Pelvic exercise</p> <p>68 Befriend?</p> <p>71 Hanukkah pancake</p> <p>75 200 in the Indianapolis 500</p> <p>77 Door latch</p> <p>78 It might be pulled in a secret signal</p> <p>80 19th-century adversary of an 18-Down</p> <p>81 Child of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle</p> <p>84 Suffer</p> <p>85 Phil Dunphy of "Modern Family," for one</p> <p>87 Second picture in an alphabet book, maybe</p> <p>88 Gee whiz?</p> <p>92 Rang</p> <p>94 "___ Twist, Scientist" (hit children's book)</p> <p>95 Designer Gucci</p> <p>96 Idly amuses oneself</p> <p>98 Some unnamed addressees</p> <p>100 Ultimately be fine</p> <p>103 Puts forward</p> <p>105 Peashooter?</p> <p>108 Their sales spike in December</p> <p>110 Last installment of "The Godfather" (for now)</p> <p>111 Decorate again</p> <p>115 Because</p> <p>116 Embosses?</p> | <p>122 Chew</p> <p>123 Without letup</p> <p>124 Like tires</p> <p>125 Last-minute cry at a surprise party</p> <p>126 Exponentially</p> <p>127 "Egad!"</p> <p>128 Title that shares etymology with "kaiser"</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Artwork that's hard to move</p> <p>2 Words beginning 32 assertions in Dr. Seuss' "Green Eggs and Ham"</p> <p>3 Depose?</p> <p>4 Put down</p> <p>5 Info that's often only partly revealed: Abbr.</p> <p>6 Frigidity</p> <p>7 Costa Ricans, informally</p> <p>8 Sammy with 31 Oscar nominations</p> <p>9 "But then again ...," in a text</p> <p>10 ___ marker</p> <p>11 Few and far between</p> <p>12 Rahm who won the 2023 Masters</p> <p>13 News-agency inits.</p> <p>14 Classic brand of candy wafers</p> <p>15 Finish coloring, as a tattoo</p> <p>16 Versailles, for one</p> <p>17 Before, once</p> <p>18 19th-century adversary of an 80-Across</p> | <p>19 Perhaps</p> <p>25 Pronto</p> <p>27 Blockaded, militarily</p> <p>31 When "I'm in love," in a 1992 hit by the Cure</p> <p>33 Protagonist of a touching story?</p> <p>34 Rough up</p> <p>35 Got off the fence</p> <p>36 Pioneer in psychedelics</p> <p>37 Like flourless cake</p> <p>39 Canine calls</p> <p>40 Battle of Britain grp.</p> <p>41 Picture of good health, one hopes?</p> <p>44 Megagram</p> <p>46 Speck</p> <p>47 Popular typeface</p> <p>49 Car-key button</p> <p>50 Not up to much</p> <p>52 Funny sort</p> <p>53 Surface alternative</p> <p>54 Wait</p> <p>57 Some haunted-house decorations</p> <p>61 Home of India's National Museum</p> <p>63 To the slightest degree</p> <p>64 "Miracle Workers" cable channel</p> <p>65 Pair</p> <p>67 Ali who retired undefeated</p> <p>69 Like most Iranians</p> <p>70 Hell of a guy?</p> <p>72 Tee-ball game?</p> <p>73 Common site for a scrape</p> <p>74 Scraped (out)</p> <p>76 Certain spa treatment</p> |
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| <p>79 Blue, Charlie, Delta or Echo in "Jurassic World"</p> <p>81 Speechless with shock</p> <p>82 Word with station or silence</p> <p>83 "Of course," in Spanish</p> <p>84 "The thrill of victory ... and the ___ of defeat" ("Wide World of Sports" catchphrase)</p> <p>85 Unintended signal</p> | <p>86 Thomas Paine and Thomas Jefferson, for two</p> <p>89 Ancient theaters</p> <p>90 Politician with a famous "like" button?</p> <p>91 Part of some rappers' names</p> <p>93 "Eh? Eh?" [nudge, nudge]</p> <p>97 Way to get ahead in Life?</p> <p>99 Came and went unnoticed</p> | <p>101 Laura of "Big Little Lies"</p> <p>102 December door décor</p> <p>104 Singer Jon with the 1992 hit "Just Another Day"</p> <p>106 Rice dish simmered in broth</p> <p>107 Deceive</p> <p>108 "The Godfather" brother</p> <p>109 Pipe down?</p> <p>112 Farm-related prefix</p> | <p>113 Animal on a road sign</p> <p>114 First name in neo-Marxism?</p> <p>116 Keep ___</p> <p>117 ___ moment</p> <p>118 Savage of "Savage Love"</p> <p>119 Name of two Spice Girls</p> <p>120 Throw in</p> <p>121 QB's stat</p> |
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CASE NO: 21STCV32851

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DATE: August 11, 2023
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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:
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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
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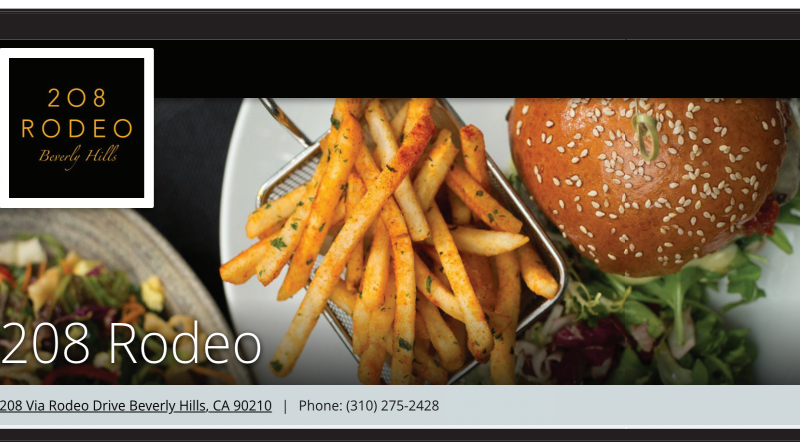
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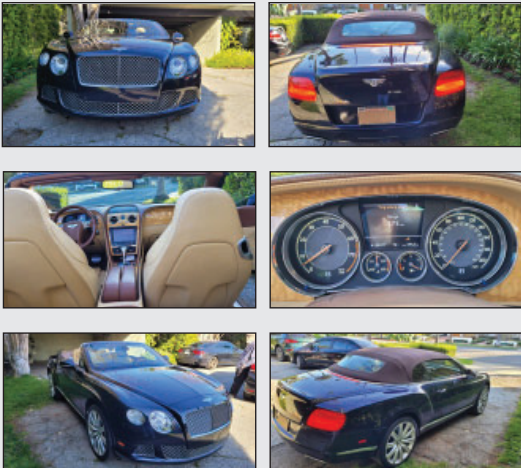
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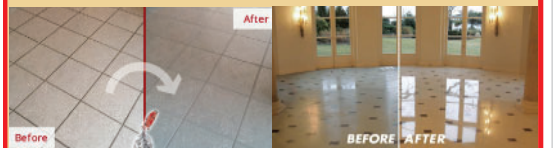
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