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BHPD Captures Murder Suspect



Photo courtesy LAPD

Beverly Hills Police Chief Mark Stainbrook (far left) joins L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, L.A. Police Chief Michel Moore, District Attorney George Gascon and L.A. County Sheriff Robert Luna at Dec. 2 press conference.

BY ERIC LICAS

Beverly Hills police officers detained a 33-year-old Los Angeles man last week who was suspected of killing the victim of a follow-home robbery in San Dimas and three homeless people in Los Angeles. The

individual, 33-year-old Jerrid Joseph Powell, was arrested by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and charged with four counts of murder, one count of residential robbery and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was held without See BHPD, page 14

Sharon Persovski Declares City Council Candidacy

BY CLARA HARTER

Building designer, nonprofit leader and former Architecture Commission Chair Sharon Persovski has entered the 2024 City Council race. She jumps into a crowded field of candidates hoping to fill the seats currently held by Councilmember Lili Bosse and Mayor Dr. Julian Gold.

Persovski believes that her history of leadership on the Architecture Commission and at BHUSD makes her well qualified for the position, while decades of experience in the world of architecture and design set her apart from her fellow candidates.

"When you think about all the different developments that come to the city, it is very important that the skills of architecture and design be applied when analyzing proposed projects," she told the Courier. "That



Former Architecture Commission Chair Sharon Persovski has declared her candidacy for the 2024 City Council election.

experience allows you to make informed decisions on whether you should approve the project, deny it or offer suggestions to make it better."

See SHARON PERSOVSKI, page 15

Council Supports Israeli Flag Art Installation

BY CLARA HARTER

The Beverly Hills City Council has long made clear its support for Israel and its condemnation of Hamas' Oct. 7 attacks. Starting in the new year, that message will be sent even louder through a massive display of Israeli flags in Beverly Gardens Park.

The art installation was proposed by the Israeli Consulate General and received the council's wholehearted support during a special Dec. 5 Study Session.

During the session, council also approved its meeting calendar up to the March 5 elections, made several commission reappointments and gave the go-ahead to a traffic calming pilot program on Clifton Way.

The art installation will have approximately 1,400 flags with each representing the nationality of a victim of the Oct. 7 attack. While the majority of the flags will be Israeli, the installation will demonstrate that the attacks claimed the lives of people from several different countries.

The display was initially proposed to be located outside of City Hall, but the See STUDY SESSION, page 15

City Council Approves New Labor Contracts

BY JOEY WALDINGER

Following seven months of labor negotiations, the Beverly Hills City Council on Dec. 5 voted 4-1 to approve the city's contracts with its six non-sworn employee associations.

The council approved the contracts with little debate, saying they were happy with the outcome of the negotiations and thankful for a staff that works hard to keep the city running. It was the second public hearing of the negotiating process, as required by the city's labor relations ordinance, though no public comments were made.

"The commitment from all of our staff and especially the leadership makes ... the

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Courier Calendar

NOW - DEC. 15

IAMA THEATRE COMPANY: “RADICAL OR, ARE YOU GONNA MISS ME?”
2 P.M., 8 P.M.

After being bailed out of jail by her estranged sister, Belinda must reconcile the person she was with the person she feels she’s destined to become. Commissioned by IAMA Theatre Company, “Radical or, are you gonna miss me?” by Isaac Gómez tells the sweeping story of three women on the Mexican American border who, more than anything, desperately want to be seen – and who will do anything in their power to make themselves known, no matter how great the cost. The play is a personal look at the political divide within one Mexican American family and the nuances within communities that often are viewed as single-minded. Performances are \$40. Showings of “Radical” are at the Atwater Village Theatre at 3269 Casitas Ave., Los Angeles. iamatheatre.com

NOW - DEC. 17

BEVERLY HILLS PLAYHOUSE:
“BOB’S OFFICE HOLIDAY PARTY”
FRI.-SAT. 8 P.M.
SUN. 7 P.M.

Beverly Hills Playhouse presents the 25th season of “Bob’s Office Holiday Party.” In the show, every year, insurance agent Bob Finhead’s whacked out friends and clients stop by his small-town Iowa office for their annual holiday bash. The town mayor, the sheriff, the twin farmer sisters, the stoner, the town floozy and the pastor’s wife have already RSVP’d for this year’s event. But Bob has dreams of a bigger life and wants to escape their narrow-minded thinking. The Beverly Hills Playhouse is located at 254 S. Robertson Blvd., Beverly Hills. General admission is \$35 and VIP admission is \$45. The show runs for approximately 90 minutes and is recommended for audiences 16 and older. onstage411.com/BHOP

NOW - DEC. 17

THEATRE 40: “THE HALF-LIGHT”
SAT. 7:30 P.M., SUN. 2 P.M.

Theatre 40 presents the West Coast premiere of “The Half-Life” by Monica Wood. After an intriguing encounter with a psychic, a college secretary asks herself if certain people can be trained to see the dead. Iris’s pursuit of an answer leads to a more earthbound challenge when her beloved colleague, Andrew, is suddenly felled by grief. Armed with her own intuition and the garrulous enthusiasm of her friend Helen, Iris attempts to coax Andrew back to the land of the living. In the meantime, Helen faces off with her daughter, Teresa, who believes her house is haunted. These four characters’ entwined journeys all tilt toward the same goal: to be fully seen in the light and the half-light by another living being. Tickets are \$35. Theatre 40 is located at 241 S. Moreno Drive, Beverly Hills. The venue is on the campus of Beverly Hills High School. theatre40.org

NOW - DEC. 24

A NOISE WITHIN:
“A CHRISTMAS CAROL”
2 P.M., 7 P.M.

A Noise Within’s festive, musically merry stage adaptation of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” has become a Los Angeles tradition with its innovative staging, whimsical costumes, original music and boundless good cheer. Audiences are invited to arrive early to enjoy special snacks, crafts and photo opportunities in the decorated lobby and to stay after the performance to take pictures with the cast. General admission tickets start at \$29 and student tickets start at \$18. A Noise Within is located at 3352 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena. anoisewithin.org

NOW - JAN. 21, 2024

LACMA: “WOVEN HISTORIES: TEXTILES AND MODERN ABSTRACTION”
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 “Woven Histories: Textiles and Modern Abstraction,” which foregrounds a robust if overlooked strand in art history’s modernist narratives by tracing how, when and why abstract art intersected with woven textiles (and such pre-loom technologies as basketry, knotting and netting) over the past century. Although at times unevenly weighted, the diverse exchanges, alignments, affiliations and affinities that have brought these art forms into dialogue constitute an ongoing if intermittent narrative in which one art repeatedly impacts and even redefines the other. In short, the relationship between abstract art and woven textiles can best be described as co-constitutive and their histories as interdependent. With over 150 works by an international and transhistorical roster of artists, this exhibition reveals how shifting relations among abstract art, fashion, design and craft shaped recurrent aesthetic, cultural and socio-political forces, as they, in turn, were impacted by modernist art forms. Tickets to LACMA are free for those 17 years old and younger and for L.A. County residents after 3 p.m. on Mon.-Fri. Otherwise, adults are \$20 and seniors/students with ID are \$16. LACMA is located at 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles. lacma.org

DEC. 9

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM:
“HOLIDAY FAMILY FAIRE”
11 A.M.-5 P.M.

Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum presents the third annual Holiday Family

Faire at its spectacular outdoor venue in Topanga where carolers, singing madrigals and other performers roam the grounds, Theatricum company members tell winter holiday stories from a variety of traditions. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available to take family photos. An artisan marketplace will offer holiday gifts and crafts, and festive food and drink will be available for purchase. Caroling with Theatricum company members and a special outdoor screening of “The Muppet Christmas Carol” will begin immediately after the Faire at 5 p.m. (available with Faire admission for an additional \$20 or separate admission for \$25.) theatricum.com

DEC. 9 - 10

THEATRE WEST: “SO MANY STARS”
SAT. 8 P.M.
SUN. 2 P.M.

Theatre West presents “So Many Stars,” a musical cabaret show that celebrates more than the season with music and song. The show was created and directed by Victoria Lavan and produced by Dina Morrone. Featured artists include Alyssa Rupert, Constance Mellors, Harleigh Ford, Michael Van Duzer, Paul Cady, Rick Simone-Friedland, Scottie Nevil, Victoria Lavan and special guest artists Bryce Charles, Vertreace Sanders, Jaylen Ty’ron and Charles Johnson. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door and \$30 for students, military and veterans. Theatre West is located at 3333 Cahuenga Blvd. West, Los Angeles. Children under the age of 6 are not admitted unless the production is advertised for younger audiences. Regardless of age, everyone must have a ticket and be able to sit quietly through the performance. theatrewest.org

DEC. 14

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA:
“NAVIGATING CHAOS AND DIVISION TOGETHER: FINDING OUR SHARED HUMANITY”
6:30-8 P.M.

Holocaust Museum LA presents, amidst an unprecedented surge in hate crimes, an event featuring leaders whose work is focused on education and bridge building for a conversation about improving relations and addressing shared concerns. It is presented in collaboration with NewGround: A Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change. The talk features Jordanna Gessler, Vice President of Education and Exhibits at Holocaust Museum LA, Aziza Hasan, Executive Director of NewGround, and Joumana Silyan-Saba, Director of Policy and Discrimination Enforcement for the City of Los Angeles. Attendance is free and RSVP is available online. Holocaust Museum LA is located at 100 The Grove Dr, Los Angeles. holocaustmuseumla.org



Photo by Craig Schwartz

The ensemble of A Noise Within’s production of “A Christmas Carol”

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BHUSD Finances Stronger Than Expected for Next Year

BY ERIC LICAS

A larger-than-expected contribution of tax dollars and increased spending from the city improved the Beverly Hills Unified School District's financial outlook for the upcoming year, district officials reported on Dec. 5.

It will wind up with over \$32.5 million in its reserve fund for economic uncertainty, BHUSD Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Raphael Guzman told the district's Board of Education during their most recent meeting. That's over \$3 million more than what they planned to have set aside when they approved the budget for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year in June.

"The reason why we're seeing this positive move has to do with two things: our property taxes are much higher than we projected and, of course, the JPA revenues coming in at where they came in," BHUSD Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Raphael Guzman said.

Local property taxes contributed nearly \$69 million to the district's projected funds, over \$1.97 million more than what officials were expecting to receive. And additional

funding included in its most recent joint powers agreement with the city added \$1.86 million to its coffers.

"That's a pretty big swing compared to what we were estimating when we did the adopted budget," Guzman said.

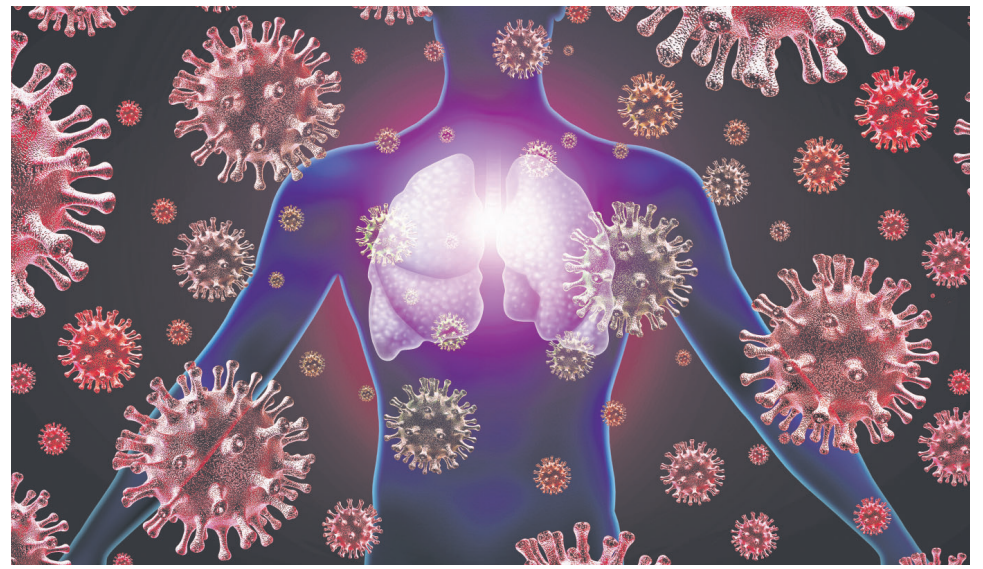
The growth in reserve funds comes despite rises in projected costs, according to the district's most recent reports. They expect to spend almost \$98 million to operate in the upcoming school year, which is over \$1.4 million more than what they had budgeted in June.

Higher prices for electricity and other utilities contribute to a large portion of the increase in costs, Guzman said. More funding for special education programs and additional grant-funded projects and improvements account for most of the added expenses.

The district's rosy financial outlook allowed current Board of Education President Noah Margo to end his tenure on a high note. His term at the head of the body ends at the end of the year.

"I want to wish the students good luck
See BHUSD, page 13

Winter Viruses on the Rise



Respiratory virus metrics have increased across Los Angeles County in the past week, indicating a steady rise in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), COVID-19 and influenza (flu) activity. The increases are relatively small and indicator numbers remain well below levels seen last year at this time; however, they clearly represent what appears to be the beginning of the winter virus season.

This week, the Los Angeles County

Department of Public Health (Public Health) launched the Respwatch Surveillance Dashboard. This dashboard is updated weekly on Fridays and shares information on flu, COVID-19 and RSV, and allows residents to track information in one convenient location. The dashboard includes information on clinical laboratory surveillance, emergency department visits and wastewater

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City Hosts Annual Employee Lunch

The city of Beverly Hills hosted its annual Holiday Employee Lunch on Dec. 6. In addition to a delicious meal, attendees were treated to a visit by Santa himself, aka Mayor Dr. Julian Gold.



Assistant City Manager Ryan Gohlich, BHPD Chief Mark Stainbrook, Councilmember Lili Bosse and Director of Community Services Stephanie Harris lend their services at the Holiday Employee Lunch.



Mayor Dr. "Santa" was a highlight of the event.



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
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Beverly Hills Ballerinas Shine in ‘The Nutcracker’

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Five Beverly Hills ballerinas took to the stage in Southern California’s longest-running rendition of “The Nutcracker.” The Westside Ballet’s 50th-anniversary edition of the legendary ballet began a sold-out eight-performance run on Thanksgiving weekend at The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage in Santa Monica. This year, the Courier attended a performance in which Westside Ballet alumna and special guest star Tiler Peck danced the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Peck, a Principal Dancer with the New York City Ballet, is considered one of the preeminent dancers in the country today. She studied with Westside Ballet co-founder Yvonne Mounsey before joining the School of American Ballet at age 14.

“Yvonne Mounsey and her school had a tremendous impact on my training and it was wonderful to share the stage with her students and carry on her legacy. I know Yvonne would have been so happy to see so many of her alumni returning to inspire the next generation,” Peck told the Courier.

That next generation put on a dazzling display of talent in the program. Five Beverly Hills pre-professional student dancers deserve

particular mention: Chloe Meyer, 13, Billie Dane, 13, Elle Shim, 14, Willa Cross, 15 and Jenne Shim, 16 (who excelled in the role of the Snow Queen).

The production itself featured over 107 dancers, 225 costumes, and four elaborate settings that included a growing tree, angels gliding on clouds and falling snow. And the Santa Monica College Symphony Orchestra provided a masterful performance of the iconic Tchaikovsky score.

Meyer, who performed as one of the Crystal Bells, noted that she especially loves performing for families that have not seen “The Nutcracker” before.

“There are always people in the audience who are seeing the costumes, the magic or hearing the music for the first time. It’s fun to look out into the audience and see their smiling faces,” she remarked.

At the matinee the Courier attended, the faces with the biggest smiles belonged to young girls. Attending a production of “The Nutcracker” in a frilly party dress is always something of a rite of passage. In this case, it was also an opportunity to admire the dedication, artistry and hard work of local young women who, like Peck, may

very well find themselves on the national stage some day.

In light of the fact that this year’s production sold out quickly, the producers of the Westside Ballet’s 50th “Nutcracker” have provided links for the community to watch

the performance for a limited time.

For Vimeo, visit <https://vimeo.com/888968873> and for YouTube, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLQOoGigeA&feature=youtu.be>.



Photo by Anne Slattery

Beverly Hills students who recently performed in Westside Ballet’s sold-out 50th rendition of “The Nutcracker” backstage on opening night are (from left): Elle Shim (14), Billie Dane (13), Willa Cross (15), Jenne Shim (16) and Chloe Meyer (13).

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Rotary Club Hosts Holiday Party



The Rotary Club of Beverly Hills held its Annual Holiday Party on Dec. 2 for 24 children from the Salvation Army Transition House, and the Monterey Park Boys and Girls Club. The event, chaired by Wanda Presburger, Rebecca Starkins, Tiffany Davis and DeAnne Yamada, was hosted at the Beverly Hills Police Station, followed by lunch at the Fire Station, where the children learned what it takes to be a firefighter and received gifts provided by members of the Rotary Club.

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‘The Zone of Interest’—In the Eyes of the Beholder



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Sandra Hüller as Hedwig Höss

BY NEELY SWANSON

I am the child, grandchild and cousin of Holocaust survivors. It colors so much of what I think about the world and the people who inhabit it. It's why I'm hopeful; it's why I'm despondent.

Jonathan Glazer's new film, loosely based on the Martin Amis novel of the same name, more closely hews to the imagined reality of the actual individuals who inhabited "the zone of interest," the 40 square kilometer area surrounding the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

Rudolph Höss, the most successful, and I use that word ironically, commandant of Auschwitz, was, in all likelihood, personally responsible for more murders than any other individual in the Third Reich. "The Zone of Interest," written and directed by Jonathan Glazer, opens on the bucolic scene of a family picnicking and swimming at a lush green waterside. Heading back, they forage for berries and enjoy the fresh air, painting the seemingly idyllic life outside the walls of the camp where Höss lived with his wife and five children.

Wife Hedwig creates an Eden for all of them in their lovely two-story Germanic chalet with multiple bedrooms to accommodate their five children, idyllic gardens, both decorative and practical, cooks who

deliver delicious meals and servants who clean up every speck of dirt dropped inadvertently on the floor. Every day, they wake up to a served breakfast, children dressed in their Aryan best, coffee hot as they send off the paterfamilias to his job at the camp on his favorite chestnut steed. Another day at the office.

Hedwig, deliriously happy in this home- stead, is unperturbed by anything outside the boundary of their home. She tends to the garden, has tea with friends and looks in on her baby. She takes note of nothing beyond her garden wall where giant smoke stacks are spewing smoke and sometimes fire 24 hours a day. She generously allows the servants to choose one item from among the silken contraband taken from anonymous souls arriving on "the other side of the wall," always keeping the best for herself. Frumpy she may be in her typical German hausfrau dresses and sensible brown shoes, but she is the proud owner of a full-length mink in need of cleaning and a few minor repairs. God is good to her and her family.

Hedwig is especially pleased when her mother comes for a visit. She can only offer her a shared bedroom with one of the children but other luxuries await. Mother, impressed, is a bit curious about the surroundings, wondering if her old employer is ensconced in the camp, the rich Jewess for

whom she worked as a maid. Oh, Hedwig replies blithely, she'd be on "the other side of the wall." Mother remarked that she had bid on the woman's curtains when she was taken away. She had really loved those curtains. Are any of the servants Jews, she wonders? Oh, no! All the Jews are on "the other side of the wall." There is no point in giving "the other side of the wall" much thought even as the smoke stacks keep firing and the ash settles in the opposite direction.

Rudolph has news that he's reluctant to tell his wife. He has just been promoted to Inspector General of all camps but must move to the Berlin area. She reacts, as he knew she would, badly, arranging for a compromise whereby he can go to Berlin but they will stay in their glorious house, one they will not be able to duplicate elsewhere. How can he possibly make them suffer? Has he no empathy? No pity? At the root, however, for this daughter of the serving class, is also the fear of Berlin society and how she will be marginalized. In Auschwitz she is a queen, commanding all around her. How can he ask her to give up picnics at the riverside, swimming in their pool, parties catered by their own servants? If he is incapable of appealing to the Führer himself to allow him to stay, then he must find a way for her and the children to remain.

Rudolph, a prisoner of his own success,

cannot turn down a promotion based on the skill he has exercised in the efficient gassing of the prisoners "on the other side of the wall." One moment he is celebrating his birthday with family and subordinates and the next, sitting at his dining table, he is discussing the engineering of a more efficient crematorium with two contractors. It was, no doubt, after a dinner of schnitzel and apple strudel that his idea to use the pesticide Zyklon B as a more efficient gassing agent came to him. Hedwig, uninterested in such things that don't involve her or anyone she knows, is more concerned with her garden. Still, out of sorts because of the impending change, she becomes surly, threatening a servant who has not wiped up a spot quickly enough. "You know," she says to the girl. "I can have my husband take care of you and scatter your ashes in my garden." These are the trials and tribulations of a woman managing a household on the new eastern frontier. That he will leave and eventually return with a new mandate, the execution of the recently deported Jewish population of Hungary, underscores the matter-of-fact nature to these horrors and Hedwig's continued indifference.

The banality of evil, erroneously used to describe Adolph Eichmann, is exactly what is in play in "The Zone of Interest." As See 'THE ZONE OF INTEREST,' page 10



HELPFUL TIPS TO MAKE YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIVING EASIER

By Natella Royzman

With year-end fast approaching, many people begin thinking about making their charitable gifts. My colleagues at the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles (The Foundation) and I created this list of helpful tips to make your 2023 year-end giving a little easier and smarter.

TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR.

To keep up with ever-changing tax laws, reach out to your professional advisors to discuss your financial situation. The sooner you understand your tax outlook for this year, the greater time and opportunity available for you to do some meaningful charitable planning.

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help you create a giving plan to support your favorite charities more strategically versus making “one-off” donations. Or we can identify best-in-class programs to consider supporting based on your interests and values, and also help you involve your family in the giving process. If you have no heirs, we can assist you in creating a thoughtful plan for your legacy.

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About the author: Natella Royzman is vice president of charitable gift planning at the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles which manages more than \$1 billion in charitable assets for more than 1,400 families. In 2022, The Foundation and its donors directed more than \$160 million in grants to the Jewish and broader community locally, nationally and in Israel.

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“The Zone of Interest”

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“THE ZONE OF INTEREST,” from page 8 death swirls around them, the Höss family has more important things to think about. Is son Klaus’ Hitler Youth uniform properly pressed? Will the baby stop crying? And who is dragging mud into the foyer? Are there enough layers to the birthday cake? The cozy domesticity of the family is an effective mask for the outside reality.

What, Glazer posits in this outstanding and chilling film, can be viewed as normal? How much can humans absorb and/or ignore? How, we have asked repeatedly over millennia, is it possible to completely dehumanize a people so that their suffering and extermination are routine happenstance? And why do we keep doing it? When will we become “the other” and when will they come for us?

Much of this story was actually filmed adjacent to Auschwitz, lending an even greater sense of chilling authenticity. As a UNESCO heritage site, nothing could be changed on the actual property, so production designer Chris Oddy recreated what the house and the camp would have looked like when it was new, 80 years ago. Cinematographer Lukasz Żal, instructed by Glazer to go for an improvisational feeling, filmed from a bunker, tracking the actors in long, continuous shots. In reshooting scenes, continuity was abandoned in favor of a feeling of spontaneity.

But this Grand Prize winner at Cannes in 2023 would not be the film it is without

the two lead actors—Christian Friedel as Rudolf Höss and Sandra Hüller as Hedwig. A theater-trained actor, Friedel has found a chilling monotony to his character’s daily routine and acceptance of the doctrine he follows day in and day out. This is a man who will be at Eichmann’s right hand as they implement the “Final Solution,” a code so exacting that, in the end, Höss will have been responsible for the execution of 1.5 million souls. Just a typical day at the office.

Sandra Hüller, so outstanding and unnerving in “Anatomy of a Fall,” the winner of the 2023 Cannes Palme d’Or, is almost unrecognizable as a German hausfrau frumpily dressed, pin-curled hair, downturned mouth and rigid posture. Her lack of empathy is a natural part of her personality, furrowing her brow over poorly roasted potatoes and cake that doesn’t meet her standards. There is no “other side of the wall” for her, only her side, chillingly dismissing what she doesn’t acknowledge.

Just another Holocaust movie? I think not. The dismissal of “the other” has been ongoing for centuries and continues today, perhaps not the gassing and burning, but definitely the deliberate indifference to cruelty and death of those who are not us. The more things change, the more they remain the same. I am despondent.

In German with English subtitles.

Opening December 15 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.

“LOVE ACTUALLY LIVE” Red Carpet

Cast members and celebrities attended the red carpet premiere of “LOVE ACTUALLY LIVE” on Nov. 29 at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the holiday film, performed on stage at The Wallis through Dec. 30. The cast includes Grace Kinstler (“American Idol” finalist - season 19); Chris Mann (“The Voice” finalist - season 2); Drew Seeley (Emmy-nominee, “Disney’s High School Musical”); Cheyenne Isabel Wells (“Grease: Rise of the Pink Ladies”); Rex Smith (RIAA Gold-recording artist); Madison Taylor Baez (“America’s Got Talent Gold Buzzer” winner - season 17, Showtime’s “Let The Right One In,” Netflix’ “Selena: The Series”) and Brian McKnight Jr. (R&B singer/songwriter).



Chris Mann and Drew Seeley at “Love Actually Live” red carpet



Brian McKnight Jr and Cheyenne Isabel Wells

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Menorah Lighting in Beverly Hills



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Mayor Dr. Gold addresses the crowd at the ceremony.



Mary Wells, Councilwoman Sharona Nazarian, Alissa Roston, Councilmember Lili Bosse and Sharon Persovski at the ceremony.

Mayor Dr. Julian Gold and members of the Beverly Hills City Council welcomed members of the community to a Menorah Lighting Celebration at Beverly Gardens Park on the first night of Hanukkah. In his remarks, Gold acknowledged the presence of Beverly Hills Police Chief Mark Stainbrook and Beverly Hills Fire Chief Greg Barton. He emphasized the importance of family during this meaningful Festival of Lights. And, he urged the crowd of hundreds to stand strong in these unimaginable times.



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on finals,” Margo said at the close of the meeting. “I won’t have an opportunity to do that again.”

But even with the current school year winding down, there will still be a flurry of activity as the district celebrates the holiday season with students and families. Campuses throughout the district will be putting on concerts from now through the start of winter break on Dec. 22.

“It is a marathon of things we are so proud of, and I want to give a special thank you to the teachers that put on these performances and these events, especially for

those schools that are making it work in performance spaces that are not in their schools,” BHUSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy said. “That’s not an easy thing to do.”

Additionally, the Parent Teacher Association will be hosting a toy drive through Dec. 14. Those interested in donating new, unwrapped toys can drop gifts off at any of the district’s schools, Bregy said. The toys will wind up going to children in the Compton Unified School District.

“This definitely will change how many kids feel about the holidays,” Bregy said. ●



The BHUSD School Board held its most recent meeting on Dec. 5.

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city the beautiful place that it is," Mayor Dr. Julian Gold said. "You don't find that everywhere, and we're very fortunate for that. It's much of what keeps Beverly Hills the way Beverly Hills is."

"It was definitely a thorough negotiation," Councilmember Sharona Nazarian added. "The cost of living has gone up, so we want to be able to support our employees and I feel that this is a fair and balanced agreement."

Councilmember John Mirisch, who cast the sole dissenting vote, also praised the city's employees for their service but said that the contracts did not implement needed pension reforms.

"I can't support an agreement that does not address the pension system," Mirisch said. "I think we need to move to either a hybrid plan or a defined contribution system such as - and this would be very generous - but such as is available for people in the private sector."

Under the new contracts, which expire Oct. 2, 2026, each of the six employee associations will see salary increases over the next three years, according to a staff report. Though the first-year increases vary for some of the associations, all will receive a 4.5% increase in the second and third years.

Additionally, each association will receive a paid holiday on Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19, as well as increased health benefits and compensatory time off, which is earned in lieu of overtime pay.

Members of the Municipal Employees' Association part-time unit also received

vision insurance and the options to enroll in a flexible spending account and apply for internal promotional opportunities.

The new contracts also increase reimbursements for tools, safety boots and glasses purchased by employees, increases the number of vacation hours that employees can cash out on, and raises the maximum benefits of long-term disability insurance for certain employee associations.

Another provision allows the city to make schedule changes without meeting and conferring with employees.

According to a staff report, the new contracts will result in a spending increase of approximately \$12.6 million over the three-year period, and the council also voted to appropriate \$1.177 million for the 2023-24 fiscal year to cover the difference between what was budgeted and what was negotiated.

That money is being drawn from 16 different funds, with \$660,000, by far the largest amount, coming from the general fund.

The six employee associations include the Municipal Employees' Association full-time unit, the Municipal Employees' Association part-time unit, the Beverly Hills Confidential Employees' Association, the Beverly Hills Supervisors' Association, the Management and Professional Employees' Association, and the Safety Support Association.

For more information on the negotiations and agreements, visit [beverlyhills.org/departments/humanresources/negotiations/](https://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/humanresources/negotiations/). ●

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concentrations in comparison to previous seasons.

Public Health notes that during this season, vaccination is the best defense against severe illness and hospitalization and is especially important for people who are older or have underlying health conditions. The updated COVID-19 vaccine is available across Los Angeles County. The COVID-19 vaccine, in addition to the flu vaccine, is recommended for everyone 6 months and older. The new vaccine is recommended regardless of previous vaccination status, meaning those with and without previous COVID-19 vaccines should still get the updated 2023-2024 dose.

People who are 60 and older should speak with their provider about an RSV vaccine. RSV vaccination is also recommended for people who are between 32-36 weeks pregnant and immunizations are available for infants under 8 months old.

COVID-19 home tests remain an important tool to reduce the spread of COVID-19 this winter.

Testing is strongly recommended for people who have been exposed to COVID-19, people who have possible symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough or sore throat, and for those who are attending gatherings or visiting with people who may be more vulnerable to a severe COVID-19 infection, especially people who are over 65 years old.

To avoid spreading another respiratory infection, like flu or RSV, individuals with respiratory symptoms who test negative for COVID-19 should mask indoors while around

others. It is most accurate to take a second COVID-19 test 48 hours after the first test if respiratory symptoms persist.

When a person tests negative for COVID-19, yet still has symptoms of a respiratory virus, they may have a flu or RSV infection and should stay home to prevent the spread of illness. For a flu infection, a health care provider can prescribe antivirals, if appropriate, which can reduce the severity and duration of illness.

Adults and children 12 years and older who test or are suspected positive for COVID-19 and who have underlying health conditions or factors that may result in more severe illness from COVID-19 are eligible to take Paxlovid, which must be started within five days of symptom onset. Public Health encourages everyone to speak with their provider about Paxlovid if they test positive.

Paxlovid, the antiviral medication to treat COVID-19, is widely available in Los Angeles County at no cost. Currently there is ample supply of Paxlovid courses, provided through the U.S. government, available at Los Angeles County pharmacies, Public Health Centers and through Public Health telehealth services, provided free to residents through the Public Health Call Center at 1-833-540-0473, open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Public Health Call Center can also answer questions about respiratory symptoms, how to find a Public Health Center, where to get vaccinated or how to get tested and help to schedule vaccination appointments, including in-home vaccinations for people who are homebound. ●

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bail as of press time and scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 8, according to online inmate records.

If convicted as charged, Powell could receive a maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office.

During a Dec. 2 press conference held by Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna, Los Angeles Police Chief Michael Moore and Beverly Hills Police Chief Mark Stainbrook, details emerged of the events leading up to Powell's arrest.

On Nov. 28, surveillance footage showed that 42-year-old Nicholas Simbolon's Tesla was followed from an EV charging station in West Covina by a gray BMW 440i before he was shot and killed in his garage. The sedan that had been tailing the victim was spotted by automated license plate readers the following evening and then stopped by Beverly Hills Police Department officers near Santa Monica Boulevard and Rexford Drive.

"Between the great job of our dispatchers and our virtual patrol officers, they were able to direct officers to where the vehicle was, stop that individual and take him into custody safely, which I think is very important because he wasn't complying initially with the instructions officers were giving him," Stainbrook said during the news conference.

The BMW's driver, Powell, was placed in Sheriff's Department custody. A gun found inside the sedan was linked to not only Simbolon's death, but the killings of three homeless men in Los Angeles last week, Moore said.

The victim of the first homicide in Los Angeles, 37-year-old Jose Villamos, was killed Nov. 26 at about 3 a.m. in an alley behind 836 W. 110th St. The next victim, 62-year-old Mark Diggs, died shortly before 5 a.m. Nov. 27.

The fourth person Powell was suspected

of killing was found on Nov. 29 at about 2:30 a.m. near South Avenue 18 and Pasadena Avenue. That victim's identity was not immediately released, pending the notification of his relatives.

Amidst what appeared to be a streak of related homicides targeting homeless people, Bass urged those living on the street to "try not to sleep alone tonight." City officials encouraged unhoused members of the community to seek shelter as law enforcement searched for a possible serial killer.

"Living on the streets, we already know, is dangerous, and we already know that four to five people die each day on our streets from a range of causes," Bass said during a Dec. 1 news conference. "And violence is certainly one of them. But I want to be very clear about what we're facing today: this is a killer who is preying on the unhoused."

The automated license plate reader that flagged Powell's car is part of an advanced security infrastructure woven throughout Beverly Hills that includes 50 such devices in addition to 2,400 cameras monitored 24 hours a day, Stainbrook said. The department's Real Time Watch Center assisted in the arrest of 62 and the recovery of 110 stolen vehicles within the first year of its establishment last June, city officials noted in a news release.

Both Stainbrook and Luna applauded the technology for its role in the case. However, it has been criticized by privacy advocates concerned about law enforcement's use of vast security networks that inevitably track the movement of potential criminals and law-abiding citizens alike at all times.

"We know there's controversy about the usage of this system," Luna said. "But let us tell our community something: if we did not enter that plate into the system, this individual that we believe is responsible for at least four murders may have been out there and reoffending. And he was victimizing, as was said, some of our most vulnerable community members." ●



Rendering of proposed Israeli flag art installation to honor the victims of Hamas' Oct. 7 attack

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Consulate General expressed concerns about limited space and visibility and requested it instead be placed in Beverly Gardens Park surrounding the Peace and Love sculptures.

"I wholeheartedly agree that City Hall is not the right space for it," said

Councilmember Sharona Nazarian. "I think that what we want to do with this display is to have it serve as an impactful display that is going to send a very clear message."

"Right now, with all the antisemitism that's happening, I think that Beverly Hills really serves as a beacon of hope for a lot

of Jews when they see that our community stands side-by-side and in solidarity with Israel."

All council members agreed on the importance of the display, but also shared concerns about security and vandalism threats.

"I don't want us to be reactive, I want us to be proactive and I want us to think about what potentially could happen and get ahead of it," said Councilmember Lili Bosse. "If we're going to do this, which I wholeheartedly with all of my soul support, I also feel it's our responsibility to provide a safe way for people to use that space."

Beverly Hills Police Chief Mark Stainbrook said that the police department will dedicate extra resources to monitor the installation, such as drones and camera surveillance through its Real Time Watch Center. And while the department will try its hardest to prevent any incidents, officers are prepared to investigate cases of vandalism as hate crimes where appropriate, he added.

In the study session, council also gave its support to a proposed six-month traffic calming pilot program on Clifton Way between Robertson and La Cienega boulevards. This initiative has been in the works since 2021 and council is looking forward to installing the temporary calming measures to address long-standing concerns about speeding in the residential community.

"The goal is to try and make the residential quality of life one where people don't

use residential streets as cut throughs, so I wholeheartedly support this and I'm happy we're doing it," said Bosse.

After thoroughly studying the area and conducting multiple meetings and surveys with residents, staff settled on a series of traffic circles and curb extensions for the pilot program.

The traffic circles will be installed on Clifton Way at the intersections of Arnaz Drive and Le Doux Road—two heavily trafficked streets—to indicate to drivers that they are entering a residential neighborhood and to encourage slower vehicle speeds.

The curb extensions strategically narrow the width of the road at key intersections to slow traffic and promote pedestrian visibility. They will be located at the intersections of Hamel Drive, Willaman Drive, Carson Road and Stanley Drive.

Installation could begin as early as January 2024, and the program is intended to last six months, after which point residents, staff members, and Traffic Commissioners will help determine whether it should be made permanent or if any adjustments are needed.

"I think it's a great idea because it gives us a test for treatments we can use for other parts of town and we should make residents who are concerned about traffic in other parts of town aware and say, 'Hey come down and have a look'," said Councilmember John Mirisch. "I'm completely supportive." ●

SHARON PERSOVSKI, from page 1

If elected, her top priorities would be ensuring public safety, supporting entrepreneurship, advancing urban infrastructure and combating antisemitism.

"Right now, the city is facing very challenging times and I feel like it's important to improve the safety of our city," she told the Courier. "I would love to see an increase of police officers in the streets, especially now that the Metro is going to open and bring more people into Beverly Hills."

Persovski was raised in Mexico City's historic and tight-knit Jewish community and has been heavily impacted by the Oct. 7 attacks and subsequent spike in antisemitic hate.

"Sadly, we have seen a dramatic increase in antisemitic hate crimes in our city. We must do everything we can to rid ourselves of this threat," Persovski said. "Beverly Hills is for Jews and non-Jews alike; as Americans, we stand together, and we stand for Israel."

Persovski received her degree in Environmental Graphics Design with a specialization in Interior Design and Architecture from the renowned Universidad Iberoamericana. She went on to design multimillion-dollar hotels, retail, commercial and residential projects all over the world—from Hong Kong to China, Singapore, Tokyo, the U.S., Mexico, Venezuela and Colombia.

She leveraged this knowledge and experience while serving on the Architecture Commission from 2016 to 2022. As chair, she ensured the committee did not miss a beat throughout the turbulence of the pandemic and continued to review dozens of commercial, retail and residential design proposals.

As the mother of two BHUSD graduates, she has also been closely involved in the school system.

She ran an extremely successful iteration of the National PTA's Reflections Art Program at BHUSD. This annual competition collects artworks crafted from over 300,000 students in pre-K through Grade 12 across the nation. Persovski was also a member of the BHUSD's Arts Committee and helped develop the Master Arts Education Plan for 2015-2018.

In addition, she founded the nonprofit organization Smiles Through Art and is a member of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce.

"The Beverly Hills City Council needs someone to bring innovation and fresh ideas to the table," said Persovski. "I have a skill set, personal and professional background different from most candidates who run for this office."

"I hope to be able to serve, and I would be honored to have your vote on March 5." ●

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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The good thing about feeling stuck is that it forces your mind to show you what you want. You'll glimpse a picture of freedom that might not otherwise have been so vivid. This vision is only the start. You'll build on it in the weeks to come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). High-intensity attractions have a way of distorting judgment. Your viewpoint will be influenced by the mesmerizing aura surrounding your focal point. Wait until you regain your sense of balance before making your next move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your powers of manifestation are surging. You get into the spirit of an activity by pretending. It's a skill that grows your creativity and expands your sense of what's possible. When you act "as if" you often make it so.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even though you feel good about your contribution, you keep polishing and expanding your offering. You're not always sure who your gifts are for, but go forward in good faith and the right

people will show up to appreciate and reciprocate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be surprised by experiences. What looks good might not feel good and what works on paper may be very different from what plays in real life. Instead of predicting, test things out. You won't know what delights you until you try it out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Once your mind's eye lands on what you want, don't let it out of your view. You'll keep chipping away at the work until reality starts to match the vision. With tenacity, you'll make wonderful things happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In all interactions, you seek a connection with a human, not a uniform. This is necessary in dealing with yourself too. You're not a role, but a person with needs both common and atypical.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It might seem awkward to make your request knowing there are so many people in the world who have far less than you. Nonetheless, you can only live one life -- yours. Shouldn't it be the best you can make it? Advocate for yourself, or who else will?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can populate your mind with thoughts that help and delight you, though inevitably less-desirable ideas will get in there too. These intrusions are like internet pop-up ads, easily removed by clicking on the little "x."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll make progress with a puzzle, but this one is too complex to solve all at once. You still don't have all the information. The missing piece is significant enough to alter the entire situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you fixate on achievement, and you don't quite get where you want to be, you're likely to get frustrated and give up. But if you instead aim to learn, you'll always be doing what you set out to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sensations are elusive, especially the ones you eagerly anticipate. You work up to a moment and then it's hard to grasp, even while you're in the midst of it. This is what will keep you coming back for more.



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12/1/2023, 1:06 a.m. at 700 Block of ALTA DRIVE

11/26/2023, 8:37 p.m. at 400 Block of SPALDING DRIVE

ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED

11/28/2023, 11:20 a.m. at N. REXFORD DRIVE / WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

ASSAULT - SIMPLE

12/4/2023, 10:49 a.m. at 400 Block of N. ROXBURY DRIVE

12/2/2023, 10 a.m. at 300 Block of FOOTHILL ROAD

11/28/2023, 8:25 p.m. at 100 Block of N. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

11/25/2023, 10:20 p.m. at 200 Block of S. CARSON ROAD

11/22/2023, 8:50 a.m. at 9100 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING

11/26/2023, 10:20 p.m. at 9200 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

BURGLARY - FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

11/28/2023, 5 p.m. at 400 Block of N. PALM DRIVE

11/26/2023, 11 a.m. at 400 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

11/26/2023, 2:17 a.m. at 100 Block of S. SWALL DRIVE

11/25/2023, 6:30 p.m. at CLIFTON WAY / N. WETHERLY DRIVE

11/25/2023, 10 a.m. at CLIFTON WAY / N. ALMONT DRIVE

11/24/2023, 1:07 p.m. at 400 Block of S. SWALL DRIVE

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11/27/2023, 10:44 p.m. at 300 Block of N. LA PEER DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE HOME)

12/4/2023, 5:30 a.m. at 9600 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

12/2/2023, 7:40 a.m. at 600 Block of N. OAKHURST DRIVE

12/2/2023, 4:15 p.m. at 400 Block of WALKER DRIVE

11/25/2023, 10 a.m. at 300 Block of N. PALM DRIVE

DUI ARREST

12/3/2023, 11:42 p.m. at S. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD / N. BEVERLY DRIVE

11/24/2023, 9:24 p.m. at 200 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

11/24/2023, 5:46 a.m. at DAYTON WAY / N. BEVERLY DRIVE

HATE INCIDENT

11/26/2023, 3 p.m. at 400 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE

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12/1/2023, 5 p.m. at 100 Block of S. HAMEL DRIVE

11/29/2023, 3 a.m. at 100 Block of S. CRESCENT DRIVE

ROBBERY

11/28/2023, 11:49 p.m. at 100 Block of S. CRESCENT DRIVE

11/23/2023, 11:16 a.m. at EL CAMINO DRIVE / OLYMPIC BOULEVARD

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11/28/2023, 5:21 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

THEFT - GRAND

12/4/2023, 5:58 p.m. at 300 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

12/1/2023, 6:01 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

12/1/2023, 11:45 a.m. at CLIFTON WAY / N. STANLEY DRIVE

11/28/2023, 6 p.m. at 600 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

11/28/2023, 11:57 a.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

11/25/2023, 6:34 p.m. at 9300 Block of CIVIC CENTER DRIVE

11/24/2023, 11:46 a.m. at N ELM DRIVE / N. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

11/22/2023, 9:30 a.m. at 9300 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)

11/28/2023, 8 a.m. at 200 Block of S. ARNAZ DRIVE

11/27/2023, 10:44 p.m. at 300 Block of N. LA PEER DRIVE

11/27/2023, 10:44 p.m. at 300 Block of N. LA PEER DRIVE

11/27/2023, 3:24 p.m. at S BEVERLY DRIVE / GREGORY WAY

THEFT - PETTY

12/5/2023, 8 a.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

12/4/2023, 8 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

12/4/2023, 6:30 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

12/3/2023, 8:34 p.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

12/2/2023, 2:46 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

12/1/2023, 2:30 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

11/30/2023, 10:05 p.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

11/30/2023, 7:13 p.m. at 300 Block of S. RODEO DRIVE

11/30/2023, 12:22 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

11/29/2023, 11:51 a.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

11/26/2023, 9:31 p.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

11/24/2023, 11:25 a.m. at N. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD / N. CAMDEN DRIVE

11/23/2023, 10:29 a.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

11/23/2023, 6:15 a.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

11/22/2023, 9:30 p.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

VANDALISM

12/3/2023, 5:48 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ROXBURY DRIVE

12/3/2023, 11:47 a.m. at 200 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

12/1/2023, 8:31 a.m. at N. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD / WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

11/30/2023, 7:14 a.m. at 9500 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

11/24/2023, 12 p.m. at 1400 Block of CARLA RIDGE

11/24/2023, 10:53 p.m. at 9300 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

11/24/2023, 2:26 a.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

11/23/2023, 4 p.m. at 500 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

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COURIER WEEK 14 NFL Schedule & Odds

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

NEW ENGLAND @ PITTSBURGH

5:15 PM PRIME VIDEO (PIT -6)

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

TAMPA BAY @ ATLANTA

10:00 AM CBS (ATL -2.5)

INDIANAPOLIS @ CINCINNATI

10:00 AM CBS (IND -1)

JACKSONVILLE @ CLEVELAND

10:00 AM CBS (CLE -3)

HOUSTON @ N.Y. JETS

10:00 AM CBS (HOU -6)

L.A. RAMS @ BALTIMORE

10:00 AM FOX (BAL -7)

DETROIT @ CHICAGO

10:00 AM FOX (DET -3 1/2)

CAROLINA @ NEW ORLEANS

10:00 AM FOX (N.O. -5)

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

SEATTLE @ SAN FRANCISCO

1:05 PM FOX (SF -10 1/2)

MINNESOTA @ LAS VEGAS

1:05 PM FOX (MIN -3)

DENVER @ L.A. CHARGERS

1:25 PM CBS (LAC -3)

BUFFALO @ KANSAS CITY

1:25 PM CBS (KC -3)

PHILADELPHIA @ DALLAS

5:20 PM NBC (PHI -3 1/2)

MONDAY, DEC 11

GREEN BAY @ N.Y. GIANTS

5:15 PM ABC/ESPN+ (GB -6 1/2)

TENNESSEE @ MIAMI

5:15 PM ESPN (MIA -13 1/2)

Week 14 Spread by: Danny Sheridan

*Check your local listings for games schedules. All times PST.

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GROWTH SPURTS

BY ADAM WAGNER AND MICHAEL LIEBERMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Adam Wagner, of Oakland, Calif., is a creative lead at Patreon, a monetization platform for content creators. Michael Lieberman, of Washington, D.C., is a consumer-protection lawyer at Fairmark Partners. They're also each dads of fast-growing toddlers, which is what inspired this puzzle. Adam sent the title to Mike, who sent back what became 3- and 13-Down ... and they were off and running. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sweeties
 - 5 Heaven on earth, to the ancient Greeks
 - 12 International pizza chain founded in Brooklyn
 - 18 Pipsqueak
 - 19 "We're not ready to joke about this yet?"
 - 20 Caps that lack brims
 - 21 Apt name for a Whirlpool salesman?
 - 22 Trying to get a rise out of
 - 23 Gut
 - 24 Deserved
 - 26 "Don't believe one word of that!"
 - 28 Visibly scornful
 - 29 Reptile with a big bite, informally
 - 31 Surprise and delight
 - 32 Slip up
 - 33 One of the seven in "Se7en"
 - 34 Agcy. that oversees the Secret Service
 - 35 One's natural habitat
 - 38 Sequin-covered undergarment popularized by Lady Gaga
 - 41 Permitted
 - 42 Place to rest your head
 - 46 Musician Parks or Guthrie
 - 47 ___ cit. (footnote abbr.)
 - 48 They're just over two feet
 - 50 Lake on the Malawi-Mozambique border
 - 51 Subatomic particle
 - 52 Release, as a trailer
 - 54 Campus military grp.
 - 56 "Your" of yore
 - 57 "Monday Night Football With Peyton & ___"
 - 58 "The results ___ ..."
 - 59 Japanese "yes"
 - 61 Showy flowers native to Mexico
 - 63 Thrills
 - 65 Political org. with a quadrennial convention
 - 66 Website with info about the stars
 - 68 Well, in both French and Spanish
 - 69 Get by
 - 71 "Top Chef" judge Simmons
 - 73 Bother, with "at"
 - 75 Classic name in wafers
 - 78 One who doesn't have a prayer?
 - 81 Producer of sketches, in brief
 - 82 Addis ___
 - 84 When doubled, fake laugh
 - 85 "Yellowjackets" network, for short
 - 86 Subscribe again
 - 88 Fox-hunting shout
 - 90 Where the proverbial buck stops
 - 91 Actress Hedren
 - 93 Mississippi city in a Neil Simon title
 - 95 Marathoner's wear
 - 96 World capital near the 60th parallel
 - 97 How a Broadway star might break out
 - 99 What a stiffed server receives
 - 100 Football rival of the Brigham Young Cougars
 - 102 20-sided shape
 - 104 Question of introspection
 - 105 Upper-left keyboard key
 - 106 Fertility-lab supply
 - 109 Most mountainous Caribbean nation
 - 110 Cry of faux-surprise
 - 112 French brothers
 - 115 Reasons to wear socks post-vacation
 - 118 Resort offering that might include a lift ticket
 - 120 Ones catching waves?
 - 121 "Impossible!"
 - 123 Poet Pound
 - 124 Behind
 - 125 One might improve a pupil's performance
 - 126 Hurl with gusto, in Gen Z slang
 - 127 One of a record-setting 3,234 for Sue Bird
 - 128 Wraps up in fabric
 - 129 Some old jets, for short
 - 9 1982 Stevie Wonder hit
 - 10 It's never free of charge
 - 11 Home-services website
 - 12 Fully divests one's stake
 - 13 Yao Ming, before joining the N.B.A.?
 - 14 Actress Taylor-Joy
 - 15 Search (through)
 - 16 Show again
 - 17 Blender brand
 - 20 Doozy
 - 23 Detector of nonsense, informally
 - 25 Toymaker Rubik
 - 27 Language that gave us "mulligatawny" and "patchouli"
 - 30 Peruvian road sign?
 - 34 Spoke monotonously
 - 36 English philosopher William of ___
 - 37 Go by air
 - 38 Shirley Bassey and Agatha Christie, for two
 - 39 Gloater's words
 - 40 Photo-editing option
 - 41 Midback muscle
 - 43 Reasons that South American furniture stores have super-long lines?
 - 44 Org. concerned with plant-based well-being?
 - 45 Methods
 - 49 Nursery purchase
 - 53 Historic quinoa cultivators
 - 55 Amount owed
 - 58 Things like "What do we want?" "Headache relief!" "When do we want it?" "Now!?"
 - 60 Best-case
 - 62 California congresswoman Barbara
 - 64 Fawn's mother
 - 67 Affectionate squeeze of an infant's bottom?
 - 70 Language suffix
 - 72 Altogether
 - 74 Setting for many Gauguin works
 - 76 The ___ Honors (annual picture-book awards)
 - 77 Black-and-white cookies
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 - 79 Flimsy
 - 80 Where you might get into hot water
 - 83 Bubble tea
 - 87 Things that kids are encouraged to break
 - 89 Sass
 - 90 Items exchanged when a relationship gets serious
 - 92 Polynesian food
 - 94 Access an account
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 - 103 Plucked instrument
 - 104 Start of a famous Kennedy quote
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 - 117 Virtual replications, for short
 - 119 North or south end
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Public Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS for the CONSTRUCTION OF GREGORY WELL AND LE DOUX WELL within the City of BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

BIDS - The City of Beverly Hills, CA invites electronic bids for the **CONSTRUCTION OF GREGORY WELL AND LE DOUX WELL** within the City of Beverly Hills, California. The City will receive such bids electronically via PlanetBids up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024. Bid results will be sent to all respective bidders via PlanetBids.

Refer to webpage: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/39493/bo/bo-detail/111438>.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING – An in-person MANDATORY pre-bid meeting and site walk to discuss the requirements of the Project will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023 at Frank Fenton Field at La Cienega Park, on the Le Doux Rd. side of the park, just north of Olympic Blvd.

SCOPE OF THE WORK - The contract work to be performed under these specifications shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements and supplies necessary for or appurtenant to CONSTRUCTION OF GREGORY WELL AND LE DOUX WELL at La Cienega Park within the City of Beverly Hills, California in accordance with the Project Specifications.

In general terms, the contract work for this project shall consist of the following major items of work:

- Mobilization/Demobilization
- Site Demolition, Earthwork, and Restoration
- Play Field Modifications – Install Batting Cage
- Noise Control
- Conductor Casing
- Pilot Hole Drilling
- Zone Testing & Laboratory Sample Testing
- Pilot Hole Ream
- Geophysical, Caliper and Deviation (Magnetic) Surveys
- Well Casing
- Flu-flo Louvers
- Gravel Feed & Sounding Tubes
- Gravel Pack, Bentonite Seal, Cement/Grout Seal
- Well Development – Mechanical & Chemical

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form may be inspected and downloaded from the City's webpage (<http://www.beverlyhills.org/tags/bids/>). Then click on the link "PLANET BIDS".

City contact: **Tristan Malaban** at tmalaban@beverlyhills.org or **310-285-2512**.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE - The preliminary cost of construction of this Work has been prepared and the said estimate is **\$3,000,000**.

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NAME CHANGE, BIDS
AND TRUSTEE'S SALE
FOR MORE INFO CALL US
AT 310-278-1322

NOTICE TO BIDDERS for the BURTON WAY BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS within the Cities of BEVERLY HILLS and LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

BIDS - Sealed proposals for the **BURTON WAY BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS** at various locations within the Cities of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles, California, will be received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time), on Thursday, **January 12, 2024**, via Planetbids. Bid results will be sent to all bidders through Planetbids and the award of the contract will be made during a subsequent meeting of the City Council.

SCOPE OF THE WORK - The work to be done shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements, supplies, and permits necessary for, or appurtenant to, the construction and completion of the project indicated above in accordance with the Standard Drawings and the Specifications prepared for this project. In general, the project consists of asphalt pavement (grind and overlay), curb ramp replacements, bus pad installation, replacement of existing pavement striping and markings with the current Caltrans standard striping, removal of existing striping and markings as applicable, placement of thermoplastic and traffic-rated paint, and installation of new bikeway striping. The proposed improvement is along Burton Way from Crescent Drive to Robertson Boulevard. Some project locations will require the work to be performed at night, on weekends, or with other working hour restrictions.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE – The preliminary cost of BURTON WAY BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS for this work has been prepared and the said estimate is **\$1,778,000.00**.

PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE VISIT – An optional pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 10:00 am in Conference Room 217 of the City of Beverly Hills Public Works Building located at 345 North Foothill Road, Beverly Hills, California, 90210.

No allowances for cost adjustment will be made if Bidders fail to adequately examine the premises before submitting a proposal.

BIDDER'S QUESTIONS – All questions shall be emailed to **Christine Chung** at cchung@beverlyhills.org. Question submission is due Wednesday, January 3, 2023, at 4:00 pm. Any questions submitted after the due date and time will not be responded.

CITY CONTACT – Any questions or requests for information can be directed to the project manager, **Christine Chung, P.E.**, at cchung@beverlyhills.org.

CONTRACTORS LICENSE - In compliance with Public Contract Code Section 3300, the City has determined that the Bidder must possess at least one of the following licenses: **"A"**

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID OR ALL THE BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITY OR IRREGULARITY IN ANY BID, BUT IF THE BIDS ARE ACCEPTED, THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT WILL BE LET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE.

**T.S. No.: 23-9490
Loan No.: *6356**
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES) DATED 2/18/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein-after described property under and pursuant to a DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES) described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES), with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES), interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: 1141

Detroit St, LLC, A California Limited Liability Company Duly Appointed Trustee: PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES, LLC Recorded 3/1/2022 as Instrument No. 20220237109 in book ---, page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 12/21/2023 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$8,247,725.74 Property being sold "as is - Where is" Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1141 N DETROIT STREET WEST HOLLYWOOD CA 90046 A.P.N.: 5531-009-008 THE BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT, IN ITS DISCRETION, TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHTS AND REMEDIES IN ANY MANNER PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 9604 OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL CODE, OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE SECTION, AS TO ALL OR SOME OF THE PERSONAL FIXTURES AND OTHER GENERAL TANGIBLES AND INTANGIBLES MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES), GUARANTEES, UCC'S, SECURITY AGREEMENTS. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trust-

ee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-9490. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 11/20/2023 PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (916) 939-0772 Tina Suihkonen, VP of Operations and Compliance NPP0443700 To: BEVERLY HILLS COURIER 12/01/2023, 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S) (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24074 et seq.) Escrow No. 120-32180-CM Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, and address of the Seller/Licensee are: DZUBAK INVESTMENTS, LLC, 130 NORTH ROBERTSON BOULEVARD, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211 The business is known as: BEVERLY HILLS MERCANTILE The names, and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: LIQUOR RUNNER INC., 157 NORTH ROBERTSON BOULEVARD, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211 As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to Buyer/Transferee are: The assets to be sold are described in general as: CERTAIN FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY AND OTHER ASSETS OF A CERTAIN BUSINESS KNOWN AS BEVERLY HILLS MERCANTILE and are located at: 130 NORTH ROBERTSON BOULEVARD, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211 The kind of license to be transferred is: 650486-21 OFF-SALE GENERAL now issued for the premises located at: 130 NORTH ROBERTSON BOULEVARD, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211 The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is DECEMBER 27, 2023 at the office of: GLEN OAKS ESCROW, 24018 LYONS AVE. SANTA CLARITA, CA 91321. The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$135,000.00 which consists of the following: CASH \$135,000.00; TOTAL AMOUNT \$135,000.00 It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Dated: DECEMBER 5, 2023 LIQUOR RUNNER INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION 2013929-PP BH COURIER 12/8/23

Public Notices

T.S. No.: 23-9394 Loan No.: *8085 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES) DATED 11/16/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES) described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES), with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES), interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: 944 Ogden, LLC, a California Liability Company Duly Appointed Trustee:

PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES, LLC Recorded 11/30/2022 as Instrument No. 20221120762 in book ---, page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 12/14/2023 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$5,272,999.46 Property being sold "as is - Where is" Street Address or other common designation of real property: 944 North Ogden Drive West Hollywood CA 90046 A.P.N.: 5530-025-002 THE BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT, IN ITS DISCRETION, TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHTS AND REMEDIES IN ANY MANNER PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 9604 OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL CODE, OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE SECTION, AS TO ALL OR SOME OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY, FIXTURES AND OTHER GENERAL TANGIBLES AND INTANGIBLES MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES), GUARANTEES, UCC'S, SECURITY AGREEMENTS. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are

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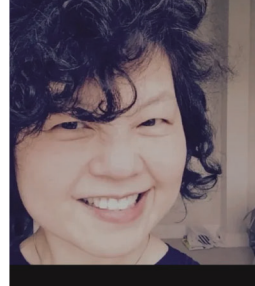
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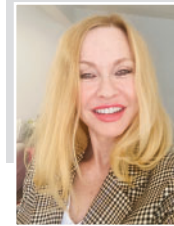
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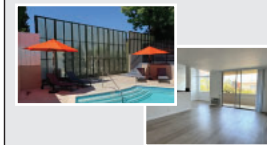
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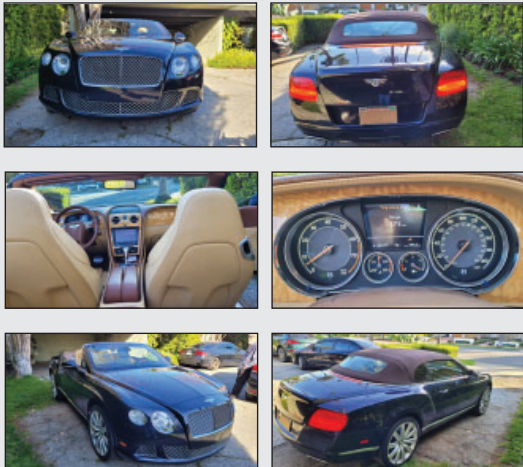
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