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Where to Vote in Beverly Hills



Ballots can be returned at two drop boxes in the city.

BY AMANDA COSCARELLI

Voting season is in full swing, and vote-by-mail ballots from cities throughout Los Angeles County are already being processed. This is a high-stakes election year, and officials want to ensure that every eligible vote is counted. Ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 5, but the faster ballots reach the processing center, the more quickly California's results are in. Those who choose to vote by mail can leave their ballots in any United States Post Office mailbox, but there are also two other easy ways to cast your vote.

Those who have already filled in their ballot at home can drop their sealed and signed envelopes in either one of two drop boxes in Beverly Hills. These are open now until election night:

- City Hall (next to Kelly's Coffee and Fudge)
 - 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills
 - Roxbury Park Community Center 471 S. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills

Those who prefer the traditional method of voting can visit one of four in-person voting centers in Beverly Hills. They are open 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. on See VOTING, page 10

Local Leaders Voice Support for Measure G

BY SEAN BECKNER-CARMITCHEL

On Oct. 28, Jewish community leaders and politicians held a press conference supporting Measure G, the Los Angeles County Government Structure, Ethics and Accountability Charter Amendment. The measure promises to expand the County Board of Supervisors as well as introduce an elected County Executive, establish open budget hearings and create an independent Ethics Commission. The press conference included Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, California State Senator Henry Stern, Beverly Hills Councilmember John Mirisch and American Jewish Committee-Los Angeles Director Rick Hirschaut.

"The institutional inertia of Los Angeles County government has prevented change from coming, and that is what [LA County residents] so desperately deserve, and that is what Measure G will deliver." Horvath mentioned that there had been motions passed which had not properly been followed up on in the past. She believes that Measure G would help alleviate that issue, and that it would create more transparency. Horvath is a co-sponsor of the ballot measure alongside

See MEASURE G, page 10

City Enters Into Stipulated Judgment with Attorney General in DuPont Matter

SEAN BECKNER-CARMITCHEL

The city of Beverly Hills has reached a stipulated judgment with the state Attorney General's office in connection with the city's actions regarding the attempt by Consultants in Obstetric and Gynecologic Ultrasonography and Surgery, PLLC ("DuPont") to open a reproductive healthcare clinic in the city.

The judgment, which must be approved by the court, will settle the Attorney General's investigation of the city for violations of the California Constitution and Health and Safety Code section 123460, et seq. ("the Reproductive Privacy Act").

Under the terms of the judgment, the city will not face fines and does not admit



Photo by Sean Beckner-Carmitchel Attorney General Rob Bonta at the Oct. 31 press conference

any "liability, fault or wrongdoing." Its terms further provide that the city "shall not discriminate against any Reproductive See JUDGMENT, page 13

Revised Plans Submitted for 9600 Wilshire Project

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The parent company of Saks Fifth Avenue, HBC, has submitted revised plans for its 9600 Wilshire project. Originally proposed in 2022 to revitalize its Wilshire Boulevard properties, the revised plan reflects extensive community feedback. The project now features a smaller office building imprint while enhancing residential and pedestrian space. According to HBC, the proposed changes are also expected to result in a 35% reduction in peak morning traffic and a 15% decrease in evening trips.

See SAKS, page 7

REMEMBER TO VOTE BY NOV. 5!

Courier Calendar

NOW - NOV. 2 LOS ANGELES HAUNTED HAYRIDE SUN.-THURS. 7-10:30 P.M. FRI. 7 P.M.-12 A.M. SAT. 6:30 P.M.-12 A.M.

Los Angeles Haunted Hayride returns for another year at Griffith Park. This year features the titular Haunted Hayride as well as "Monae Manor," "Trick or Treat: Ding-Dong Dead," "Hellbilly Halloween," "Midnight Falls" and more. Ticket prices vary depending on date and time, and specific prices are available online. Los Angeles Haunted Hayride is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles. Parking is available in three lots nearby of Merry Go Round Lots 1, 2 and 3. On all Fridays and Saturdays, shuttle parking will be available at the LA Zoo in the northwest corner of the parking lot. Shuttles will drop off at the entrance trail near Spokes 'N Stuff.

losangeleshauntedhayride.com

NOW - NOV. 17 ICA LA: KATHRYN ANDREWS 6 P.M.-8:30 P.M.

In the fall of 2024, in conjunction with the forthcoming United States presidential election, Los Angeles-based artist Kathryn Andrews will premiere a site-specific outdoor project on ICA LA's 7th Street facade. With a conceptual practice grounded in gender theory, Andrews creates work that engages the aesthetics and technologies of Hollywood cinema, political propaganda and art history to unearth the complex relationships between people, culture and power that structure the violent fictions of our everyday lives. Titled "Victoria Woodhull, Belva Ann Lockwood, Abigail Scott Duniway [...]" (2020-Ongoing), Andrews' work at ICA LA addresses gender disparity in the presidential electoral process. Featured within the work are the names of women who have run for U.S. president such as Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman elected to Congress; Patsy Mink, the author of the nation's Title IX civil

rights law; and Gloria La Riva, the first Latinx woman to run for President in 1992. While honoring these historical figures who have challenged a political system designed for their failure, within Andrews' artwork, this long list of women is overlaid atop the faces of widely recognizable men who have served as president—ranging from Dwight D. Eisenhower to Barack Obama to Joe Biden—a glaring juxtaposition that further underscores the extreme gender bias in American politics. The ICA LA is located at 1717 E. 7th St., Los Angeles.

theicala.org

NOW - NOV. 24 HAMMER MUSEUM:

"SUM OF THE PARTS: SERIAL IMAGERY IN PRINTMAKING, 1500 TO NOW" TUES.-THURS., SAT.-SUN. 11 A.M.-6 P.M. FRI. 11 A.M.-8 P.M.

Printmaking's capacity for serial imagery was recognized during the Renaissance in Europe and has continued to be explored by artists across centuries and geography to creative, at times experimental ends. This exhibition highlights a variety of organizing principles within the serial format, from pictorial narratives to thematic groupings, iconographic sequences marking time and place, as well as structural and conceptual progressions. Selected from the collection of the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts, this exhibition not only examines prints formally conceived as sets or series, but equally considers artists' serial procedures and approaches in prints across five centuries. The exhibition features works by some 20 artists, including Albrecht Dürer, Jacques Callot, Wassily Kandinsky, Henri Matisse, Bridget Riley and Zarina. Admission to The Hammer is free. It is located at 10899 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.

hammer.ucla.edu

NOV.3 PAN PACIFIC PARK: "THE 2ND ANNUAL GREAT PUMPKIN BASH" 11 A.M.-3 P.M.

The office of Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky presents the return of the Great Pumpkin Bash–a family-friendly, fun-filled event that's all about smashing pumpkins and making L.A. greener. The event features the following attractions: the Pumpkin Smash Zone, where guests can bring their old jack-o'lanterns (make sure they're free of paint, candle wax or glitter) and smash them in the Pumpkin Smash Zone presented by the L.A. Dodgers. Turn those pumpkins into compost and help keep them out of landfills. The event will also host exciting giveaways with opportunities to take home compost kitchen pails, shade trees to plant, and indulge in some pumpkin-flavored treats. Plus, guests will have a chance to score exclusive surprises from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation. There will also be raffles every hour to win awesome eco-friendly prizes like rain barrels and compost/worm bins for a boost to home sustainability. The event also features workshops and demos to learn from the experts with cooking demos, gardening tips and more. Food trucks, including Kogi, will be in attendance. Pan Pacific Park is located at 7600 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles. Admission is free and prospective attendees can RSVP online. eventbrite.com

NOV. 7 BEVERLY HILLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION: "POKER PARTY AT FRED'S" 6 P.M.

"Poker Party at Fred's" is a Beverly Hills Education Foundation signature annual fundraising event. On Nov. 7, "Poker at Fred's" will bring the community together to raise funds to benefit the students of BHUSD through program enrichment, innovative grants and scholarship opportunities. Enjoy poker, wildcard games, DJ, great food, open bar, auction items and raffle prizes for a great cause. Tickets to watch are \$150 and \$200 to play. Ticket and sponsorship information can be found online. bhef.org

NOV. 9 THE WALLIS: BENJAMIN BERNHEIM 7:30 P.M.

The LA Opera and The Wallis recital series opens with the internationally acclaimed tenor, Benjamin Bernheim. Perhaps the greatest French lyric tenor of his generation, Benjamin Bernheim is a star in Europe's leading opera houses, who also embraces the subtle, intimate art of the solo recital. He makes his Los Angeles debut with pianist Carrie-Ann Matheson in a special one-night-only performance at The Wallis, performing ravishing songs and arias. Bernheim has been hailed as "the most beautiful tenor voice since Luciano Pavarotti" by the Süddeutsche Zeitung, and "the new star tenor" by Diapason. Tickets range from \$39-\$149. thewallis.org

NOV. 8 - JAN. 20, 2025 ICE AT SANTA MONICA SUN.-THURS. 11:30 A.M.-9:30 P.M. FRI.-SAT. 11:30 A.M.-11 P.M.

The rink will officially open on Friday, Nov. 8, at 11:30 a.m. with an Opening Celebration kicking off at 5 p.m. The rink will once again transform the corner of Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue into a winter wonderland, bringing ice skating to the beachside community through Jan. 20, 2025. From special treats and concessions to private party tents and funthemed skate nights, there's something for everyone. Admission is \$22 for a 60-minute session, including skate rentals. The rink will be open daily, with extended hours on Fridays and Saturdays. The official grand opening takes place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8. Enjoy free skate sessions at 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. (first come, first served). With a DJ spinning tunes and on-ice entertainer, it's the perfect way to kick off the season. More information is available online.

iceatsantamonica.com

NOV. 16 CROHN'S AND COLITIS FOUNDATION: "IMAGINE THE CURE GALA" 6-9 P.M.

The annual Crohn's and Colitis gala will take place on Nov. 16 at the Fairmont Century Plaza. The evening will include a premier cocktail reception, an inspiring program over dinner, hosted by Kate Flannery, and an exclusive auction. The event will be a celebratory evening as the organization recognizes the incredible champions and their dedicated efforts to find a cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Individual tickets are \$600 and full table purchases, including 10 tickets, are \$6000.

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Benjamin Bernheim performs at The Wallis on Nov. 9.



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Beverly Hills in the Big Apple



Photo courtesy city of Beverly Hills

City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Mayor Lester Friedman and Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Todd Johnson at the Paley Center for Media in New York

BY AMANDA COSCARELLI

On Oct. 22, Mayor Lester Friedman, Vice Mayor Sharona Nazarian, Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Todd Johnson, Chamber of Commerce Director of Economic Development, Brittany Ganson, City Manager

Light Refreshments and beverages

will be served.

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Nancy Hunt-Coffey and Conference and Visitors Bureau CEO Julie Wagner traveled to New York City to build and grow connections with local businesses. The annual trip, known as the "New York Business Attraction and Retention Mission," is an opportunity See NEW YORK, page 7

Visionary Women Hosts Venus Williams for 10th Anniversary Event

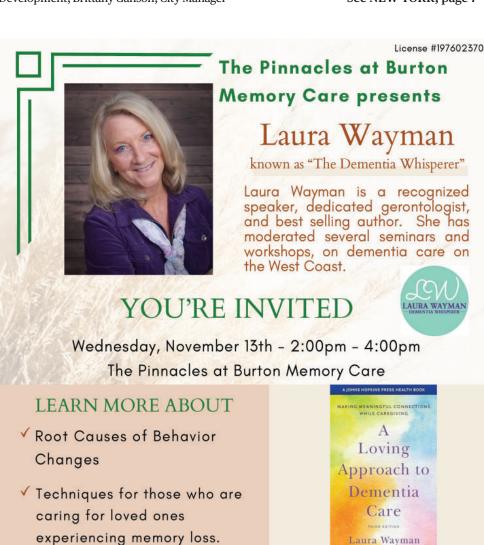


Visionary Women Founders, three-time former Mayor of Beverly Hills, Lili Bosse (left) and Angella Nazarian (right) with Venus Williams

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

Wearing white sneakers and a sports jacket with the words "Le Punk c'est Chic" emblazoned on the side, Venus Williams needed no introduction when she took to the stage at

The Wallis Goldsmith Theater as the keynote speaker for Visionary Women's Fall Salon on Oct. 28. The legendary tennis superstar was joined by Canadian journalist and television personality Thea Andrews Wolf to discuss See VISIONARY WOMEN, page 7



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Maple Counseling Center Reports on District Programs



Members of the Health and Safety Commission recognized Ali Norman-Franks for her decades of service to the Norman Aid program.

BY AMANDA COSCARELLI

At its Oct. 28 meeting, the Health and Safety Commission welcomed two Maple Counseling Center representatives to discuss their work with the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD), and how it's shaping the next generation through social-emotional learning (SEL). During the meeting, Ali Norman-Franks, wellness coordinator at Beverly Hills High School (BHHS), gave a recap on the Normal Aid Center on campus and activities for "Substance Misuse Prevention Month" in October.

The commissioners were pleased to see the positive impact this has made on students throughout the district. "Although I spent my early years at LAUSD, I remember there was a friend of mine who I didn't know had a mental health problem, and ended up committing suicide," recalled Commissioner Dr. Lee Hilborne, who graduated from BHHS. "Frankly, I still remember it to this day. If there were opportunities, it would've been great."

Later, Amanda Maddahi, clinic manager at the Maple Counseling Center, and her colleague, Lisa Wolfe, led a presentation on mindfulness for the youth. Wolfe works directly with students at Horace Mann Elementary School, teaching weekly 30-minute bilingual SEL classes at no cost to the school. As Wolfe explained, the purpose of these lessons, which she calls "solving circles," is to create coping skills, learn how to say no in an uncomfortable situation and how to handle adversity respectfully. She leads groups of children in "put up" exercises where they learn how to compliment another student's character rather than a physical attribute, and "put down" exercises where they learn how to respond to unfriendly comments. They also practice apologizing and thanking each other.

"The most fruitful part of my day-to-day business is managing the youth social-emotional learning program where I get to work with volunteers like Lisa," said Maddahi. "They truly make up the village, when it takes a village." According to efficacy data she presented from a student poll, the program has been successful. Three out of four students responded that they could define at least one coping skill for moments when they're overwhelmed, they could name one person they could turn to for help, and they could give one responsible response to pressure. Furthermore, teachers at Horace Mann have reported witnessing kids using these techniques on the playground.

At the high school level, the Norman Aid Center is available for students who want to speak to a counselor or just take a moment of mindfulness during the day. As Norman-Franks explained, about 70 students utilize counseling services every week. Recently, she has also been looking for ways to help students outside of the office, including the monthly aid program. Each month, the Norman Aid Center focuses on a different topic in mental wellness. September was "Seek Support Month," during which students were encouraged to seek mental health support and destigmatize asking for support. October is "Substance Misuse Prevention Month," so Franks and her team are educating students about the effects of substances on both physical and mental health. On Oct. 28, the Norman Aid Center held a lunchtime activity with the Beverly Hills Police Department during which students put on substance goggles and tried to walk in a straight line. This was one of their most attended activities so far, said Norman-Franks. "All year, we do these different programs with the goal that it's a constant reminder that these are things they can talk about in Norman Aid," she said. "They're seeing our faces, they're seeing the counselors' faces, and it just helps them to feel more comfortable coming into the center when they need to." •

Police and Fire Department Provide Latest Statistics



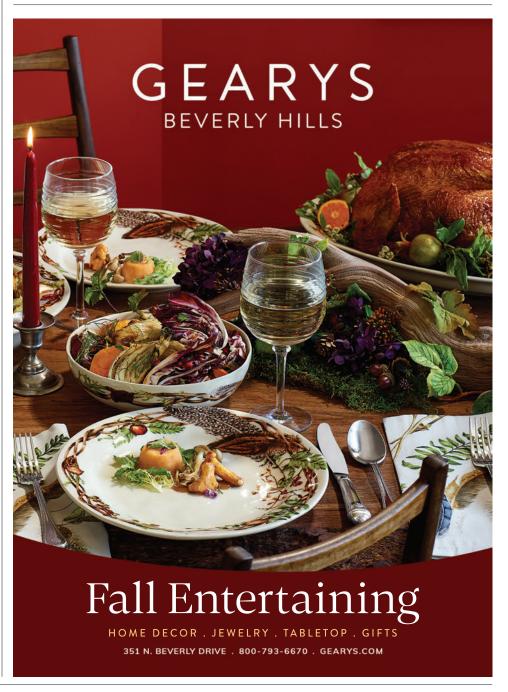
BY JULIANNA LOZADA

Crime is down in Beverly Hills, according to a monthly report by the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) provided at the Oct. 28 Health and Safety Commission. Lieutenant Andrew Myers presented crime statistics from August to the first half of October, displaying a general downward trend across violent crimes and property crimes. Myers stated he expects October to continue on this trend, based on preliminary figures from the first

half of the month.

Overall, total crime decreased by 34% from August 2024 to September 2024 and is also down 14% from last year. However, there was a 55% uptick in burglaries from August to September, particularly in residences. Despite this, property crime—which consists of burglary, larceny theft and motor vehicle theft—is still down 34% from August to September.

The BHPD is still investigating an incident See STATISTICS, page 10



Community

Porta Via Marks its 30th Anniversary



Photo by Emma Maisterra

The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce led a ribbon-cutting on Oct. 29 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Porta Via. Pictured are (from left): Councilmember Craig Corman, Vice Mayor Sharona Nazarian, Mayor Lester Friedman, Porta Via owner Peter Garland and Chamber President and CEO Todd Johnson.



Fall Funtastic Harvest Festival is a Spooky Success



Photo by Madeleine Connors

Festivities included a pumpkin decorating contest

BY MADELEINE CONNORS

On Oct. 27, the "Fall Funtastic Harvest Festival and Day of the Dead Celebration" took place at the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market. Events included pumpkin carving, face painting and Mexican folkloric dancing. In the morning, there was a Diwali performance by the Leela Dance Collective, followed by a Halloween costume parade and a traditional Mexican folk dance by the Pacifico Dance Company.

Festivities also featured a spooky story time for children, presented by the Beverly Hills Public Library. And Giddy Up Ranch presented its popular petting zoo for children and parents, featuring miniature horses, an alpaca, chickens, and miniature pigs and goats.

In honor of Día de los Muertos, Shanah Youabian offered decorative skull face painting for children and adults. She learned face painting from YouTube tutorials and enjoys how her work allows her to engage with the community—both children and adults. Although Iranian, she appreciates the Mexican traditions of Día de los Muertos. "They want to show that the living and dead are the same. They want to show their love to those who died," Youabian said.

At an arts and crafts table, children learned to make traditional Mexican art, "papel picado," using screen printing and stencils. The workshop was led by Self-Help Graphic & Art, a community arts center based in East Los Angeles. "In the Mexican culture, we tend to like using geometric shapes. We also use text, and we mainly use it to represent the Day of the Dead. We use a lot of different colors," said Yaneli Delgado, a teacher at Self-Help Graphic & Art. "Participants have been using the names of their ancestors to whom they want to dedicate the stencil. Little kids are just using their imagination and creativity. It's seen a lot in Mexico, and we want to make it open and accessible to everyone," Delgado remarked.

Delgado went on to explain the communal aspect of Día de los Muertos. "People in Mexico take food, drinks and marigolds. Many people like to remove the petals from marigolds, leading the ancestors to the house or the cemetery. It's a way to guide them to have a moment with their loved ones," Delgado explained about the Mexican holiday. "We'll have different objects that maybe our ancestors used; for example, if they're a musician, we would place a guitar."

The Pacifico Dance Company took the stage to perform festive Mexican folklore dances. The dances represented traditions from five Mexican states, ranging from Jalisco's Mexican hat dance to the polka. "The attire included many different colors representative of nature," said Cian Murillo, who provided educational commentary about each dance and its cultural significance. Dancers performed a variety of styles and costumes, showcasing the diversity of Mexican folklore dance.

Zarene Nuñez, one of the dancers in the company, explained that she has performed folklore ballet for almost 20 years. Besides entertaining, Nuñez argues that the performance enriches the community. "It gives them great exposure to other cultures and broadens their knowledge of the meaning behind folk dancing. Not only does folk dancing in Mexico have influences from Mexican culture, but it also incorporates influences from cultures around the world. It has Spanish influences throughout, as well as influences from the African diaspora. It's a melting pot of culture," Nuñez said.

In addition to the cultural festivities, another highlight of the day was the second annual pumpkin carving contest. Evan Doyle, the Farmers' Market supervisor, announced the winners, who were selected by community vote, with adult and youth categories. The winners received market dollars to be spent at the Farmers' Market. The first-place pumpkin carving award went to Grace Palmer, who created a pumpkin resembling a pufferfish. "After work for the past five days, I've been gluing candy corn on the pumpkin," Palmer said about her artistic process. "I've been carving pumpkins with my dad ever since I was a little kid, so when I saw that they were having a contest, I figured I might as well enter." •

VISIONARY WOMEN, from page 4

Williams' new book, "STRIVE: 8 Steps to Find Your Awesome," which emphasizes the importance of making goals easy, enjoyable and exciting. Williams discussed her approach to success, highlighting the significance of maintaining a positive mindset and the influence of her family, particularly her father's high standards and her younger sister Serena's competitive spirit. She shared personal anecdotes, singing karaoke after being diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome, and her commitment to fighting for equal pay in a male-dominated industry. The seven-time Grand Slam singles champion, Olympic gold medalist, activist, designer, executive producer and author shared a few of the secrets to her success, which are outlined in print in eight steps.

Visionary Women is a member-based organization founded in 2014 by former Beverly Hills Mayor Lili Bosse and bestselling author Angella Nazarian to support women's initiatives on a local and global level. Over the past 10 years, Visionary Women has awarded \$3.5 million in grant funding to over 240 nonprofit organizations that drive change and address pressing issues facing women and girls. Beyond that, the organization has worked to build a network of influential women, brought together under one platform to highlight issues relevant to them.

To achieve greatness as a professional athlete, Williams developed a mental discipline and learned techniques that allowed her to stay in a growth mindset, process failure, learn from failure and ultimately reframe it.

"My mom was blunt," Williams said.
"She's like, 'I'm not raising any weak

women." Growing up, Williams recalled her father only allowed the kids to watch educational programs. "He didn't let us watch 'The Cosby Show.' He's like, 'Bill Cosby's already rich. You're not."

"And he would ask us a lot of questions, like 'Why does a rich man get richer, and a poor man gets poorer," Williams said. "Meanwhile, back in Dodge, you're 8 years old, and you definitely don't know why, but you always had to answer."

According to Williams, she learned how to be a fearless competitor in the game of tennis by watching her younger sister, Serena. "She wasn't thinking about what if I lose or what if it doesn't work out. She was actively going forward. She gave everything, and she didn't hold back and allowed herself to be her best."

"If you fail giving it your all, that's a beautiful thing," Williams said. "But if you fail because you didn't allow yourself to be your best, that one hurts."

"Venus really spoke to women of all ages, and reminded us that pressure is a privilege," Chloe Makhani, Visionary Women Board Member and GenV Founder, told the Courier. "As we continue to grow in life, we can always improve and shouldn't be afraid to fail. I think that really stuck with the crowd. Let's put our fear aside and prevail in our feminine power!"

Approximately 500 people purchased tickets for the Fall Salon, and attendees received a complimentary copy of Williams' new book.

GEARYS Beverly Hills and The Wall Street Journal sponsored the event. •

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to meet with Beverly Hills businesses that are headquartered on the East Coast and to provide guidance for new businesses that are looking to expand. This was Friedman's third time making the trip, and his first time representing the city as mayor.

Over the course of three days, the mayor and vice mayor each attended four separate meetings—two in the morning and two in the afternoon—24 meetings throughout the week. They also held a few special meetings with the Paley Center for Media, which, after vacating its Beverly Hills-based museum, announced last year that it is going to house its new West Coast collection in the Beverly Hills Library. The mayor and vice mayor both met with representatives to discuss their progress on the project.

During the trip, they also coordinated with the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau to talk with some of the top travel agents in New York who send guests to the West Coast.

As Friedman explained, Beverly Hills is an ancillary for luxury fashion houses such as Givenchy, Dior, Ralph Lauren and David Yurman. He and Nazarian attended multiple meetings with them throughout the week. "What we try and do is find out

what they feel the city could do to help them and we want to find out what it is that they have found to be productive about being in Beverly Hills," Friedman told the Courier.

After meeting with several prospective businesses, the mayor confirmed that at least one will be joining him back home. This business has already signed a lease in Beverly Hills for its new West Coast head-quarters and hopes to grow its concierge model of medical insurance that has already been successful in New York. "I think what they're looking for is to fill a void that they believe exists in terms of people who are seeking medical attention," said Friedman. "And they feel that their New York clientele has some similar attributes to those in Beverly Hills."

The delegation also met with a French luxury retailer for men's fashion who showed an interest in opening a Beverly Hills location. This retailer recently relocated within New York but has plans to expand in the near future.

Although his agenda was packed full of meetings, Friedman did make time to see a Broadway show before he left. "If you're in New York and you miss a show, you haven't done New York yet," he said. •



Photo courtesy of MOSO Studio

A view of the historic Saks building on Wilshire Boulevard, rehabilitated with input and support from the Los Angeles Conservancy

SAKS, from page 1

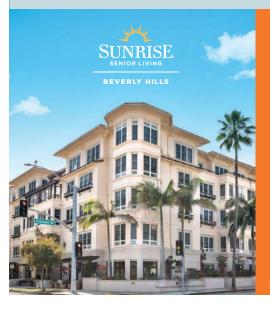
The plan has always envisioned the continued operation of the Saks Fifth Avenue women's store, which recently reopened at 9570 Wilshire Blvd. The historic Saks Fifth Avenue building will become a boutique hotel with a spa, social club and restaurant.

The initial plan included the addition of two new office buildings on Wilshire Boulevard and up to 70 apartments. However, after community stakeholders raised concerns about traffic and other issues, the plan was revised to reduce office square footage. Additional revisions include an increase in the number of housing units by eight; an expansion of public areas to

create more pedestrian spaces and provide a better connection between Bedford and Peck drives, as well as improved vehicle circulation and parking.

"You are seeing 9600 Wilshire refined by feedback from more than 200 meetings with our neighbors in Beverly Hills. We have considered many of their suggestions, and the dialogue has helped us to improve our plan in a way that enlivens Wilshire Boulevard, improves traffic circulation in the area and creates new public spaces. We are looking forward to the next steps of the public process," Douglas Adams, Senior Vice President of HBC-Streetworks Development, told the Courier.

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Arts and Entertainment

'A Real Pain'-In So Many Ways



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Kieran Culkin and Jesse Eisenberg

BY NEELY SWANSON

In "A Real Pain," Kieran Culkin stars with Jesse Eisenberg, who also wrote and directed, as cousins trying to make a connection, both to each other and their family heritage. Growing up together they were very close, but life took different turns for them and they are no longer. David (Eisenberg) is self-contained, buttoned up, a tightly wound instrument. Benji (Culkin) can't stay on target, has never seen a rule he didn't want to break and refuses to conform to the expectations of others. David is a successful tech engineer with a wife and adorable child. Benji still lives in his parent's basement and hasn't been consistently employed in a long time, if ever. They're aware of their own shortcomings but see little need to address them. Oil and water and yet each sees value in the other even if they are incapable of expressing it.

David and Benji are on a mission together. They were left money by their cherished grandmother to visit the Poland of her youth, the home where she was happy until the Holocaust upended her life. She survived and had a fulfilling life in New York, bonding with her two grandsons, especially Benji, who benefitted from her tough love and attention and feels her loss more acutely. They have spent that money on a tour of Poland focusing on Jewish heritage. Their ultimate goal is to find their grandmother's house.

The dynamic between the two men is established immediately. David has texted

Benji repeatedly, dozens and dozens of times, about meeting at the airport. Benji responded to none of them, fully confident that they'd find each other before they boarded. When, on the plane, Benji convinces David to take the middle seat, it is immediately noted that Benji knows how to get what he wants and David is missing the self-protection gene. Meeting up with their tour group in Warsaw, Benji quickly establishes himself as a friendly antagonist. He is a flag planter and it's usually on top of David that he plants it. But he's also a charmer, and even when he inconveniences the group or directs unnecessary criticism at their amiable guide, he is forgiven. David is clearly annoyed at these antics, but he is also envious because he has never been able to confront anything directly. That he has lived his life avoiding conflict is more than apparent.

Both Benji and David are very disapproving and envious of each other. Disapproving because Benji says whatever comes into his head at the time without a filter; disapproving because David is unable to tap into any emotions that the tour should bring out, even during the tour of a concentration camp; envious for similar reasons just because Benji reacts on a visceral level and David, holds back, allowing his observations to color his response. They each express and feel pain in direct proportion to their abilities to feel emotions—Benji feels everything and David, seemingly, little. But, of course, it's not as simple as that.

Emotional pain is experienced in different ways. Just because Benji is an unfiltered jerk, both to his cousin and the other members of the group, doesn't negate his positive qualities. Those positive qualities are very tied to his negative ones, making him almost impossible to be around and impossible not. David is so bottled up that he is almost incapable of opening himself up to the past. His empathy for the suffering of others is almost rote. David is a here and now kind of person. He lives for his wife and child; he loved his grandmother as a person who cared for him. He finds it difficult to relate to past events in anything but a historical context. Benji improvises through life; David follows a script. Each man is a pain to the other, each suffering his own brand of pain.

This could have been a great character study of two men who are different sides of the same coin. On the positive side, Culkin and Eisenberg are playing characters they know so well. On the negative side, Culkin and Eisenberg are playing characters they know so well and have done repeatedly, right down to the identifiable speech cadences. Culkin has channeled Roman Roy from "Succession" at his best and worst. Although not exhibiting any new dimension, he makes it hard not to focus on his character and the ways in which he unsuccessfully hides his difficulties. Jesse Eisenberg stays within his already well-established wheelhouse of the repressed, almost OCD personage whose brain is constantly whirling in facts and numbers but not in emotions. Both men reveal their shortcomings, but it's Culkin who gives us a more fully developed character.

Eisenberg's intention was not just to explore the differences and ultimate love the cousins have for each other but to do it in the context of spiritual identity against the backdrop of today's Poland. Unintended, but the locations were only settings for the two men's interactions with no insight into the significance of these sites. He has, instead, made a scenic travelogue with little insight into the country.

Neither has much in common with the members of their group, although both bond with Eloge (Kurt Egyiawan), a convert to Judaism and a refugee from the Rwandan genocide who found a new home in Canada where he felt embraced by the grace, empathy and faith of the Jewish community. His quiet humility allowed both men, at least briefly, to contemplate what it means to find community in the aftermath of tragedy, bringing their grandmother's suffering and survival into focus. All of the other actors portraying the tour group members are only along for the ride, including Jennifer Grey, who portrays Marsha, the L.A. divorcee trying to discover her roots. Even Will Sharpe as James, the amiable tour guide leader, has little to do other than provide narrative for the sites, much like you might get on a Hop-On Hop-Off bus. They are wallpaper for the leads. Although Eisenberg based this film on his own travels, searching for his family's history in Poland, the personal touch seems missing.

Cinematographer. Michal Cymek, an award winner for the enchanting "EO," filmed his native Poland lovingly. It is significant, however, that Eisenberg steered clear of Poland's ever-present antisemitic history, avoiding most of Poland's past and present.

Opening Nov. 1 at AMC Century City 15 with a Q&A with Jesse Eisenberg and Kieran Culkin; Nov. 2 with a Q&A with Jesse Eisenberg.



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.

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BHEF Selected as Community Impact Partner

Beverly Hills Education Foundation (BHEF) was recently selected as a L'Ermitage Community Impact Partner. BHEF was previously gifted with \$16,000 in May and another \$30,000 in October to further its mission of elevating education excellence for all BHUSD schools. The L'Ermitage Community Impact Program allocates a 1% impact fee to benefit local community organizations.



The BHEF received a check for \$30,000 as part of the L'Ermitage Community Impact Program.

Tea and Tequila Event Raises Over \$640,000

The 2024 Tea and Tequila event hosted by Maple Counseling on Oct. 27 was a resounding success, uniting over 250 community members, including Mayor Friedman and Vice Mayor Nazarian. The event raised an impressive \$642,071 to support Maple Counseling's mission of providing free and low-cost mental health services and training.



Hundreds attended the Tea and Tequila event at The Maybourne Beverly Hills.



GENERAL ELECTION 2024

LAST DAY TO VOTE:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 8PM (SHARP)



IN-PERSON VOTE CENTERS

11-Day Vote Centers in Beverly Hills

Saturday, October 26, 2024 – Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Hours 10AM – 7PM | Election Day 7AM – 8PM

★ Beverly Hills City Hall – Municipal Gallery

4-Day Vote Centers in Beverly Hills

Saturday, November 2, 2024 – Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Hours 10AM – 7PM | Election Day 7AM – 8PM Locations:

- * Roxbury Park Community Center Clubhouse
- **★**La Cienega Tennis Center Rodeo Room
- *Horace Mann Elementary School Auditorium

VOTE BY MAIL DROP BOXES

Locations:

- ★ Beverly Hills City Hall (Across From the Fire Station)
- * Roxbury Park Community Center

For additional Vote Centers and Drop Box locations – visit BEVERLYHILLS.ORG/ELECTIONS or call the City Clerk's office at 310-285-2400



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING DATE: Thursday, November 14, 2024

TIME: 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: Commission Meeting Room 280A

Beverly Hills City Hall 455 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at a **REGULAR** meeting on **Thursday, November 14, 2024** will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider:

A DRAFT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING SHORT TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS (TRANSIENT USES) FOR SINGLE FAMILY AND MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The Planning Commission will be reviewing a draft ordinance containing potential changes to the short term rental regulations applicable to single-family and multifamily residential zones, which are referred to as single-family and multifamily transient uses in the current Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC). The Planning Commission previously reviewed this topic at the July 11, 2024 and August 8, 2024 study sessions, and directed staff to return with a draft ordinance that includes but is not limited to the following:

- A prohibition on short term rental uses in any residential zone of the City;
- A minimum initial lease term for the rental of both single-family and multi-family units in the City; and
- Changes to other sections of the BHMC related to short term rentals, such as a penalty fee structure specific to short term rentals.

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a resolution recommending the draft ordinance to the City Council for adoption.

Environmental Review

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. Since the project does not authorize construction, and actually imposes greater use restrictions on certain properties to protect the public health, safety and general welfare, there is no possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment. In addition, the project reflects minor changes in land use limitations, and do not result in changes to land use or density. Accordingly, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to find the project categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15305 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

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It is recommended that written public comments be submitted to the Planning Commission Recording Secretary by 11:30 AM on the meeting date. Public comments will also be taken during the meeting when the topic is being reviewed by the Planning Commission. Written comments should identify the Agenda Item number or topic in the subject line of the email. In order to be read at the meeting, written comments will be allowed with a maximum of 350 words, which corresponds to approximately three (3) minutes of speaking time.

If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, it will not be a part of the record. Any written comments received by end of the day on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, will be attached to the agenda report regarding this item. Any comments received after Tuesday, July 2, 2024, but prior the public hearing, will be distributed to the Commission under separate cover. According to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the City's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing. Please note that any comments received prior to or during the public hearing will be considered as part of the public record.

If there are any questions regarding this notice or if you would like to be added to the interested parties list for this topic, please contact **Chloe Chen, Principal 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.

Sincerely,

Chloe Chen, Senior Planner

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NEWS

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Election Day.

Beverly Hills City Hall is open now until

The Roxbury Park Clubhouse is open from Nov. 2-5.

The Rodeo Room at La Cienega Tennis Center is open from Nov. 2-5.

The Horace Mann Elementary School Auditorium (Charleville Entrance) is open from Nov. 2-5.

The results will begin to be posted after the polls close on election night, but the official results won't be in until every single vote is counted. With vote-by-mail ballots being postmarked up until Election Day, this means that some votes won't be counted until up to a week later. For the most accurate and up-to-date results, voters can view the live feed from the ballot processing center at https://www.lavote.gov/home/voting-elections/current-elections/live-feed.

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Supervisor Janice Hahn.

The Beverly Hills City Council voted 4-1 to oppose the measure at its Sept. 17 Regular Meeting, citing concerns about the need for a County Executive. Mirisch was the only member of that body who voiced support for the measure.

"This is a baby step towards more transparency and better government," said Mirisch. He compared it favorably to Beverly Hills' Sunshine Task Force, a committee which meets once a month and is designed to study measures to advance greater transparency. After the press conference, Mirisch told the Courier, "This is a common sense reform... it isn't even a radical reform. You want better representation for 10 million people in the 88 cities of LA County plus the unincorporated areas who are currently all only represented by five people."

Hirschaut said that the American Jewish Committee is an apolitical organization, and he was at the press conference on his own behalf. He then compared the number of constituents represented by most U.S. House of Representatives members (around 750,000) to those represented by LA County Supervisors (almost 2 million).

Stern told the Courier a more personal story. His in-laws are Holocaust survivors and needed nursing home and in-home personal healthcare via county services. "Having good service, those intimate and crucial parts of your life, is so important. And if I weren't a state senator I don't know if I could have gotten them the care they needed." He said that he believed having more Supervisors would also increase services.

A new study conducted by Loyola Marymount University's Center for the Study of Los Angeles (StudyLA), found that many of the items in Measure G would be a positive force for representation and ethics within the county. The study addresses some arguments against the measure and argues for the necessity of the many proposed county changes included in Measure G.

Several county employee unions have come out in opposition to Measure G, including those representing firefighters and sheriff's deputies. •

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that took place on Sept. 28 in the 100 block of Spalding Drive, where a man was fatally stabbed after attacking a father and his baby. The case has yet to be presented to the Los Angeles District Attorney, who ultimately decides whether or not to bring charges.

Statistics for July to September from the BHPD Mental Health Evaluation Team (MET), which consists of two officers and one clinician from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, were also provided. During this period, the team made 80 face-to-face contacts with individuals experiencing homelessness and provided mental health and outreach services. Aside from directly providing resources to individuals struggling with mental illness, such as applications for involuntary psychiatric evaluations, MET also collaborates with community services like the Beverly Hills Outreach Team to support those experi encing homelessness.

BHPD is on "tactical alert" in anticipation of Election Day, Nov. 5, but there is currently no intelligence related to specific threats.

The Beverly Hills Fire Department also reported its incident statistics for an entire year from September 2023 to September 2024. Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Poirier reported a slight reduction in rescue and EMS incidents as compared to the previous year. However, there has been a large increase in categories such as service calls and good intent calls. Poirier stated that this may be attributed to their nurse practitioner unit, the advanced practitioner responses and reports they generate.

The Human Services Division also gave the commission an update on the Beverly Hills Scattered Site Housing Program. Nearing its one-year anniversary, the program has successfully housed 19 formerly unhoused individuals. Additionally, four of the five shelter beds from the nonprofit organization People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) have been filled. PATH is one of several nonprofits receiving funding from the city to assist homeless individuals in Beverly Hills

L'Ermitage Celebrates Revamped Restaurant

Residents and community leaders joined L'Ermitage Beverly Hills in celebrating its revamped restaurant Costa Covo Osteria and brand new Negroni Lounge on Oct. 29.



Seniors Host Annual Halloween Dance

Beverly Hills Mayor Lester Friedman and Vice Mayor Sharonna Nazarian stopped by the Senior Halloween Dance at Roxbury Park Community Center on Oct. 28. Over 200 seniors attended the event hosted by the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club, which creates social opportunities for seniors and fosters community engagement. Halloween costumes from spooky to classic characters made the event a spooktacular success.



Dance attendees included (from left): Mayor Lester Friedman, Ruth Towns, Richard Weiss, Vice Mayor Sharona Nazarian, Jan Comsky and Phil Seelig.

Thursday, November 7TH, 2024 | 7:00 p.m. City Council Formal Meeting



FIRST PUBLIC MEETING TO SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT ON THE UPCOMING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CITY'S THREE SWORN EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

Beverly Hills City Hall Council Chambers, 455 N Rexford Drive

The meeting will also be broadcast virtually, on-demand at **BEVERLYHILLS.ORG/LIVE.**

The City of Beverly Hills is preparing to commence negotiations with its sworn employee bargaining groups, which consist of sworn fire personnel, sworn police personnel and sworn police management.

To see all MOUs, visit beverlyhills.org/mou.

For questions or additional information, please call (310) 285-1067.



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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Discretion is one of your superpowers, and others can sense it, even if they never quite catch you in action because you're keeping all your cards close to the vest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As far as you're concerned, happiness that comes at someone else's expense isn't happiness at all. You make it your business to know what the real story is. Your moral compass is sharp, and you'll seek fairness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The focus is on relationships and interdependence. Don't hesitate to ask for help and offer it in return; it's how we thrive together. Also, even if it feels like a luxury, take the time to exercise because the mental clarity you gain will be priceless.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your creativity is ever-evolving. You've got the core ideas, and you'll land in a dream collaboration -- the sort that doesn't make you second-guess your moves as you commit to turning out the best craft possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Too much

attention too soon can smother even the best concepts. Let things grow on their own without hovering over them. Your ideas spread like wildfire when they're given space to breathe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People won't ask for what they really need. For instance, they ask for advice when they really want approval, or they ask for input when they really want attention, funding, or, in today's case, something more subtle like a feeling of power.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Beware of the smile that spreads across the mouth but never reaches the eyes. The eyes are supposed to be the starting point. Real smiles will come from true hearts and point to sweet opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Having candy or not having candy isn't a reason to cry. But, just ask any 2-year old, insignificant events can significantly impact the mood for those with a limited perspective. Broadened your perspective and a "candy" crisis will matter less.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's something occupying too much of your mental space. It's draining your energy without offering a solution. Let it go so you can redirect your focus to something productive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's a trope of crime movies -- the board of pictures, facts, evidence and the red yarn making connections. Today there's a mystery to put together... not a crime, but a complex issue with characters and timelines and connections that are best sorted in a visual way. You're so close to a breakthrough.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've seen things go off track, and you've

also gone the distance with projects that came to full fruition. So while it doesn't always seem like you know what you're doing, on a very basic level you most certainly do, so trust yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Relationships go through different temperatures and tones. Don't let the one that's been simmering for too long become a reductive mess. Welcome a change in any direction to shake things up with spice and intrigue.



This pair of corgis is Sugar (left, boy) and Spice (right, girl). Sugar is 1 year old, Spice is 4 years old, and they weigh about 30 pounds each. These two are bonded so they must be adopted together. If interested in this set of corgis, please contact Kim Sill at Shelter of Hope at 310-770-3571.

shelterhopepetshop.org

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Healthcare Provider in their provision of full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services, prohibited by the California Constitution, Article I, sections 1 and 1.1, and the Reproductive Privacy Act. The city shall not interfere, obstruct, or otherwise withhold city resources, including city permits and/or public safety resources, from Reproductive Healthcare Providers or the owners of property where the Reproductive Healthcare Providers operate, in a discriminatory manner, as prohibited by the California Constitution, Article I, sections 1 and 1.1 and the Reproductive Privacy Act."

Moreover, the city agrees in the judgment to take affirmative action, including the development of training modules and materials for select employees regarding state and federal reproductive rights laws. The city must make said training modules and materials publicly available; establish a procedure to report violations thereof; and appoint a "Reproductive Justice Compliance Officer" who shall be responsible for disseminating and overseeing same.

Compliance with the judgment shall be overseen by the Attorney General's office, with the city obligated to provide yearly reports for five years.

Attorney General Rob Bonta held a press conference on Oct. 31 to announce the stipulated judgment. There, Bonta noted, "I can't but express my disappointment in the

fact that we had to be here at all. And It's more than a disappointment. It's anger, and it is frustration that the DOJ had to get involved. We shouldn't have had to get involved. Governments are there to uphold your rights, defend your liberties, protect you from others who might seek to violate your rights. They're there to give you safety, including public safety. And the reprehensible actions of Beverly Hills were exactly the opposite. They undermined, stripped away and conned. They interfered with and denied the rights that the state constitution in California state law has given us."

The city and several current and former officials are still parties to civil litigation regarding this matter. Dr. Jennefer Russo, Chief Medical Officer of the DuPont Clinic, released the following statement in response to the stipulated judgment:

"For years, municipalities across this country have used permitting power and governmental pressure campaigns to quietly prevent clinics from opening and thus limiting abortion access, even in California, which holds itself up as an abortion access state. But never before has the state's Attorney General had to go to court to intervene when a local government in California abused its power to prevent an abortion clinic from opening. This is unprecedented. Attorney General Bonta intervened because this is more than a city meddling with a private lease: this is about protecting access

to abortion and fundamental freedom in California."

The city has consistently denied any wrongdoing in this matter. Mayor Lester Friedman issued a statement in which he noted, "Beverly Hills is already home to medical facilities that offer complete reproductive health services. The city reaffirms and pledges that it did not and will not discriminate against any reproductive

healthcare provider and strongly supports a woman's right to choose."

Councilmember John Mirisch issued a separate statement that said he was the lone City Council vote against the stipulated judgment on grounds, among other things, that the Attorney General's office has unfairly singled out Beverly Hills. •

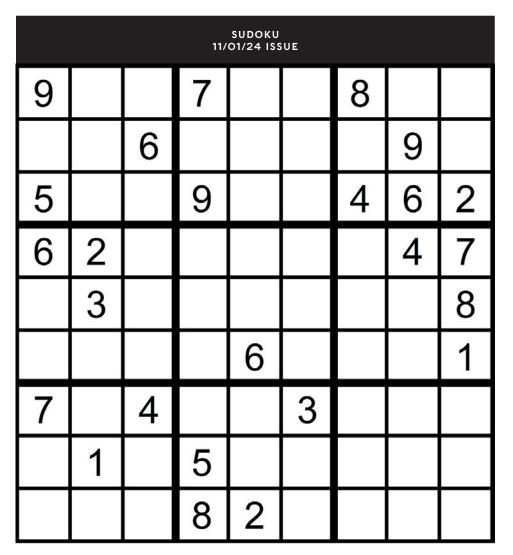
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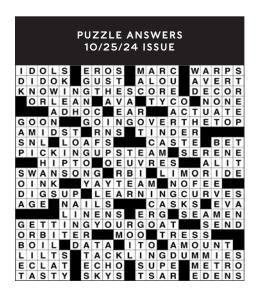
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TRIPLE FEATURES BY JERRY MICCOLIS / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

Jerry Miccolis is a retired actuary and financial executive who splits his time between the Garden State (Basking Ridge, N.J.) and the Garden Isle (Kauai, Hawaii). He spends his days as a playwright, math tutor, softball player and volunteer with NASA's Solar System Ambassador program. This puzzle's theme riffs on the same idea as his New York Times debut of July 17, 2016, which was titled "Double Features."

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RFQual #25-350-6

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

REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS AND PREQUALIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR:

NOTICE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED TRADE CONTRACTORS LISTS FOR

WILL ROGERS PARK PUBLIC RESTROOM REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Beverly Hills ("CITY") has determined that all bidders for Notice of the Establishment of a Qualified Trade Contractors Lists for WILL ROGERS PARK PUBLIC RESTROOM REPLACEMENT ("Project") must be pre-qualified prior to submiting a bid. It is mandatory that all Contractors who intend to submit a bid, fully complete the pre-qualification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the CITY to be on the final qualified Bidders list.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid. The last date to submit a fully completed questionnaire is **5:00 PM Monday**, **December 02**, **2024**.

Contractors must register as a vendor at the following website in order to download the prequalification package, and to receive clarificationss and notifications when issued.

The Prequalification package may be viewed on, and downloaded from the City's PlanetBids portal: https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/39493/bo/bo-detail/104883

This item is listed as: Notice of the Establishment of a Qualified Trade Contractors Lists for WILL ROGERS PARK PUBLIC RESTROOM REPLACEMENT. Answers to questions contained in the questionnaire are required. The CITY will use these documents as the basis of rating Contractors with respect to whether each Contractor is qualified to bid on the Project, and reserves the right to check other sources available. The CITY's decision will be based on objective evaluation criteria.

The CITY reserves the right to adjust, increase, limit, suspend or rescind the prequalification rating based on subsequently learned information. Contractors whose rating changes sufficiently to disqualify them will be notified, and given an opportunity for a hearing consistent with the hearing procedures described below for appealing a prequalification rating.

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

All qualifications submittals are required to be submit electronically via PlanetBids. The electronic submittal system will close exactly at the date and time set forth in this request for qualifications.

Any questions regarding the questionnaire and qualification package should be submitted via PlanetBids by 2:00PM, November 20, 2024. Questions sent via email or over the phone; with the exception of those related to accessing or using PlanetBids, will not be answered.

Contractors are responsible for submitting and having their documents accepted before the closing time set forth in the request for qualifications. **NOTE:** Pushing the submit button on the electronic submittal system may not be instantaneous; it may take time for the Contractor's documents to upload and transmit before the documents are accepted. It is the Contractor's sole responsibility to ensure their documents are uploaded, transmitted, and arrive in time electronically. The City of Beverly Hills will have no responsibility for documents

that do not arrive in a timely manner, no matter what the reason.

The prequalification packages submitted by Contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. However, the contents may be disclosed to third parties for purpose of verification, or investigation of substantial allegations, or in an appeal hearing. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for prequalification status shall be public records subject to disclosure, and the first page of the questionnaire will be used for that purpose.

Each questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the Contractor on whose behalf that person is signing. If any information provided by a Contractor becomes inaccurate, the Contractor must immediately notify the CITY and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

The CITY reserves the right to waive minor irregularities and omissions in the information contained in the prequalification application submitted, and to make all final determinations. The CITY may also determine at any time that the prequalification process will be suspended for the Project and the Project will be bid without prequalification.

Contractors may submit all qualifications submittals electronically via Planet Bids. Contractors who submit a complete prequalification package will be notified of their qualification status no later than ten business days after submission of the information.

The CITY may refuse to grant prequalification where the requested information and materials are not provided by the due date indicated above. There is no appeal from a refusal for an incomplete or late application, but re-application for a later project is permitted. Neither the closing time for submitting prequalification packages for this Project will be changed in order to accommodate supplementation of incomplete submissions, or late submissions, unless requested by the CITY in its sole discretion.

In addition to a contractor's failure to be pre-qualified pursuant to the scoring system set forth in the prequalification package, a contractor may be found not prequalified for either omission of or falsification of, any requested information.

Where a timely and completed application results in a rating below that necessary to pre-qualify, an appeal can be made by the unsuccessful Contractor. An appeal is begun by the Contractor delivering notice to the CITY of its appeal of the decision with respect to its prequalification rating, no later than two business days following notification that it is not pre-qualified. The notice of appeal shall include an address where the Contractor wishes to receive notice of the appeal hearing. Without a timely appeal, the Contractor waives any and all rights to challenge the decision of the CITY, whether by administrative process, judicial process or any other legal process or proceeding.

If the Contractor gives the required notice of appeal, a hearing shall be conducted no earlier than five business days after the CITY's receipt of the notice of appeal and not later than five business days prior to the date of the Notice Inviting Bids for this Project. Prior to the hearing, the Contractor shall, in writing, be advised of the basis for the City's pre-qualification determination.

The hearing shall be conducted by a panel consisting of three members of the Public Works Department senior management staff (the "Appeals Panel"). The Appeals Panel shall consider any evidence presented by the Contractor, whether or not the evidence is presented in compliance with formal rules of evidence. The Contractor will be given the opportunity to present evidence, information and arguments as to why the Contractor believes it should be pre-qualified. Within one day after the conclusion of the hearing, the Appeals Panel will render a written determination as to whether the Contractor is pre-qualified. It is the intention of the CITY that the date for the submission and opening of bids will not be delayed or postponed to allow for completion of an appeal process.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 2024-2967 Loan No.: 7519598 APN: 4333-030-120

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/09/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED **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 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, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, 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: SONIA MINJUNGKIM ETE, A MARRIED WOMAN, HER AS SOLE **SEPARATE** AND Duly PROPERTY Appointed Trustee: American Default Management Recorded 07/13/2021 as Instrument No. 20211080010 in book //, page // of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 11/26/2024 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: \$714,133.56 *Make Cashier's checks payable to American Default Management, LLC Street Address or other common designation of real property: 234 SOUTH GALE DRIVE #209 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211 A.P.N.: 4333-030-120 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 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. 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 website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-2967. 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 website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-2967 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 10/23/2024 American Default Management 415 N. Camden Drive, #108 Beverly Hills, California 90210 Phone: (310) 855-0826 Automated Sale Information Line: (916) 939-0772 JUSTIN SHAW, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER NPP0467072 To: BEVERLY HILLS COURIER 11/01/2024, 11/08/2024, 11/15/2024

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CASE NO: 24SMCP00517 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of: Jacob Tadgh KOZUBEI

To all interested person(s): Petitioner: Jacob Tadgh KOZUBEI current residence address: 2691 Wallingford Drive, 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 Oct. 4,

for a Decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:
Jacob Tadgh KOZUBEI

Proposed Name:
Jacob Tadgh KOTZUBEI
The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection 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: November 15, 2024

Time: 8:30am Dept: K
The address of the court is: Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica,

Reason for name change: Petitioner is already known by his proposed name wishes to be known by his 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: **Jacob Tadgh KOZUBEI** Judge of the Superior Court:

Lawrence Cho,
David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk,
Dated: October 4, 2024

BHC - 10/18/24, 10/25/24, 11/01/24, 11/08/24

SUMMONS (CITATION JUDICIAL) CASE NO: 21STCV43764

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:
SEUNGOH YOO, an individual; THE FUKUDA FAMILY TRUST DATED JUNE 27, 2009; THE MASATOSHI YAMABAYASHI AND SHIRLEY MIYUKI YAMABAYASHI REVOCABLE TRUST; PATRICIA KIKUE FUKUDA, an individual; STEPHEN WAYNE FUKUDA, an individual; BOBBY MINORU MATSUMOTO, an individual; ROBERT MATSUMOTO, an individual; MASATOSHI YAMABAYASHI, an individual; SHIRLEY MIYUKI YAMABAYASHI, an individual; CHIRLEY MIYUKI YAMABAYASHI ual; and DOES 1 TO 100, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

AIDAN KORTE, an individual.

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

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these non-profit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www. lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

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

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: Gevork Gazaryan, Esq. DOWNTOWN LA LAW GROUP 910 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California 90015 (213) 389-3765 (State Bar No: 327350)

Date:

By: David W. Slayton, Clerk • N. Quispe, Deputy Judicial Officer: Mark E. Windham / Judge

BHC. Published 11/01/24, 11/08/24, 11/15/24, 11/22/24

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024180843 The following is/are doing business as:

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2) MY BEST AND BEYOND 137 South Robertson Boulevard unit 117 Beverly Hills, CA 90211; TAMARA GABRIEL, 137 South Robertson Boulevard unit 117 Beverly Hills, CA 90211; The business is conducted by: <u>AN INDIVIDUAL</u> registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: TAMARA GABRIEL, Owner; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 28, 2024; Published: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024 LACC N/C (REPRINT) November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC **BEVERAGE LICENSE**

(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24074 et seq.)

Escrow No. 003340-CK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names of the Seller/Licensee are: OCEAN RESTAURANTS GROUP, INC., 8163 SANTA MONICA BLVD., WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046

The business is known as: OCEAN SUSHI AKA OCEAN RESTAURANT

The names of the Buyer/Transferee are: KNL GLOBAL, INC., 8163 SANTA MONICA BLVD., WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046

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 the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE WITH ABC LICENSE together with the following described alcoholic beverage license(s): 41-648573 and are located at: 8163 SANTA MONICA BLVD., WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046

The kind of license to be transferred is: ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE now issued for the premises located at: 8163 SANTA MONICA BLVD., WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046

The anticipated date of sale/transfer is: NOVEMBER 6, 2024 at the office of: HANA ESCROW, 3580 WILSHIRE BLVD, STE 1170, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

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 the 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: SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

OCEAN RESTAURANTS GROUP, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Seller/Licensee(s) GLOBAL, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer/ Transferee ORD-2864993

NOTICE— Fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14400, et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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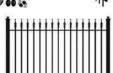
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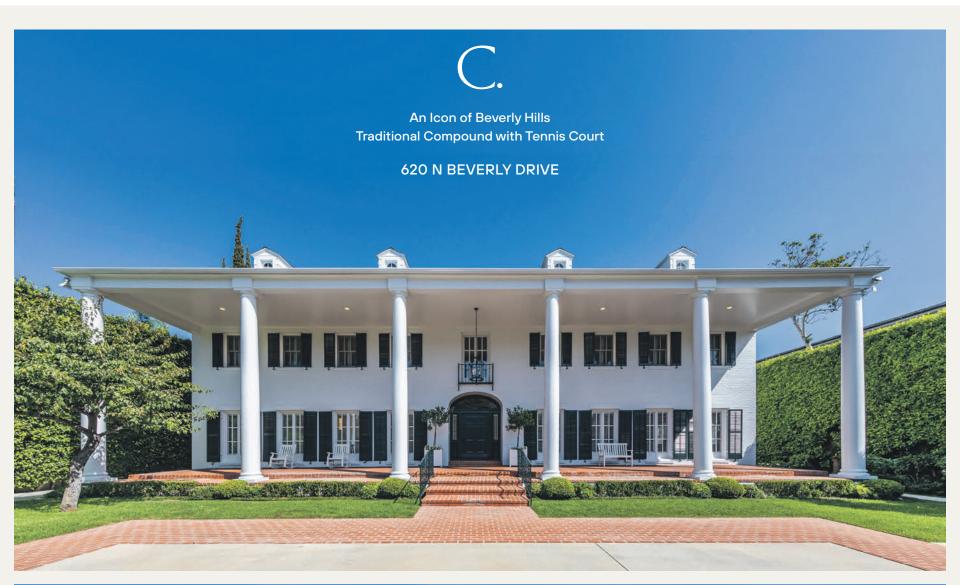
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