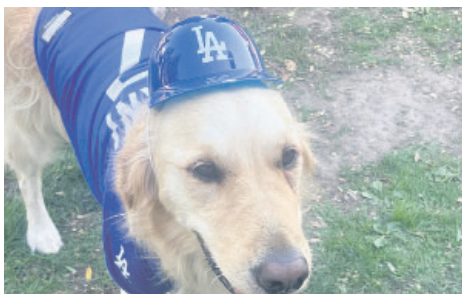


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Hochman Wins DA Race by a Landslide



Photo by Sean Beckner-Carmitchel

Hochman celebrated with supporters on election night.

BY SEAN BECKNER-CARMITCHEL

Nathan Hochman has secured a sweeping victory in the race to unseat Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón. The latest voting results as of press time show Hochman with 61.5% of the vote and Gascón with 38.5%. Supporters gathered at a Beverly Hills private equity investment firm to celebrate with the candidate on election night.

Hochman's campaign platform focused on rejecting progressive policies brought forth by Gascón. Coining himself as a "hard middle" candidate, he vowed to undo or modify many of Gascón's approaches, which he labeled as "failed social policies." In particular, Hochman criticized Gascón's handling of juvenile cases, alleging that they contributed to a "breakdown" in public

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Increase in Coyote Sightings Reported in Beverly Hills

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On Nov. 5 at noon, Natalie Ganji noticed a coyote roaming around the front yard of her neighbor's house on the 200 block of South Bedford Drive. "The moms from my baby class were walking out and ran back inside my house," Ganji told the Courier. "These coyotes, and there's more than one, are out all throughout the day. I have four small children. They're 5, 4 and 2 years old, 7 months old and a dog. I feel like, at this point, I'm a prisoner in my own home because I can't go outside."

Ganji first started seeing coyotes in her neighborhood about a month ago, and she wasn't the only one. Over the past month, an uptick in coyote sightings in the flats has left many Beverly Hills residents fearful of leaving their homes. Primarily in the south of



Photo courtesy of Natalie Ganji
A coyote on Bedford Drive Nov. 5

the city, the coyote sightings have prompted law enforcement to issue community warnings and best practices on how to stay safe, but the problem persists. Typically known

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Stern, Sabag and Stuart Lead in School Board Race

BY AMANDA COSCARELLI

The race for three open seats on the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education is extremely tight, but as of press time, Dr. Amanda Stern, Sigalie Sabag and Russell Stuart are in the three top slots ahead of Dela Peykar Ronen. Votes are still being counted, but it is safe to say that the three candidates will take the seats for the next term, said Stern.

"I am confident that I have won, and I continue to be very appreciative of my supporters, friends, family and students who believe in me and were very passionate about supporting my reelection bid," Stern told the Courier. Stern will leave her spot as board president but will continue as a board member for the next four years.

As Stern makes this transition, she looks forward to passing the role of president to Rachele Marcus. "I anticipate only the best and I am glad that our next president is someone as wise and experienced as she is," she said.

Sabag and Stuart are set to begin their first terms on the board. "I am a growth-centered person, and I believe that feeling uncomfortable and having important conversations are essential to that type of mindset," said Stern. "In other words, I am looking forward to sharing different

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Measure G Ahead by Slim Margin

BY AMANDA COSCARELLI

Los Angeles County voters are almost evenly divided about the historic ballot measure that would amend the county charter to increase representation, accountability and transparency. Also known as Measure G, the initiative was authored by Board of Supervisors Chair Lindsey Horvath, whose third district includes Beverly Hills, and Supervisor Janice Hahn. The measure would expand the Board of Supervisors from five to nine seats, make the County CEO an elected position and establish an Ethics Commission and Compliance Officer by 2026. Mail-in ballots are still being tallied at Los Angeles County's ballot processing center in the City of Industry, but voters

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Courier Calendar

NOW - NOV. 10

LATINO THEATRE COMPANY:

“ENCUENTRO 2024:

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Nineteen theater companies and 165 artists from across the United States and Puerto Rico will electrify downtown L.A. during a national theater festival of dynamic, contemporary Latiné theater. Latino Theater Company presents “Encuentro 2024: We Are Here - Presente!” at The Los Angeles Theatre Center through Nov. 10. Featuring public performances, cross-company collaborations and rich discussions, “Encuentro 2024” will celebrate the resilience, creativity and strength of Latiné communities, reaffirming Latino Theater Company’s commitment to fostering new voices and inspiring the next generation of artists. The work of each company will be presented on a rotating schedule, with performances running simultaneously every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in six different spaces within The LATC complex. A full schedule is available online. Tickets range from \$10-\$48. Latino Theatre Company is located at 514 S. Spring Street, Los Angeles.

latinotheaterco.org

NOW - NOV. 30

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA:

“TO PAINT IS TO LIVE: ART AND RESISTANCE IN THERESIENSTADT” 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

Holocaust Museum LA presents “To Paint is to Live,” which highlights the untold stories of endurance through remarkable artworks of those who survived and perished. This exhibition challenges viewers to contemplate the transformative power of art when faced with extreme adversity and reflect on the capacity for maintaining human dignity. Established by the Nazis on Nov. 24, 1941, Theresienstadt played a critical role in the Nazi government’s deceptive propaganda to quell questions surrounding the deportations of Jews and their fate. The Nazis presented Theresienstadt as a model “settlement” or “spa” town, but the harsh reality was that it was a place designed to accelerate death. Jews resisted the horrific surroundings and cruel treatment in any way they could, wielding their brushes and pens as instruments of resistance. “To Paint is to Live” reveals the profound role of art in reaffirming human dignity as prisoners turned to creative expression to assert their identity, chronicle their existence,

and honor their cultural heritage in the face of unspeakable atrocities. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and military, and free for students, children and teachers. The museum is also free all day on Sundays.

holocaustmuseumla.org

NOV. 12

ICE AT SANTA MONICA:

“LET’S GLOW ICE SKATING”

Guests are invited to join Teen Cancer America for “Let’s Glow Ice Skating” on Nov. 12 at Ice at Santa Monica. Attendees can watch magical ice skating performances by U.S. Olympian Polina Edmunds and local skate hero Margaret Delgado while enjoying tasty treats, delicious drinks, and a host of activities for all ages. Edmunds is a two-time U.S. Silver Medalist who represented Team USA in the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics when she was only 15 years old. After the performances, those present are invited to hit the ice and glow under the stars - with neon rings and necklaces provided at check in - or simply relax and mingle with friends and celebrity guests. Live music will also be featured including iHeart’s DJ Von Bellows spinning great tunes, and yummy samplings and tastings from

local vendors. “Let’s Glow Ice Skating” is perfect for all ages and skill levels, so lace up those skates (rentals included). All proceeds go to Teen Cancer America benefitting teens and young adults with cancer. Ice at Santa Monica is located at 1324 5th St., Santa Monica. Adult tickets are \$30, student tickets with ID and youth tickets (age 6-18) are \$25 and child tickets (age 2-5) are \$10.


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NOV. 15 - JAN. 5, 2025

“LA ZOO LIGHTS: ANIMALS AGLOW” 6-10 P.M.

LA Zoo presents “Animals Aglow” for the holiday season. Guests can explore an immersive landscape with dazzling new lantern sculptures of larger-than-life animals and holiday wonders, for a nature-focused seasonal celebration that’s as inspiring as it is breathtaking. This year’s experience features all-new sights and delights and the return of Santa himself. (Santa photos available for an additional fee.) Sensory-friendly, pride night and holiday pajama event evenings are available. Ticket prices vary based on date. The LA Zoo is located at 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles.

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CT Christmas Tree Display	HL Holiday Lights	SS Santa with Reindeer & Sleigh
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By Steve Gamer



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Pico-Robertson Businesses Hit by Vandalism



Photo by Sean Beckner-Carmitchel

Several businesses in Pico-Robertson were hit by vandalism on Nov. 5.

BY SEAN BECKNER-CARMITCHEL

Multiple businesses were vandalized, and at least one was burglarized on the 8500 block of Pico Boulevard early Nov. 5. At least six store owners in the Pico-Robertson neighborhood woke up to the realization that their stores were vandalized around 4:30 a.m. Security footage reviewed by the Courier shows a

man walking down the street smashing windows and kicking garbage cans onto Pico Boulevard. Among the stores vandalized were Got Kosher Bakery, Glatt Mart, Bargain Oakhurst Pharmacy and Elat Market.

A rumor circulated via social media that there were gunshots used during the vandalism. However, the LAPD confirmed that

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BHPD Honored for Drone Technology



Photo by Madeleine Connors

The BHPD Drone Team has received the 2024 Centurion Award for Excellence in Innovation.


The Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County (POALAC) has honored the Beverly Hills Police Department's (BHPD) Drone Team with the 2024 Centurion Award for Excellence in Innovation. The award recognizes the BHPD's achievements in utilizing drone technology to enhance public safety and modernize law enforcement practices.

Under the leadership of Chief Mark G.

Stainbrook and Lt. Todd Withers, the BHPD Drone Team has demonstrated both creativity and efficiency in incorporating drones into their daily operations. Their Drone as First Responder (DFR) Program, officially launched in 2021, has become a model of excellence, with proactive drone flights that support patrol operations, responding to

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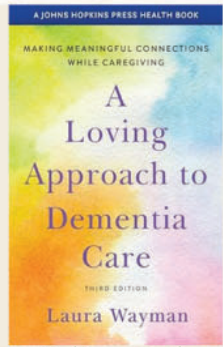
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to avoid people, residents have reported increasingly brazen coyotes that are unafraid to approach people and pets at any time of day or night. While the city of Beverly Hills does not remove or trap coyotes, officials work with the Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) to manage wildlife encounters.

In a WhatsApp group chat designated for zone six residents, neighbors share real-time coyote sightings and updates, “warning everybody it’s on Peck, it’s on Camden, it’s on Bedford,” said Ganji. “We think there are two that are living on our street.” As part of the Just in Case BH emergency preparedness plan, the city was divided into nine geographic zones, with zone six extending west of Beverly Drive and south of Wilshire Boulevard to the city boundary.

“We call the police daily, and we’ve called animal control,” she said. “The coyote has not physically attacked anybody, but are we supposed to wait for it to attack us and then do something about it?”

Ganji grew up in Beverly Hills and has lived on South Bedford Drive for four years, but never have coyote sightings been a daily occurrence. “I feel like, as a neighborhood, we’re kind of at a standstill, and we don’t know what to do other than keep warning each other,” Ganji said. “We’re off of Olympic and Wilshire boulevards; there should not be coyotes here.”

According to several neighbors who contacted the Los Angeles County ACWM, an inspector from the Integrated Pest Management Division has been deployed to survey the area and then is expected to provide the city of Beverly Hills with an assessment. “I’m sure something is being done, but as a resident, I don’t know who’s really the right person to contact,” Ganji added.

Beverly Hills resident Mouna Forde told the Courier she was first approached by two coyotes about a month ago, around 4 a.m., while taking her Maltese dog outside. “I grabbed my dog in my hand, and one thing that surprised me was they weren’t scared,” Forde said. “They were coming towards me.”

Forde’s second encounter with a coyote was on Oct. 31, around 6:15 p.m., while she was walking her dog on South Roxbury Drive. “There were a lot of kids, noisy streets and lots of cars, and I turned my head, and it was behind me,” Forde said. “When I grabbed my dog from the floor, the coyote came towards me to attack my dog. I yelled and screamed, but it wasn’t scared.” According to Forde, the coyote cornered her in front of a parked car on her street, and she could not get by. After calling for help, her building manager came outside and chased the coyote away. “So now I have to walk my dog in the daytime with pepper spray, and it’s not enjoyable,” she told the Courier. “I don’t take her for walks anymore, and that’s

so sad. I feel terrorized.”

Longtime resident Audrey Frantz was walking her small dog during the early evening of Oct. 24 when she realized a coyote had been trailing her. “Two ladies waiting at the Steak 48 valet said to me, ‘Pick up your dog, you’re being followed by a coyote,’” Frantz told the Courier. A few days later, she saw another coyote in the same neighborhood. “I was walking my dog next door to Steak 48 because there’s a little patch of grass there. I was with my neighbor, and she had her two little dogs. Then, all of a sudden, a big coyote came out of the bushes across the street on the west side of Roxbury and literally barged at us.” Frantz and her neighbor picked up their dogs and ran for safety inside the restaurant.

Frantz lives on South Roxbury Drive and

is one of many who no longer walks in the neighborhood. “I have too much anxiety, and I get constant text messages and phone calls from neighbors with coyote sightings during the day and night.”

“The community needs help, and people need to be able to walk in the neighborhood and feel safe,” Frantz added. “People are not walking their dogs in the neighborhood right now, and everybody is on edge.”

City officials urge people to keep pets indoors or in secure enclosures, not to leave any pet food outside, secure trash, and close crawl spaces to mitigate the threat of coyotes. To report a sighting, residents are encouraged to contact LA Animal Control at 310-207-3266. ●

Courier Named a Finalist for Two National A&E Journalism Awards

The Beverly Hills Courier is a finalist for two National A&E Journalism Awards. The awards, given annually by the Los Angeles Press Club, honor the best arts and entertainment reporting published nationally in 2023. This year, the judges received more than 1,600 entries.

Courier Publisher and writer Lisa Friedman Bloch is a finalist in the category of “Personality Profile, Film Industry – Over

2,500 Words,” for her Holiday STYLE 2023 cover story, “Eva Longoria Redefines Star Power.” The Courier’s Neely Swanson is a finalist in the category of “Film Critic—Over 1,000 words.”

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Amanda Foundation Seeks Content Creators



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A volunteer holds two adoptable kittens at the Amanda Foundation.

BY JULIANNA LOZADA

The Amanda Foundation is calling all Los Angeles creatives and content creators with a passion for pets to attend the “Barks and Bagels” event on Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the shelter. The goal is to encourage the creators to use their talents to help capture the uniqueness of each of the Amanda Foundation animals in hopes of finding them a home. As the name implies, the event will offer free bagels and a chance for attendees to interact with animals at the shelter.

“I’m hoping people can use their artistry, their innovation, to show the critters in a different light; maybe something with fun music behind it, or at different angles, or with different types of photography than I would do,” said founder Teri Austin. Austin takes a majority of the photos displayed on the Amanda Foundation’s website and Instagram.

“People can give their time and talent, and it doesn’t have to be a lot of time. We’re so lucky where we are in beautiful Beverly Hills. We have some great backdrops. I think there’s a lot of opportunity to take some great photographs,” Austin explained.

The event encourages participants to use their talents to create engaging content on their platforms and increase visibility for the organization’s animals.

“You might not be able to adopt an animal or have any money to help us with our programs, but you might be able to help us by getting our furry faces out there.” Austin hopes using innovative ways to promote the foundation’s animals would be helpful, especially at a time when all across LA, pet adoptions are down.

Shelters across Los Angeles are suffering from occupancy overload, leaving animals in cramped conditions. The Amanda Foundation rescues animals from LA city and county shelters that suffer from overcrowding, “from poodles to pit bulls,” Austin told the Courier. At any given time, the Amanda Foundation shelters 60-70 animals.

According to LA Animal Services, local shelters are at 150% capacity, making the need for rescue and adoption more urgent. Austin hopes the Amanda Foundation’s

Sunday event can encourage more households to adopt.

Situated on North Foothill Boulevard, the Amanda Foundation is surrounded by industries filled with young professionals, whom Austin says visit during their breaks. Austin hopes they can use their talents in graphic design platforms like Adobe or proficiency in various social media outlets to help the Amanda Foundation achieve its mission.

Forty years ago, the Amanda Foundation started solely as a rescue shelter with a goal to reduce euthanasia at shelters. To alleviate overcrowding, rescue shelters sometimes look to euthanizing their animals as a solution to make more space.

“We focus on pets we feel the public has overlooked because they’re ill, injured, shy, or have been abused,” said Austin. “However, that is not the majority of animals in the shelter. The majority of animals we rescue are young, healthy and looking for new homes.”

In addition to maintaining a rescue shelter, the Amanda Foundation operates a full-service veterinary hospital—the only nonprofit in Los Angeles that does so—called Dr. Shipp’s Animal Hospital. The hospital offers primary, preventative, and advanced care as well as preventative and diagnostic dental services. Dr. Shipp’s Animal Hospital is also guided by the Amanda Foundation’s community-centered mission.

In addition to serving the Beverly Hills community, the Amanda Foundation has been operating its Spaymobile, which offers free spay/neuter procedures and vaccinations to underserved and low-income neighborhoods, for nearly 20 years. The Spaymobile also partners with LA shelters to make their animals ready for adoption.

At the root of the organization’s services is its mission to holistically tackle pet homelessness.

“We want to change how people think of animal shelters,” said Austin. The organization emphasizes its independent funding and neighborly approach to its services.

The Amanda Foundation is also slated to undergo renovation to improve the shelter experience for both its animals and visitors.

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Doggy Daze 90210 is a Favorite for Dogs and Owners



Photo by Madeleine Connors

Hundreds attended Doggy Daze on Nov. 3.

BY MADELEINE CONNORS

On Nov. 3, hundreds of pet owners and dogs celebrated Doggy Daze 90210 at Roxbury Park’s Wiggly Field, featuring more than 27 vendors and six dog adoption agencies.

The festivities, presented by the Beverly Hills Community Services Department, began with an Old English Sheepdog parade,

followed by a disc dog show and a pet parade. The event also included a dog talent show judged by Mayor Lester Friedman, Vice Mayor Sharon Nazarian and Amie Sherry of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The free event allowed dogs and their owners to learn about resources for pet health and shop for clothes and accessories

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Westside Ballet of Santa Monica Returns with ‘The Nutcracker’



Photo courtesy Westside Ballet of Santa Monica

Beverly Hills performers in “The Nutcracker” include (from left): Elle Shim, Willa Cross, Billie Dane, Jenne Shim and Chloe Meyer. Front: Jesse Sapadin.

The Westside Ballet of Santa Monica’s 51st annual production of “The Nutcracker” returns to The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage from Nov. 30 to Dec. 8. This year’s production, which is Southern California’s longest-running “Nutcracker,” stars New York City Ballet Principals Tiler Peck and Roman Mejia. Peck, a Westside Ballet alumna, reprises her role

as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Six pre-professional dancers and Beverly Hills residents will also share the stage with Peck. “I think that one of the most rewarding things is to be able to inspire the younger generation. I try to lead by example and show them I worked hard,” Peck told the Courier. ●

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'Blitz'—Loud and Clear



Saoirse Ronan

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BY NEELY SWANSON

The bombs are dropping; the sound is deafening; the fires are spreading and the firefighters are engulfed. Thus opens the extraordinary new film by Steve McQueen, "Blitz," a sequence that is riveting, terrifying, and as close as anyone can come to being in the middle of an attack. Your stomach will tighten; you'll want to close your eyes and deaden the sound, but you can't because this surround sound experience is mesmerizing. It's 1940 in London and the Germans have targeted English cities, randomly bombing residential as well as industrial sites, causing havoc with the almost warningless attacks. Whole blocks are destroyed, and rubble fills the streets. This was a blitzkrieg, a lightning war, dubbed "the Blitz" by the Brits. Its object wasn't just to destroy but also to destabilize, and it was successful on all counts. It's an amazingly frightening opening that leads into what is the touching and gripping love story of a mother for her child.

Fearing for the children living in London, an evacuation was hastily put together to send youngsters out of the big city and transport them by train to safer villages away from the bombing targets. Rita, a factory worker and single mom, lives with her father and her 9-year-old biracial son, George, who could not be more loved or supported by his mother and grandfather. They have raised him to be strong and fair and independent; to stand up to bullies and defend himself when necessary. As his grandfather tells him, "Bullies are all mouth and no trousers." Torn between her need to have George with her, she is, nevertheless, insistent that he join the evacuation, something he does not want. She unclasped her St. Christopher's necklace, the last vestige of her long-gone husband and George's father and puts it

around his neck. Yelling, crying, and shouting he hates her, Rita drags him to the train and makes sure he gets on. George wants none of it. The strangers are unfriendly; he's different; he wants his family. As the train pulls away, you are as wrenched as George is.

Rita is a factory worker. Surrounded by friends, they commiserate about the dangers around them but all are eager to find fun and companionship in the turmoil. Rita is conflicted. Reluctant to be pulled from her shell, all her thoughts are with George and his last hateful words to her. Her guilt and ambivalence are playing havoc with her psyche. Life will soon become more complicated and amidst the constant threat of destruction and paltry number of shelters, Rita tries to help those in need. She is unaware that she could soon be one of them.

Faced with bullies ridiculing him because of his race and a support system not designed for people like him, George, a truly intrepid soul, makes a daring escape from the train, determined to make his way back to his mother and grandfather. He cannot let his last words to his mother be "I hate you." During his Quixotic trip, he will face an amazing array of dangers, learning that sometimes it's difficult to tell the bad guys from the good as he starts on his incredible journey. When Rita is informed that George did not disembark with the other children and that one child reported his heroic jump from the moving train, she is hysterical. Walking out on her job, dropping everything, she begins her impossible quest to rescue George. He knows where he must end up but may not have the means to do so, other than his dogged determination. She, on the other hand, is at a marked disadvantage, searching for a needle in a massive haystack.

McQueen, both as writer and director,

gives us a thrilling mother-son love story couched within the horrors of war, perfectly illustrating the concept that joy can be found even within the most profound tragedies. It is certainly an excellent depiction of the so-called British "stiff upper lip" personality while also showing the subliminal racism and misogyny that continued to flourish even while most were trying to pull together.

That at times McQueen inserts too many side issues or minor plotlines is forgivable considering the overall emotional impact of the film. His depiction of the patronizing attitude of men in power over women in the factory, women on whose labor the defense machine must rely, is subtle but effective. He becomes a bit more heavy-handed when it comes to issues of racial prejudice, painting with black and white and neglecting nuance and shades of gray, forgetting, perhaps, that it is those shades of gray that are the most dangerous. The audience is intelligent enough to make the connection between a color-based slight as directed at George by his peers and what he and others face day to day. Racism is everywhere. He is most effective with a line of dialogue here or a nasty look there, and less effective when illustrating prejudice with physical assaults against victims of color.

McQueen's brilliance is evidenced in the way he envelopes you in the terrifying sounds and randomness of the bombing. Juxtaposed by the tender love story he tells of George and Rita; the audience immediately understands the stakes. The randomness of the bombing only heightens the probability of loss.

McQueen won the Turner Prize for Visual Art in 1999 and an Academy Award for "Twelve Years a Slave" in 2014. His cinematographer, Yorick Le Saux, boldly brings that artistry to life as he paints his picture of London. The superb cast is the successful handmaiden to the director and his vision and artistry. Paul Weller as George's grandfather is quietly effective as one of the roots of George's backbone. Benjamin Clémentine is a breath of hope as Ife, the air raid warden who briefly takes George under his wing. Stephen Graham, Albert, adds this role to his many other scene-stealing villains, this time a bad guy of Dickensian proportions. He makes an indelible impression not just for the danger he represents but for the randomness of his insertion into George's life.

There are few accolades that Saoirse Ronan (Rita) hasn't rightfully received. Here, her mother is so realistically portrayed that you live with her as she follows the well-worn path in the life she has accepted. It is not until she realizes that her child is missing and she breaks down that you begin to understand how thoroughly she has wrapped you in her life. She is us and we are her as she faces a terror for which she was unprepared.

"Blitz," however, rises or falls on the performance of Elliott Heffernan, the extraordinary child who is George. Discovered in a nationwide open casting call, Heffernan is quiet, effective, effortless and real in a role that calls for him to be brave, hurt, mentally and physically, and lovingly show the unbreakable bond he has with his mother and grandfather. There is nothing showy about his George. This is a real kid. He could be yours or mine, and that's what makes his dilemma so personally agonizing. He makes you care; he makes you root for him; he makes you afraid for what may happen. Surrounded by professionals, it is on him, nevertheless, that the whole film hinges and its success depends. Gloriously, he's terrific and the film succeeds beyond what anyone has a right to hope for. "Blitz" is the must-see film of the season.

Now playing at the Landmark Sunset and the Laemmle Town Center and streaming on Apple Nov. 22. ●



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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safety caused by a lack of consequences for young offenders. And he often claimed that the District Attorney's office had created a barrier between itself and police departments. His message resonated with voters.

"Safety is a crossover issue," Hochman said at his election party. Of his next steps in office, Hochman told his supporters, "We'll go back to just two things—the facts and the law."

Hochman received endorsements from many political organizations as well as figures influential in Los Angeles County. They included the former Los Angeles mayoral candidate and developer Rick Caruso, former District Attorney Jackie Lacey, the Los Angeles Police Protective League, Beverly Hills Police Officers' Association, as well as more than 70 current or former county officials. Current or former Beverly Hills elected officials who supported his race included Lester Friedman, Lili Bosse, Sharona Nazarian, Julian Gold, M.D., John Mirisch, Craig Corman and Mary Wells. Several of those officials attended the victory party, along with many current Deputy District Attorneys.

Hochman was raised in Beverly Hills and still has strong ties to the city. After graduating from Beverly Hills High School, Hochman attended Brown University and then Stanford Law School. He began a legal career as a clerk for United States District Judge Stephen V. Wilson in Los Angeles.

He then became an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California. After that, he worked as a United States Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division of the United States Department of Justice. He then transitioned into private practice and worked as a criminal defense attorney. In 2022, he ran an unsuccessful bid as the Republican nominee in the California Attorney General election.

Hochman's younger brother David, a partner at a Century City law firm, was a crucial member of his campaign team. David said at the election night event, "There is no place I'd rather be than by my brother's side."

He recounted years earlier at the campaign election party that his brother Nathan had approached him asking for help winning the election for 8th-grade president at Hawthorne Elementary School. David recalled four years later telling Nathan that he would help him win as student body president of Beverly Hills High School, saying, "I got the sophomore class. Let's do this."

Though many Hochman supporters agreed with the characterization that Gascón was "soft on crime," and the campaign often used the slogan "Make crime illegal again," California Department of Justice data shows violent crime has risen 8% in Los Angeles County from 2019 to 2023. That is a lower rate of growth than many other California counties.

A concession statement released on Nov. 6 by Gascón stated in part, "I have called

Mr. Hochman and wish him the best as Los Angeles County's next District Attorney. I'm deeply proud of what we've accomplished over the past four years and grateful to the

communities who have been and will always be the heart of criminal justice reform." ●

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there was no evidence of gunshots in the area. An LAPD spokesperson also indicated that the incidents are being investigated as possible hate crimes.

Alan Toolami, the owner of Beverly Oakhurst Pharmacy, stood outside his business on Nov. 5 after workers cleared the shattered glass of a window. He said that his alarm never went off because the person vandalizing hadn't attempted to get into the business. Another shop owner, who asked not to be named, looked through his security footage and provided a photo of a man in the process of grabbing what appears to be a skiing pole at 4:35 a.m.

Rabbi Yossi Eilfort, founder of Magen Am, the Jewish nonprofit community security organization, told the Courier, "It appears to have been possibly somebody experiencing homelessness who took a weapon of opportunity or a tool of opportunity to smash a few windows, walk into one of the stores to steal something."

Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky stated on social media, "This morning's vandalism against Jewish-owned businesses in Pico-Robertson is alarming and

unacceptable. On a day when Angelenos are casting their votes and shaping the future of our city, it's especially troubling to see acts that harm our community."

In addition to Yaroslavsky, the statement is signed by LA Councilmember Traci Park, LA Mayor Karen Bass, Santa Monica Mayor Phil Brock, LA County Supervisors Lindsey Horvath and Holly Mitchell, California State Assembly Members Rick Chavez Zbur and Jacqui Irwin, and California State Senator Ben Allen.

Elected leaders representing LA Westside communities also issued a joint statement in response to the vandalism.

"As leaders representing the Westside of Los Angeles, we stand together to strongly condemn recent antisemitic incidents targeting Jewish neighborhoods in our community. These acts threaten the safety, dignity, and respect that every resident in our community deserves. We are committed to working with local law enforcement, community organizations and leaders across the city to respond swiftly to these threats and ensure that Jewish Angelenos feel safe, supported, and valued. Together, we stand firm against hate and protect the strength and resilience of our diverse communities." ●



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Astrology

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're hesitant to request what you need because the words will highlight its absence. You can avoid asking by pretending your heart's desire is already yours. It works even better than asking today, as you somehow attract the solutions by embodying them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Instead of trying to get more accomplished by pushing yourself harder, think about how you can support yourself better. Compassion starts with the tenderness you afford yourself in your own schedule.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Learning is challenging, but unlearning old habits is even harder. This is why you're very careful about what to add to your life, and even more careful when it comes to what to repeat. If you wouldn't want it every day, don't have it today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today stirs a memory buried deep within you. There's an invisible thread between the present and the past, and the connections will pull you in ways both subtle and strong.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a time for high standards and a time to throw out the requirements completely because compassion will get you further. You don't have to be perfect to be excellent. Be as generous to yourself as you are to others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Enjoying someone's company doesn't always mean it's easy to be around them. You're willing to be a little uncomfortable at times -- or to extend yourself for another person's comfort, for the sake of relationship building.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Nepotism can give a unit ease in communication, as family members tend to have shortcuts of language and expression to give one another immediate understanding of the situation. Familiarity can also breed contempt -- oh, the complicated glory of family.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're in flow. Everything is working out just as it should, without you even having to try. It's not luck; it's your sharp instincts guiding you to the path of least resistance. Like water, you find the easiest way forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The day has a catchy rhythm: fun, interesting, tedious, boring, then suddenly

fun again... almost like the universe playing hopscotch with your energy. Each stage sets up the last for maximum contrast -- vivid living!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll see an opportunity where others only see a snag. You'll see a glitch in the matrix when others are scrolling their phones. You'll see a groove in their discarded puzzle piece -- and it clicks right into the big picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Finding common ground in relationships will

be strangely difficult today, but don't sweat it. You don't have to be alike to like one another. You'll learn most from those who have led lives different from your own but who share a similar tone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today feels like riding a unicycle. Sometimes you lean, sometimes you wobble, but as long as you're moving forward, you're still going places. You have an innate sense of balance that kicks in to keep you from falling.



Bastien the French bulldog is the adoptable dog of the week. He's 35 pounds, 2 years old and gets along well with other dogs. To meet Bastien, please contact Kim Sill at Shelter of Hope at 310-770-3571.

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Amanda Stern



Sigalie Sabag



Russell Stuart

SCHOOL BOARD, from page 1

perspectives and truly listening to the views of my newer colleagues.”

After debunking false claims that she was in a slate with Stuart, Sabag is excited to join BHUSD as a board member. “I am truly honored and thrilled to accept the opportunity to serve on the Beverly Hills Unified School District governing board,” she told the Courier. “This journey has been deeply rewarding, and I am immensely grateful for the trust and support of our Beverly Hills community. My dedication to elevating BHUSD to its rightful place as a National Blue-Ribbon district is unwavering. With a

profound commitment to our students, I am ready to make a lasting and positive impact on their education and future.”

Stuart hosted an election night party as he awaited results. He explained that he does not want to claim victory before all of the votes are counted and may even wait until the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder announces the official winners in early December. “I think statistically, it’s in my favor,” he told the Courier. “But even yesterday’s [Nov. 6] jump when they updated at 4:30, Amanda Stern jumped like two or three hundred spots. So, if all those come in for Della, then it’s a whole different

time, Stuart continues to root for his fellow candidates Stern and Sabag, who are leading the race. “I think that the board is going to be in tremendous hands, and I think that although we might have a different approach on certain things, I think that we complement each other incredibly well, and I think that is going to show in incredibly positive progress very quickly as soon as this new board is sworn in,” he said.

The updated results as of Nov. 7 are 26.49% of the vote for Stern; 25.41% for Sabag; 25.04% for Stuart and 23.06% for Peykar Ronen. “I wish them all the best,” Peykar Ronen told the Courier. “I hope that they’ll work together really well. With my kids being in the district, I hope that they do what’s best for the kids and the students, and I’m excited to see what they can accomplish.” She explained that she doesn’t see herself running for election again in the near future. ●

ballgame. I think the numbers are there for me, but I definitely don’t want to claim any kind of victory yet.”

As he tries to stay positive during this

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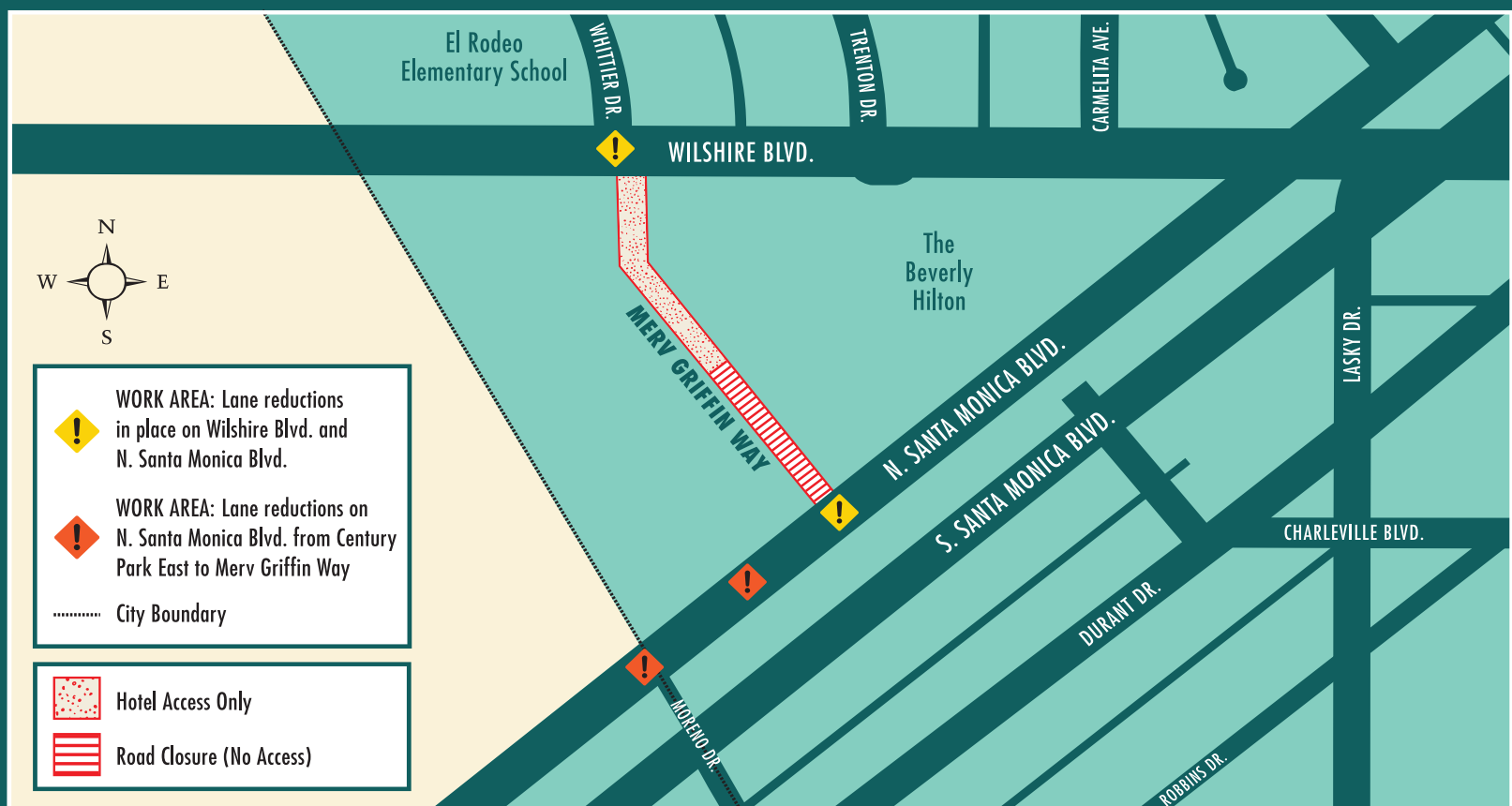


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from various pet-related vendors. Food trucks served a variety of options, from ice cream to lobster. Dog adoption agencies provided opportunities to meet and adopt available dogs. The Teen Advisory Committee facilitated an arts and crafts table and accepted donations of used dog toys. Shake Shack offered dog treats like its signature Poochini, which is now available at all locations.

The event kicked off with a parade of adopted Old English Sheepdogs organized by the Old English Sheepdog Rescue, which has helped more than 2,300 sheepdogs find homes since 1989. The parade featured a family of sheepdogs adopted that year, showcasing a happy ending for the shaggy breed. "It raises money and brings people together. We have a silent auction and are selling Old English Sheepdog items," said the organization's founder, Jane Dempsey. She started the rescue when she realized shelters were full of the breed. Since then, volunteers and dog enthusiasts have helped transport, foster and groom the sheepdogs for adoption.

The pet parade featured dogs strutting across a stage in various Halloween costumes. Suki Castillo joined the parade with her Pomeranian, Foxy. She explained that she handmade Foxy's turquoise flamingo dancer costume. "We just came to watch, and then we decided to enter," Castillo said. She noted that Foxy also serves as a volunteer dog for Providence Holy Cross Medical Center.

"This connects the Beverly Hills community to essential services for their dogs. If people want to adopt dogs, we have a service here," said Evan Doyle, a recreation supervisor for the city of Beverly Hills.

The talent show highlighted pets and their owners performing various tricks and demonstrations, from jumping through hoops to dancing. After deliberation, Mayor Lester Friedman presented prizes to the winners.

"This year, my theme is Beverly Hills

together. What better way to be together than with your pets?" Friedman said about the event. "We see some amazing pets around here, including the three talented pets that just won their awards." One of the winning dogs from the talent show had an amputated leg, which inspired the judges. "The one animal with only three legs is emblematic of everything in our society. Everybody has a place."

Roya Akhavan entered her foster dog, Dillard, into the competition for dancing. "He knew it, and I encouraged it," said Akhavan about training Dillard. She fosters Dillard through Bella Peter Rescue. Akhavan commented that the talent show is an excellent way for potential dog owners to meet Dillard and consider adopting him.

Nick and Katie Wuthrich, owners of the second-place winner in the talent competition, say that talent comes naturally to their dog, Curly. "We came last year, and she's good at playing ball. She'll do almost anything you tell her to do if there's a ball or treat," Nick Wuthrich mentioned while he and Curly wore matching Texas Longhorn jerseys.

Nami, the 3-year-old wellness support canine at the Beverly Hills Police Department, also made an appearance at the event. "She's here, enjoying the event and representing the police department," said Jackie Lynn, Nami's handler. "In the department, she's there for the officers if they need support, especially on rough days," Lynn added.

Various adoption agencies showcased available dogs, ranging from golden retriever-specific adoptions to Yorkie adoptions. "This gives them a chance to interact with people and get socialized. It's really good for dogs to be exposed to kids," said Nancy Jimeno, director of Ozzie and Friends Rescue. "The greatest benefit is that they find a home. If people want to give back, they can foster. This gives them options to see if they can do that," Jimeno remarked. ●

MEASURE G, from page 1

leaned towards approval with 50.52% of the votes as of press time.

The measure began as an initiative that was backed by both Horvath and Hahn. It passed in a 3-2 vote at a Board of Supervisors meeting on July 30 before appearing on general election ballots as Measure G. As Horvath explained at the July meeting, the goal of the amendments to the charter is to update LA County governance for the modern world. "Debate and discourse are what makes a healthy democracy, and since I joined the board, I have heard a resounding call for change," she said. Her hope is that this will create a system that "more urgently and effectively meets the needs of our communities, especially our most vulnerable residents, who depend on county services and care."

Upon voters' approval, Measure G would change legislation that has been in place for over 100 years. Horvath said that the same legislation that was built to serve 500,000 residents does not suffice for Los Angeles County's population of over 10 million people today. She believes that electing an Ethics Commission to review the county charter every 10 years will result in greater accountability.

Opponents of the measure, including Supervisor Holly Mitchell, who represents the second district, fear that a single countywide elected official will hold too much power. At the meeting on July 30, she voiced her concern that this would compromise the supervisors' ability to meet the unique needs of their districts. Other opponents such as Supervisor Kathryn

Barger, who represents the fifth district, worry that it will be even harder to come to a decision on countywide matters with four extra seats, and the expansion of the board will do more harm than good. They have also questioned whether these changes could be made at no additional cost to taxpayers, as the measure promises.

"The people of LA County deserve results from their elected leaders, not more elected positions without accountability and increased spending that takes from an already strained county budget working to address the homeless and mental health crisis," reads the ballot argument signed by Mitchell, Barger, the LA County Firefighters Union and the Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs.

On Nov. 7, Horvath released a statement that said, "As we await the final results, we are incredibly encouraged by the support Measure G has received so far. Overnight returns show a growing demand across LA County for transparency, accountability, and a government that listens to the voices of all of our communities. While we're feeling hopeful, we know there are still more votes to count, especially from those who voted in the final days and hours of this election. The momentum we've seen from communities, volunteers, and advocates has already shown that LA County is ready to embrace a brighter, more representative future. We remain optimistic about the path forward. Measure G marks a new era for a better and brighter LA County for all of us." ●

AMANDA FOUNDATION, from page 6

New facilities include a heated and cooled kennel for animals, improved noise control, and additional air filtration systems. The organization plans to offer seminars for current and prospective pet owners with the information necessary to keep their pets healthy and happy. While the Amanda Foundation is not expanding the number of animals it rescues and shelters, the organization hopes to leave lasting impressions

on visitors and encourage them to adopt.

The renovation will be led by the Colorado-based architectural firm Animal Arts, which specializes in servicing veterinary hospitals.

"We want to be the best in the country," said Austin. "We're not a dog pound."

The upcoming Barks and Bagels event is one of many steps the Amanda Foundation is taking to achieve its goal of making sure no animal is left behind. ●



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In Loving Memory of Lisa Greenberg



Lisa Greenberg, beloved wife and life partner to Martin Greenberg, passed away surrounded by family and love. She was the cherished daughter of Joseph and Millicent Pomerance, and the devoted mother of Eddy, Ava, and Diana Greenberg. Lisa was the treasured grandmother of Elizabeth and Alex Greenberg, Jocelyn, Nicole, Lindsey Bresnick Carter, David Bresnick, Evan Hudson,

Michael Hudson, and Romana Janoskova, and the proud great-grandmother to Ace and Ava Carter.

She shared a special bond with her brother, Lawrence Pomerance, and was a beloved aunt to Eric Pomerance. Lisa was loved deeply by her family and friends, admired for her warmth, grace, and the kindness that defined her life.

Those who knew Lisa will forever remember her as one of the most beautiful souls, a presence filled with love and light. She is now at peace, joining those who passed before her, leaving behind a legacy of memories that will live on in the hearts of all who loved her.

May her memory be a blessing, bringing comfort and inspiration to everyone who was fortunate to know her.

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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.

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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, 2024**

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

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, CA 90401,**

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.

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SUMMONS (CITATION JUDICIAL) CASE NO: 21STCV43764

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; and DOES 1 TO 100, inclusive.

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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: 04/22/24 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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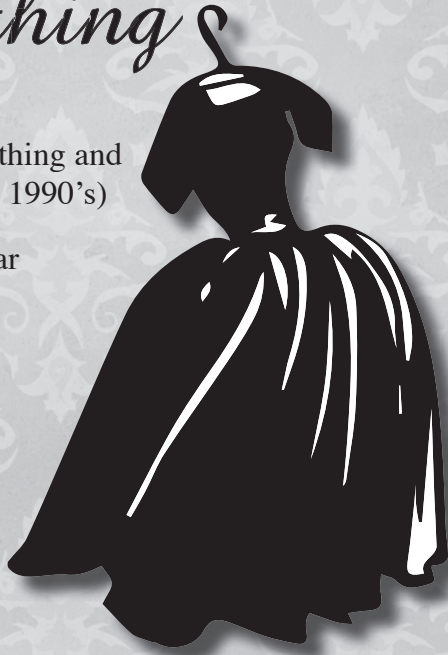
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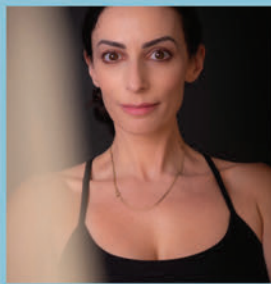
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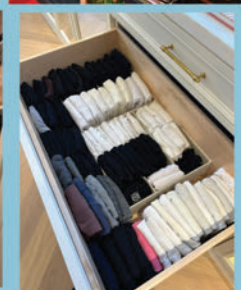
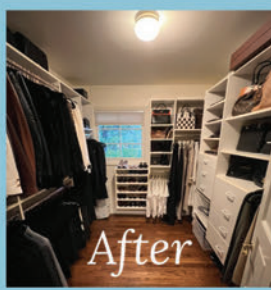


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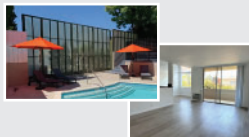
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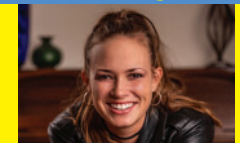
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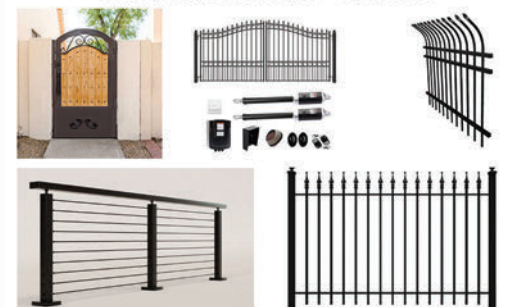
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