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Photo by Lisa Friedman Bloch

Mayor Lester Friedman, tennis legend Roger Federer, Thomas J. Blumenthal, President and CEO of Gearys Beverly Hills, Jean-Frédéric Dufour, Global CEO of Rolex and Luca Bernasconi, President and CEO of Rolex Watch USA attended the opening celebration for the new Rolex Boutique on Rodeo Drive. Story on pg. 6

Teacher Files Wrongful Termination Claim Against BHUSD

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Former Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) teacher Joanie Garratt has filed an administrative claim against the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) for wrongful termination and violation of her First Amendment rights. Garratt, an A.P. history teacher for over 30 years in the district, alleges she was fired over a Facebook post she made in her

personal account that criticized President-elect Donald Trump. The post also reacted to the boisterous gathering of pro-Trump students at BHHS on Nov. 6.

Garratt's claim, filed on Dec. 4 and reviewed by the Courier, states that she retired from full-time teaching after 30 years in the district, including 15 at BHHS, but continued her service as a substitute and See GARRATT, page 13

Courier Wins Two National Awards



Lisa Friedman Bloch

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Beverly Hills Courier publisher and writer Lisa Friedman Bloch and Arts and Entertainment writer Neely Swanson were both honored



Neely Swanson

with third-place awards at the 17th Annual National Arts & Entertainment Journalism Awards. The awards were given out by the Los Angeles Press Club, which received See COURIER WINS, page 11

City Council Voices Support for Commissioners' Second Terms

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

The Beverly Hills City Council unanimously supported the reappointment of three city commissioners during a Study Session on Dec. 3.

The commissioners up for reappointment are Homayoon "Mark" Nehoray, who serves on the Public Works Commission; Pam Kraushaar, who serves on the Human Relations commission; and Deborah Termeie, who serves on the Recreation and Parks Commission. All three served two-year first terms that will end on Dec. 31, making each eligible for a second, four-year term.

City Clerk Huma Ahmed presented a report to the council during the Dec. 3 session detailing each commissioner's service and the terms of their reappointment. As part of that report, Ahmed described the commissioners' attendance records. Nehoray has had one absence and zero recusals across 16 regular meetings and three special meetings. Kraushaar has had zero absences and zero recusals across 19 regular meetings and one special meeting. Termeie has had four absences and zero recusals across 16 regular meetings and four special meetings.

Ahmed had previously reached out to See STUDY SESSION, page 11

Israeli High School Basketball Team Reunites at Sinai Temple

BY MADELEINE CONNORS

"My wife asked me after Oct. 7 if I wanted to see her therapist. The best therapy for me was to play basketball," said Omer Bilanski, general manager of an Israeli high school basketball team that is reuniting for the first time at Sinai Temple in Westwood after a year of displacement.

The Courier visited the team as it practiced this week at the gym at Sinai Temple. See ISRAELI HIGH SCHOOL, page 11

Courier Calendar

DEC. 6
CHURCH'S MUSIC AT WESTWOOD:
"MESSIAH SING-A-LONG"
8 P.M.

On Dec. 6, Church's Music at Westwood presents its annual performance of George Frederic Handel's "Messiah." The audience will join the Westwood Chancel Choir, six esteemed vocal soloists and the Westwood Chamber Orchestra with Continuo. With the audience, they will form a 150-voice choir as part of the traditional "Messiah Sing-Along," one of the few events of this kind in greater Los Angeles. Admission to "Messiah" is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students, collected at the door and available on Eventbrite prior to the concert. Guests under 18 are admitted free. Admission includes a reception. Vocal scores will be available for purchase for \$10.

westwoodpres.org

NOW - DEC. 15
THEATRE 40: "AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
THE MURDER OF ROGER ACKROYD"
THURS.-SAT. 7:30 P.M.
SUN. 2 P.M.

Theatre 40 presents the West Coast premiere of "Agatha Christie's The Murder of Roger Ackroyd." The play follows master detective Hercule Poirot as he faces his most challenging case. Theatre 40 is located at 241 S. Moreno Dr., Beverly Hills. Free parking is available.

theatre40.org

NOW - DEC. 24
SKYLIGHT ROW DTLA:
LOS ANGELES CHRISTMAS MARKET
WED.-SUN. 4-10 P.M.
CHRISTMAS EVE 12-5 P.M.

Skylight ROW DTLA presents the first-ever Los Angeles Christmas Market. Guests can be transported to the bustling Christmas markets of Germany, complete with string lights, freshly baked treats, festive activities, and holiday music. Attendees

may explore dozens of open-air booths featuring seasonal favorites like soft pretzels, hot chocolate, crispy schnitzel, and displays of handicrafts made by local artisans. Weekday admission is \$20 and weekend admission is \$27. ROW DTLA is located at 777 S. Alameda St., Los Angeles.

christmasmarketla.com

NOW - JAN. 5, 2025
"L.A. ZOO LIGHTS: ANIMALS AGLOW"
6-10 P.M.

The L.A. 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 L.A. Zoo is located at 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles.

lazoo.org

NOW - JAN. 6, 2025
HOLIDAYS AT UNIVERSAL
STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD
9 A.M.-10 P.M.

Holidays at Universal Studios Hollywood features numerous seasonal attractions for the Holiday Season. Attractions include Grinchmas, Christmas in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, holiday photo opportunities, and a decorated Universal City Walk. Tickets start at \$109 for one day. Universal Studios is located at 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City.

discoveruniversal.com

DEC. 7
BEVERLY HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB:
HOLIDAY SHOPPING BOUTIQUE
12-5 P.M.

More than 20 designers and curators of fine things come together to provide a wonderful and unique array of gifts for home, office, friends and family. Get your holiday shopping done while visiting the iconic Beverly Hills Women's Club, designated Landmark #3 by the city of Beverly Hills. Sales from the boutique benefit "Save Iconic Architecture."

bhwc1916.org

DEC. 7
ROOFTOP CINEMA CLUB
FIRESIDE FILMS: "ELF,"
"YOU'VE GOT MAIL," "DIE HARD"
5:15 P.M., 7:45 P.M., 10:30 P.M.

Rooftop Cinema Club, as part of its "Fireside Films" series, presents screenings of three holiday season films. "Elf" plays at 5:15 p.m. and chronicles the antics of Buddy (Will Ferrell), a human raised among Santa's elves, as he adjusts to the human world of New York City. The classic romcom "You've Got Mail" plays at 7:45 p.m. featuring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. The subversive Christmas film "Die Hard," starring Bruce Willis, starts at 10:30 p.m. Tickets are sold in pairs, include a warm seasonal beverage, personal wood-burning heater, and are offered as Adirondack chairs (\$34.50) or loveseat configurations (\$39.10). Rooftop Cinema Club is located at 888 S. Olive St., Los Angeles. Self-parking is available across the street at the corner of S. Olive Street and W. 9th Street.

rooftopcinemaclub.com

DEC. 14
BURTON CHACE PARK: 62ND ANNUAL
MARINA DEL REY BOAT PARADE
4-8 P.M.

The Holiday Boat Parade in Marina del Rey is held every year on the second Saturday

in December. The theme this year is "A Margaritaville Holiday" celebrating the joyful legacy of the legendary singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett. The parade begins with a spectacular light show display. Boat participants come up with their own ideas and decorate their boats with lots of holiday lights and decorations with the theme as their guide. They also wear costumes, dance, sing, have live bands or play music. The light show begins at 5:45 p.m. and the parade begins at 6 p.m. It's free to attend this event. Burton Chace Park is located at 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey.

mdrboatparade.com

DEC. 14
THE WALLIS:
"MEOW MEOW: FELINE FESTIVE"
7:30 P.M.

Enter the glorious world of International Chanteuse and Comedienne Extraordinaire Meow Meow these holidays with her unique brand of holiday hilarity and musical mayhem. The festive feline will wrap audiences in musical wonder, peals of laughter, and loving encounters of the ridiculous and (potentially) too close kind. A rollicking tonic for trying times, "Feline Festive" will fill guests with childhood wonder again, and rekindle the true spirit of the holidays—sparkling goodwill and joy to the world. The show features a band of superb musicians, and music ranging from jazzy vintage showbiz to wicked, witty Weimar 1920s toons, French chansons, and original and contemporary classics and surprises. Tickets range from \$49-\$99. The Wallis is located at 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills.

thewallis.org

DEC. 24
THE MUSIC CENTER:
"L.A. COUNTY HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION"
3-6 P.M.

The 65th annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration offers Angelenos of all ages the opportunity to honor the dynamic, rich cultures of the county and experience the spectacular show like never before. Viewers can enjoy a diverse lineup of 28 L.A.-based artists, including many past favorites and some exciting new talent, presented with a fresh look and feel to welcome a new generation of audiences. With performances by choral groups, dance troupes, music ensembles and new artistic genres this year, such as a circus act and a marionette performance, the Holiday Celebration brings holiday cheer to all who attend and into the homes and hearts of all who tune in. See the L.A. County Holiday Celebration live at The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion or watch it on PBS SoCal/stream online at pbssocal.org. Admission is free with a ticket reservation. The Music Center is located at 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles.

musiccenter.org



Photo by Magnus Hastings

"Meow Meow: Feline Festive" is at The Wallis on Dec. 14.

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Nathan Hochman Sworn In As New LA County District Attorney



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Former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger presided over Hochman's swearing in on Dec. 3.

Nathan Hochman, a former federal prosecutor and Assistant U.S. Attorney General, was sworn in on Dec. 3 as the 44th District Attorney of Los Angeles County. Hundreds of elected leaders, law enforcement officials, prosecutors, first responders and

supporters watched outside the Hall of Justice as Hochman was sworn in by former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Hochman vowed to improve public safety in Los Angeles County by pursuing appropriate sentences for violent and serious offenders,

while also offering counseling and rehabilitation to those whose crimes were motivated by addiction or mental illness.

He also announced a series of immediate policy changes that he said would promote public safety by holding the most dangerous offenders accountable. He said he would inform prosecutors that he is eliminating former DA Gascón's special directives that prohibited or strictly limited the filing of certain charges and sentencing enhancements.

Prosecutors in the District Attorney's Office will once again have the discretion to file charges based on the unique circumstances

of each case, the crime committed, the defendant's background, the impact on the victim and the law, he said.

"District attorneys must have only two things as their North Stars: the facts and the law," DA Hochman said. "I reject blanket extreme policies on both sides of the pendulum swing - decarceration policies that predetermine that certain crimes and certain criminals are not going to be prosecuted and mass incarceration policies that also are not anchored in the facts and the law." ●

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Council Approves Additional Medical Space at 9150 Wilshire



BY JULIANNA LOZADA

At its Dec. 3 Regular Meeting, the Beverly Hills City Council voted to amend an existing covenant to remove the provision prohibiting additional medical use floor area in the commercial building located at 9150 Wilshire Blvd.

The amended covenant would increase the amount of medical floor area allowed at 9150 Wilshire Blvd. from 5,000 square feet to 11,000 square feet.

Assistant Director of Community Development Masa Alkire stated that the removal of this restriction would allow for a more consistent treatment of the considered

commercial building with other office buildings in Beverly Hills by allowing the owner of that property to convert the floor area to medical use consistent with the 2022 Medical Conversion Ordinance requirements. The ordinance was originally passed as an urgency ordinance in 2020 when there was a heightened need for medical services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The provisions of the 2022 ordinance allow for existing office space above the first floor in a commercial building to be converted to medical use.

Staff recommended the city approve the proposed covenant amendment and authorize City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey to execute the

drafting of the revised covenant.

The applicant, Dr. Armand Newman, is the owner of the 9150 Wilshire Blvd. building. His attorney and son, Aaron Newman, spoke about his father's desire to allow for medical use on the first, second and third floors of his building, stating that the current tenant on the first floor is signaling vacancy. He argued that if his father's building is unable to give the first-floor space to a medical user once the current tenant vacates, that space will sit empty and lead to a loss of revenue for Dr. Newman and the city.

Removing the prohibition of medical use on the first floor was not what was proposed in the amended covenant, yet Newman argued that his father's building uses a "European-style" of naming floors, stating that there is no way to access the first floor of the building directly from the ground. The city responded that how Dr. Newman wishes to apply medical use in his building would have to be referred back to the Planning Commission, and that what is considered "ground floor" is not what is being considered in this public hearing.

The 9150 Wilshire Blvd. building is seven stories tall, consisting of three floors of office space, and three stories of subterranean parking below the ground floor lobby.

Councilmember Craig Corman expressed

his concern that increased medical use could push out general office use in the building, which could lead to lower business tax revenues from commercial areas. He suggested that the City Council revisit potential code tweaks in the definition of types of medical uses they would allow in a Medical Conversion Ordinance application considering what would be financially beneficial to the city.

The City Council unanimously voted to approve the staff recommendation as written to allow for expanded medical use at 9150 Wilshire Blvd.

Additionally, the City Council voted to approve several items that were discussed during public hearing at previous meetings, including amendments to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code on regulations for emergency shelters, the process for determining disruptive tenants and the elimination of the Rent Stabilization Commission.

Finally, Councilmember Mary Wells, Councilmember John Mirisch, and Mayor Lester Friedman congratulated Beverly Hills resident and newly-elected Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman, who was sworn in by former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Dec. 3 outside the Hall of Justice in downtown Los Angeles. ●

Brighton Way Holiday Event Taking Place Dec. 7



Merchants on Brighton Way are hosting a holiday event on Dec. 7, welcoming shoppers with beverages and seasonal treats from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Duke Hagenburger, General Manager of ISAIA, tells the Courier, "A couple fellow managers and I coordinated this opportunity to host a mutually beneficial holiday shopping event this month. Partnering with Make-a-Wish foundation and hosting the

Beverly Hills High School Madrigals choral troupe, we are creating a festive spirit on the block (Rodeo to Camden) to mark this holiday season. Each boutique will feature unique experiences and activations in shop, most including food and beverage along with product activations and holiday décor."●

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Rolex Boutique Makes its Debut on Rodeo Drive



Photo by Bianca Heyward

The new Rolex flagship features a green marble bar.

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

The new Rolex Boutique opened to great fanfare on Dec. 4 at 312 N. Rodeo Drive. Operated by Gearys, the 6,200-square-foot building features a custom green twisted-glass façade designed to evoke the brand's classic Oyster model.

"This project started a little over five years ago when Rolex wanted a bigger presence on Rodeo Drive," Tom Blumenthal, President and CEO of Gearys, told the Courier. "My family

has owned Gearys for over 65 of its 95 years. We're well entrenched in this community, and this space was really just a perfect location. So, five years ago, the spark was lit."

The new flagship took 3 years to design and 1.5 years to complete. Previously occupied by Dolce & Gabbana, the work plan included modifications to the exterior and the building of a third floor with a rooftop terrace.

Highlights of the new boutique include a stucco wall depicting the Los Angeles skyline,



Tom Blumenthal, President and CEO of Gearys, right, and Rolex officials at the boutique opening

a green marble bar, green marble walls and a circular wood staircase connecting all three levels.

The second floor includes a cylindrical after-sales service area, where watchmakers are available to help clients with their timepieces. The third-floor rooftop is reserved for private events and to host VIP customers.

"It's a wonderful partnership with Rolex that my family has had for over 25 years," Blumenthal said. He added that the Rolex

timepieces in highest demand are off-catalog, one-of-a-kind watches that are not available to the public and gem-set pieces.

In addition to a press conference, festivities included an evening event in which a portion of Rodeo Drive was closed off. City officials and dignitaries gathered to celebrate the newest addition to the famed street. Making a special appearance was tennis legend Roger Federer, who has long been associated with the brand.

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By Steve Gamer

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Foundation of Los Angeles, which manages nearly \$1.5 billion in charitable assets and distributed \$177 million in grants in 2023 to causes locally, nationally and in Israel. He has 30 years of experience helping funders achieve their philanthropic vision.

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THIS YEAR, COME HOME TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

‘Nightbitch’—Trouble in Paradise



Photo courtesy of Searchlight Pictures

Arleigh/Emmett Snowden and Amy Adams

BY NEELY SWANSON

Marielle Heller has written and directed an adaptation of Rachel Yoder’s bestseller to extraordinary effect. Complex in subject matter, complicated in action and brilliant in execution, this searingly conflicted portrait of motherhood will not be for everyone, but it definitely was for me. In an embrace of universality, her main characters are simply named Mother, Father and Son.

Mother had been a rising artist and gallerist, but when she had her baby she hopped on the stay-at-home bandwagon when she had trouble managing both, something that was eagerly embraced by Husband. Son, now 2 years old, is an adorable munchkin whose moments of temper are rare and to be expected. Children hate to go to sleep, especially when Mother and Father have blurred the lines of independence, allowing him to sleep with them. Father is engrossed in a job that often takes him out of town, so almost all the heavy lifting is left to Mother. She does everything the books say the perfect mother should do. Their routine is jam-packed with trips to the playground, walks in the park, baby yoga and book babies with other moms. But this life is starting to close in on her, and her dreams become nightmares where she becomes a canine predator, losing her human appearance and descending into a magical world where she is the leader of the pack.

Overflowing with scenes of magical realism, this sometimes grounded and sometimes bizarre tale isn’t about dogs or babies or the inability to conform. Mother has lost her identity, one that used to be tied up in the art she created and no longer has time

for. It was her self-awareness as an independent woman capable of carrying on adult, multisyllabic conversations with her peers, peers she lost when she left the workforce. There is no overt blame anywhere, but that doesn’t mean that Mother isn’t profoundly affected by the unspoken. Her artist cohorts have left her behind, not understanding why she can’t do both. The other moms she meets seem supremely happy and satisfied in their stay-at-home roles, so reminiscent of the competitive games played by others. “My child slept through the night immediately.” “My child was speaking in complete sentences at nine months.” “How many words in his vocabulary?” Truly, this competition is real. Think back. Only perspective or the realization that everyone lies will keep you grounded.

Father is confused by the unrelenting sadness of Mother. After all, it was she who chose this path. His mother and grandmother were both stay-at-home moms and happy about it. Didn’t Mother’s mother stay at home? But it’s complicated. Mother knows full well that she chose this life; she knows that she willingly succumbed to motherhood over painting. But why? Where’s the time? Why is she unable to do both? Why is she having these dreams and are they more real than she’ll admit? Accompanying those animal dreams are snippets of her cloistered childhood and an inexplicably distant mother.

The layers of “Nightbitch” can be peeled in almost infinite ways. Superficially, this is a horror story of a woman becoming a predatory animal, menacing those she should be loving. Dig a little deeper and it is an exquisite portrait of a woman descending

into the madness of dissatisfaction caused by postpartum depression, one felt by far too many. Why can’t she do it all? Why can’t she have it all? Society reveres the stay-at-home mom as a one-size-fits-all. Wisely, “Nightbitch” is not casting blame, only introspection. That Mother feels she is failing because she is unfulfilled in this role makes it so much sadder that she recognizes that Son is wonderful. She loves him unconditionally; it’s herself that she doesn’t love.

What Heller has given us is a very nuanced view of postpartum depression, an illness suffered by many and recognized by too few. Postpartum changes the brain chemistry, which may be mirroring her in a vicious circle of self-loathing and hallucinations. Her hormones are unchecked and may be leading to actual body changes, perhaps not into a dog, but it might account for the growth of external hair and soft tissue tenderness, hair color or sexual drive (positive and/or negative); or not. Mother, in her own eyes, was a someone but now she is only an appendage to Son and Father. Where is she? Why can’t she enjoy this stage of her life, one that she deliberately chose? Or did she? Did

her mother, long dead, suffer as she does? Her mother gave up a flourishing singing career to raise her children in a restrictive religious environment. Why didn’t Mother recognize her mother’s pain? Why hasn’t she thought of her mother in years?

Everyone reacts to motherhood differently, something that Mother doesn’t recognize. Spiritual and psychological needs are not one-size-fits-all. When there are no overt villains in her pain, she turns inward, blaming herself.

There are so many moments of joy that serve to underscore Mother’s unhappiness. Son is a delight and a pleasure; the other moms find her interesting. Descending into the madness of her nightmares is frightening. A gentle dog becomes a killer.

Selling such a surreal take on motherhood and the real depression faced by so many lands squarely in the lap of the extraordinary star, Amy Adams. Adams, a six-time Academy Award nominee, has amazing range, constantly pulling the viewer into her madness that is in direct opposition to the loving mother she tries so hard to be. Always unsettling, she has put a face on this depression that is seemingly shameful—the inability to glory in the raising of another human being. Funny, sad, depressing, dissatisfied, happy, with a self-awareness that leads directly into self-hate, these are aspects of Mother’s personality and life that Adams conveys convincingly.

Scot McNairy is Husband, the loving yet clueless mate whose confusion heightens his complicity in his wife’s depression as well as his earnest desire to “fix things.” He is as necessarily sympathetic as he is blind to her needs.

The other women that fill the screen add to the complexity of Mother’s dissatisfaction. Foremost among them is Jessica Harper, the librarian, who is both real and a figment of Mother’s imagination, pulling her into her dreams. Kerry O’Malley plays Mother’s mother with grace and ambiguity.

Cinematographer Brandon Trust perfectly captures the night scenes that blur into the surreal.

Complicated, complex, obtuse, ambiguous, “Nightbitch” is all of these and more. Heller has found all the colors, depth and character development that make this an extraordinary experience and a probable Oscar contender.

Opening Dec. 6 at the AMC Century City 15. ●



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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Giacomino Drago, Roger Federer and Alessandra Drago at the Rolex opening



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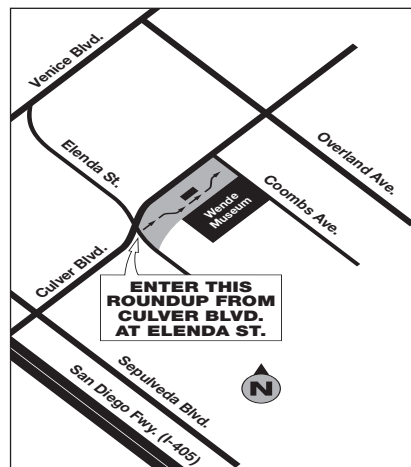
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Letter to the Editor

Coyotes Conundrum Continues

The problem of coyotes rampaging the streets of Beverly Hills recently received thoughtful coverage in the Courier. However, the problem seems to be getting worse since the article appeared on November 7. It has become so prevalent that BHHS should consider changing the name of its mascot from Normans to Coyotes.

The City of Beverly Hills has limited resources to combat this problem, so there is not much the Council and City can do within their various departments and agencies to provide a meaningful solution to this growing threat. The County of Los Angeles also has inadequate resources to combat a problem of this serious nature. Animal control is under the watchful eye of the County Commission of Agriculture / Weights and Measures. Clearly the County is not giving enough weight to this problem and its measures are inadequate. Part of this problem is the progressive belief that coyotes have rights too. I cannot wait for that march one Saturday at the Beverly Gardens Park. The Coyotes Lives Matter movement has created ordinances in some areas that require property owners to build safe passage ways on their property to allow the coyote access to ravage people's pets. This is the same movement that facilitated

the building of a bridge over the 101 Freeway to secure safe passage of coyotes.

Enough is enough with this senseless protection of wild beasts. The City should reverse any measures, ordinances and regulations protecting coyote rights—if they still exist. While only a symbolic measure, it puts the animal rights activists on notice that their protection of animal rights has a limit when it comes to coyotes, who feed on small dogs. All Animal Lives Matter—including small dogs. The perplexing issue is that coyotes seem fearless and not as scared of humans as they once were. People walking small dogs are afraid that coyotes will attack their pets. Council needs to direct City Staff to reach out to the State, bypassing the County, which does not have the resources to manage this epidemic. Unfortunately, California is more about animal protection rather than protecting citizens from dangerous animals. Let's not wait until coyote sightings appear in front of Beverly Hills restaurants like Steak 48—that would curb anyone's appetite for fine dining.

Respectfully,
Mark Schwartz

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It's a bittersweet moment, as the teammates have been scattered across Israel after their homes were destroyed on Oct. 7. With the help of Sinai Temple and Rabbi Erez Sherman, who is hosting the boys for a one-week visit, the team now has another chance to rekindle their friendships on the court. On the evening of Dec. 4, the team attended a Los Angeles Clippers game, where Bilanski was honored as a community hero alongside Rabbi Sherman.

Throughout their stay in the Southland, the team played various scrimmages with local teams and met with basketball professionals, including Angel McCoughtry, a WNBA player and two-time Olympian who was moved by the boys' uplifted spirits. "I was in awe. If no one told me what those boys had been through, I wouldn't have known. Our problems are what we make of them—just to see the smiles on their faces. Playing sports gets you through anything in your life. It will keep you out of trouble," McCoughtry told the Courier.

Sherman explained that his enthusiasm for the project stems from his passion for Judaism, Israel, and sports. With the help of Project 24 Israel, which was formed after Oct. 7, Sherman came up with the idea of bringing the teenage boys to Los Angeles. "I saw that they did something similar with other kids from the southern border of Gaza about six months ago," he said. "This organization asked the kids, 'What's your magic power?'"

The kids said, 'Basketball.' So, we fundraised and brought them to Los Angeles. Every day, they do something basketball-related and practice because they haven't been a team for over a year."

The team's reunion has been supported by the Los Angeles sports community. "I watched this last week as the generosity of the sports community in Los Angeles has been incredible—donating tickets, experiences, meals," said Sherman.

Many of the boys lost family members, friends, and their communities on Oct. 7. For the past year, they have been scattered across the country, unable to practice together until now. "This is the first time the 15 of these boys have been together as a unit," Sherman noted. "I've just watched the last 24 hours. The organization told me the magic would happen. I didn't understand that until I've witnessed the magic happening."

Shoham Cohen, one of the team members, has been living in a hotel by the Dead Sea since the Oct. 7 attacks. He lost a best friend that day and has since lived in a state of precarity, with his home destroyed. He explains that distance forced him to quit the team, but the warm welcome from the Los Angeles sports community has been exciting. "They're waiting for us. They want to see us, to hear us. So, it's cool," he said with a smile.

Ran Gold, the team's coach, was at a bachelor party when the events of Oct. 7 began. He

soon discovered that while his family was safe, his neighbors had been killed. He describes a feeling of guilt for not being there to mentor the boys over the past year. A few days after the attacks, he reached out to the team. "I sent them a message and told them something to give them motivation and power," he said.

"I have a feeling of letting them down that I haven't been with them for the last year," Gold explained. The reunion has been emotional. "There are kids who need it, need to hold on to this group to give them power. There are people, like me, who need to understand that this chapter is over."

Gold believes basketball provides the boys with valuable life lessons. "This game is about becoming a stronger person, even when you lose, how to handle it, and even when you win, how to handle it without being a show-off," he said. The trip also gave the boys an opportunity to process the trauma of Oct. 7. "We are talking about what happened on the

7th. Every kid has his own story—losing family members, losing friends," Gold said.

Bilanski stresses the therapeutic power of basketball. "I play the game when I need to shoot, when I need to breathe. We talk about our stories and our families." He said that the boys' mood and confidence have improved over the past few days. He observed that even the 15-hour flight from Israel was a heartwarming time for the boys to reconnect and bond. "This is what I need to do in my life. This is why God sent me. I kept trying to be in contact with all of them, but it was hard. Some were inland. Some were by the Dead Sea. Some were in Tel Aviv," Bilanski said.

Sherman highlighted the significance of Bilanski being honored at the Clippers game. "It's Jewish Heritage Night, but their coach will be honored as the Community Hero of the night. He's standing on the court in front of 30,000 people, saying, 'I'm here, we're here, and basketball has brought me here.'" ●



Photo by Madeleine Connors

Israeli high school athletes prepare for practice at Sinai Temple this week.

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1,650 entries from arts and entertainment outlets across the country. Bloch's win was in the category of "Personality Profile, Film Industry—Over 2,500 Words, Print" for her Holiday STYLE 2023 cover story, "Eva Longoria Redefines Star Power." Swanson's work was recognized in the category of "Film Critic—Over 1,000 Words."

The awards were announced at a Dec. 1 gala dinner in the Crystal Ballroom of the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. The evening's program also included special recognition

to actress Kathy Bates, who received the Legend Award for lifetime achievement. Singer and activist Melissa Etheridge received the Distinguished Storyteller Award. Actor and comedienne Tiffany Haddish received the Visionary Award for humanitarian work, and "Entertainment Tonight" host Kevin Frazier was honored with the Luminary Award for career achievement.

The awards were co-dedicated to the late filmmaker Roger Corman and music legend Quincy Jones. ●

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Nehoray, Kraushaar and Termeie via email to confirm that they wanted to continue their service.

"The commissioners have submitted their correspondence, and they've indicated their willingness to serve a second term," said Ahmed, adding, "We always like to ask and make sure that they are interested."

In email messages provided by Ahmed to members of the council, Nehoray, Kraushaar and Termeie each expressed positive feelings about their work with the city so far.

"I deeply enjoy working with my colleagues and staff on the commission and I would like to continue to stay engaged," Termeie wrote. "It has been an honor to listen to and take action on behalf of our community and our beloved city."

During the comment period of the Study Session, members of the City Council had kind words for the commissioners.

"I am thrilled to see that all three of these commissioners want to continue their service on the commissions and completely support Mark Nehoray, Pam Kraushaar and Deborah Termeie," said Councilmember Mary Wells.

"I too, would like to thank Mark, Pam and Deborah for stepping up and offering to serve again for four years, and I am supportive of their reappointment," added Councilmember Craig Corman.

During her statement of support, Vice Mayor Sharon Nazarian made note of the fact that all three commissioners were new to public service in Beverly Hills.

"I just want to point out that these are three new members who had never been on a commission that we appointed, and they're doing a fantastic job," she said. "So, it's great to open doors for many different residents in our community and welcome them, and I'm grateful for their service and for what they're providing to the community, and I'm delighted that they want to continue on."

The reappointments will be brought back to the council at their regular meeting on Dec. 10 for formal approval. If formally approved, all three commissioners' second terms will begin on Jan. 10, 2025, and end on Dec. 31, 2028. ●

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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know the frustration of feeling unheard, but at least it motivated you to tell better stories, refine your delivery and control the volume. Your influence will be undeniable. Others will tune in, and you'll relish being listened to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't worry about who understands you or doesn't. Their lack of imagination gives you an advantage. You'll play in the wonderland of your imagination, and you'll quietly develop the ideas that will eventually add to your influence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are driven by an ideal. You aspire to serve many, improve lives and contribute to the well-being of all. The aim requires you to stay open to understanding that the needs of others can differ greatly and veer surprisingly from your original assumption.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As far as friendship, love and work go, you're looking for a good fit. Knowing that you're likely to end up a little like the people you're around, you want to be around those who inspire you to grow

in the direction of your dreams.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In an environment that has no rules, everyone will act according to their understanding and feelings in the moment. It speaks to the importance of being around those of pure and gentle intent -- the type who don't need to be told to be kind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't depend on faith alone. Sure, it can keep you going when you're not being rewarded by the action itself or any tangible reward. But you need more. What else can you learn or do? Who else can you reach out to?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want to be the reason someone smiles. It's made easier for you because you notice what people like and you actively look for opportunities to give it to them. Also, you know not to force things. With presence, you all get there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love leans in with you toward your better angels. The one who loves you will push you toward your dreams. The one with a selfish agenda will not because they only want you to be powerful in so much as it suits their purposes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What if your number one task was to make

yourself happy? What would you be doing differently? To consider it is to make yourself aware of the many ways you compromise and give yourself credit or remedy, as needed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People sense need and greed and distrust the actions of the wanting. Because you want nothing from others, and you act only out of the intention to see them content, you'll end up as the recipient of much generosity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Activities

are only as productive as they are healthy, because the cost of anything that wears away at your vitality is paid for in a currency with unparalleled value. Protect your well-being, and the rest will fall into place.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In reflective moments, you'll be tempted to judge yourself for certain unwanted patterns. Considering everything you're carrying and craving, it's understandable why they'd be hard to break. New tactics will come to mind.



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volunteer faculty facilitator for the school's Interact Club.

The claim further states that Garratt was hired in November of this year as a substitute teacher for the term of one month to prepare students for the A.P. U.S. History exam.

"She was an employee on a specialized assignment in Advanced Placement History. She is uniquely qualified for this and was supposed to be working through December," Garratt's attorney V. James DeSimone told the Courier.

Garratt graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA and holds a master's degree in government from Harvard, and has earned numerous honors during her teaching career.

On Nov. 7, the day after the pro-Trump student rally, Garratt posted the following on her Facebook page: "I'm back at BHHS on a long-term assignment teaching A.P. US History again. I enjoy it immensely & only sub when I can seriously teach."

The post continued, "I was, however, disheartened by a recent event on campus the day after the election. A MAGA faction dressed in full Trump regalia (banners draped around them, flying banners, red hats) not only had a MAGA rally on campus but harassed & intimidated many other non-MAGA students and specifically targeted the class where the Black Student Union was meeting, yelling all kinds of racial slurs.

Some students arrived at school truly upset & even crying only to be bullied later by their classmates. And don't blame the administration for this. They are dealing with it. This comes from their leader, His Majesty, King Trump."

A message from the editorial staff of the BHHS student newspaper on Nov. 7 criticized the disruptive and bullying tactics at the rally. The Courier's Nov. 15 issue reported on claims of racial slurs and intimidation against the members of the Black Student Union and their faculty advisor. Seven students and BHHS teacher Bella Ivory later recounted their experiences during the Nov. 12 BHUSD Board of Trustees meeting.

According to DeSimone, "Joanie was within her rights to express her opinions and views in [her] personal Facebook page as long as she did not take it into the classroom in a way that was disruptive. There was never a disruption in the classroom."

After her post on Nov. 7, Garratt continued teaching until Nov. 13.

According to the administrative claim, "In the days following her Facebook post, Ms. Garratt taught her class, educating, supporting and bonding with her students. Her class encountered absolutely no disruptions. However, on November 13th, Matthew Horvath, Assistant Superintendent in charge of Personnel Services for BHUSD, emailed Ms. Garratt, referenced her post on her personal account, and asked to meet

with her. They then had a brief phone call, where Mr. Horvath terminated Ms. Garratt's employment informing her Beverly Hills High School did not want her back due to her online post. Beverly Hills HS did not even bother to express a pretextual rationale for this abrupt and unwarranted adverse employment action. Instead, the termination was clearly motivated by and in retaliation for her expression of personal political beliefs on her personal Facebook account, outside of the classroom and on her own time."

The claim also cites BHUSD School Board policy that "an employee's personal beliefs and activities, including religious, political, cultural, social or other beliefs or activities, or lack thereof, shall not be grounds for disciplinary action against the employee, provided that the beliefs or activities do not violate law, board policy or administrative regulation."

DeSimone told the Courier, "Obviously, this is devastating for Ms. Garratt to lose her job in this way and what we can't lose sight of is it is harmful to students, wondering if they have a shot at the exam."

He added, "When she was contacted by Horvath, he used the terms, 'We don't want you back here.' She did write an email with an inquiry about her status. She's been ignored and marginalized. Nothing like that has ever happened to her."

DeSimone also noted that under the law,

"There doesn't have to be a termination, if there's an adverse employment action taken in violation of your rights. This claim is the first step in our achieving justice for her."

Garratt's administrative claim is a prerequisite to an actual lawsuit. She is alleging physical injury, emotional distress and economic loss.

In a statement to the Courier, BHUSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Bregy said, "Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) categorically denies the assertion that Ms. Joanie Garratt was terminated from her position. Ms. Garratt retired from full-time teaching in BHUSD years ago and was serving and remains a substitute teacher in the district. No action was taken to dismiss her or any other employee in the last month. Our focus remains on fostering an educational environment where students and staff are respected and valued. We encourage meaningful discussions that prioritize mutual understanding, respect, and accountability. BHUSD will continue to uphold its standards and policies to ensure that our schools are spaces where all voices can be expressed thoughtfully and responsibly. We trust these facts will clarify this matter."

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SHAPE UP OR SHIP OUT
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Alex Eaton-Salners, of Lake Forest, Calif., works as an in-house lawyer for a technology company. In addition to making crosswords, he is a prolific variety-puzzle maker for The Times, including the Puns and Anagrams found in this issue. He also invents new puzzle types, such as Hop Cross Fun, which ran in the magazine on Sept. 15. "I like to stretch my limits with different constructing experiences," he says.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Penalty assessors</p> <p>5 "Be that way!"</p> <p>9 Black Friday destination</p> <p>13 Touch-tone phone abbr.</p> <p>17 Anatomical part from the Latin for "grape"</p> <p>18 Mashhad's country</p> <p>19 Portrayer of Mrs. Smith in 2005's "Mr. & Mrs. Smith"</p> <p>20 Cheer for a diva</p> <p>21 Filipino meat dish</p> <p>23 Sumatran swinger</p> <p>24 Shoelace protector</p> <p>25 Citrusy breakfast treat</p> <p>26 Sue Bird or Larry Bird</p> <p>28 Part of a certain chain</p> <p>30 Sound from a cappuccino maker</p> <p>32 Tikka masala go-with</p> <p>33 The Tabard, in "The Canterbury Tales"</p> <p>34 Echelon</p> <p>38 Former roles for Kamala Harris and Arlen Specter, for short</p> <p>39 Component of an old PC tower</p> <p>42 Avocado toast topper, perhaps</p> <p>43 Like the main character in "Memento"</p> | <p>45 Pension alternative, in brief</p> <p>46 ___ Dingbats (icon-filled font)</p> <p>48 Layer of a 42-Across</p> <p>49 Hardly any</p> <p>50 Paging device</p> <p>53 One may be called on to give, informally</p> <p>55 Queequeg's figurine in "Moby-Dick," e.g.</p> <p>56 Texter's vociferous agreement</p> <p>57 Fair-hiring inits.</p> <p>58 Like Hadrian's Wall in northern England</p> <p>60 Creates a new account?</p> <p>62 Divest</p> <p>64 Nickname</p> <p>66 El ___ (Castilian hero)</p> <p>67 Sloth, for one</p> <p>72 Greek H</p> <p>73 Was of service to</p> <p>75 Classic candy company</p> <p>76 Like</p> <p>79 Follows</p> <p>82 Figure (out)</p> <p>83 Japan's legislature</p> <p>84 Swaths of land</p> <p>86 N.S.A.'s home</p> <p>89 J. Cole's "___ Knows"</p> <p>90 Guitar's resting place, often</p> <p>91 Snickering sound</p> <p>92 One writing wrongs?</p> <p>93 Fifth note</p> <p>94 Thinks highly of</p> <p>97 Get stuck</p> <p>98 Ja's opposite</p> | <p>99 Estadio Azteca cheer</p> <p>100 Carriage, in Cambridge</p> <p>101 Of all time</p> <p>103 Symbol of the National Audubon Society</p> <p>105 Imprimatur</p> <p>110 Finds</p> <p>114 One of 30+ million Americans</p> <p>115 Elizabeth's house</p> <p>116 Midair collision of sorts</p> <p>119 What Kwanzaa's first principle, Umoja, means</p> <p>120 Mosque officials</p> <p>121 Clicking sounds?</p> <p>122 Mathematician/historian Neugebauer</p> <p>123 Where Molson Coors is TAP</p> <p>124 Beer buy</p> <p>125 Epithet for a G.O.P. moderate, maybe</p> <p>126 Invite letters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DOWN</p> <p>1 Spice blend</p> <p>2 One raising Cain</p> <p>3 In a state of shock, say</p> <p>4 Containers that can be cracked</p> <p>5 Pet name derived from the Latin for "faithful"</p> <p>6 Element No. 26</p> <p>7 Scores unexpectedly, as tickets</p> <p>8 Cain raised him</p> <p>9 Messy situation</p> <p>10 "Woe is me!"</p> | <p>11 Protagonist of the Zelda games</p> <p>12 Absolutely epic</p> <p>13 Put together</p> <p>14 Gloomy mood</p> <p>15 First name in daredevilry</p> <p>16 "Phooey!"</p> <p>19 Bipartisan 2012 stimulus bill</p> <p>20 Pachyderm of kid-lit</p> <p>22 "The Joy Luck Club" author</p> <p>27 Tiny bit</p> <p>28 Never-give-up sort</p> <p>29 "Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Diie" poet</p> <p>31 Individual speech patterns</p> <p>35 Online commenter's qualification</p> <p>36 Unabridged</p> <p>37 Newspaper subscriber</p> <p>39 Mountain goat's perch</p> <p>40 Use an e-cig</p> <p>41 Fencing option</p> <p>44 Book return spot</p> <p>45 Some classic PCs</p> <p>47 To's counterpart</p> <p>51 N.B.A. coach Steve</p> <p>52 Digitally endorse</p> <p>54 Bull or buck</p> <p>56 Ancient</p> <p>59 Fireworks ingredient</p> <p>61 What crossed fingers behind one's back might indicate</p> <p>63 Monopoly holding</p> <p>65 "Peter Pan" pooch</p> <p>67 Make an appearance</p> | <p>68 Win for a marketing team</p> <p>69 Barbershop offerings</p> <p>70 Winter fishing spot</p> <p>71 Small card for a short message</p> <p>73 Meeting, informally</p> <p>74 Boneheaded</p> <p>76 Try to find out</p> <p>77 Moon over Miami, to many a Miamian</p> <p>78 Undercover?</p> <p>80 Circuit diagram</p> <p>81 Four Corners tribe</p> <p>85 PowerPoint starting point</p> <p>86 Listing at an ice cream shop</p> <p>87 "Ad majorem ___ gloriam" (Jesuit motto)</p> <p>88 Chemistry Nobel laureate Rutherford</p> <p>95 Twisted humor?</p> <p>96 Battle of Britain grp.</p> <p>97 Powell of the Federal Reserve</p> <p>102 Wirelessly driven toy, for short</p> <p>104 Eva of "Green Acres"</p> <p>105 Floor</p> <p>106 Itsy</p> <p>107 Alliance of powers</p> <p>108 Patagonia prowler</p> <p>109 Smartphone predecessors, for short</p> <p>111 "Didn't see ya there!"</p> <p>112 Uncharitable</p> <p>113 Fuel brand with a blue oval in its logo</p> <p>117 "Jersey Shore" ailer</p> <p>118 Corny sound effect?</p> |
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ANSWERS FOUND IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...

Police Blotter

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



ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED

11/24/2024, 2:54 p.m. at 9500 Block of BRIGHTON WAY

11/22/2024, 7:40 p.m. at 9400 Block of DAYTON WAY

ASSAULT - SIMPLE

11/21/2024, 6:30 p.m. at 9300 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

11/21/2024, 2:45 p.m. at 200 Block of SPALDING DRIVE

BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING

12/2/2024, 5:53 a.m. at 200 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

12/2/2024, 5:41 a.m. at 8300 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

11/27/2024, 12:40 p.m. at 0-99 Block of N. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

11/20/2024, 6:57 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

BURGLARY FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

12/1/2024, 7 p.m. at 300 Block of S. CANON DRIVE

11/30/2024, 4:30 a.m. at 100 Block of MCCARTY DRIVE

11/30/2024, 1 p.m. at 100 Block of REEVES DRIVE

11/29/2024, 10:30 a.m. at 200 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

11/27/2024, 8 p.m. at 200 Block of S. DOHENY DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (ACCESSED GARAGE ONLY)

11/30/2024, 4 p.m. at 100 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (COMMON AREA)

11/30/2024, 8:49 p.m. at 200 Block of S. ARNAZ DRIVE

11/23/2024, 3:30 a.m. at 100 Block of N. ALMONT DRIVE

11/23/2024, 12 a.m. at 100 Block of N. ALMONT DRIVE

11/23/2024, 12 a.m. at 100 Block of N. ALMONT DRIVE

11/22/2024, 11 p.m. at 100 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

11/22/2024, 10 p.m. at 100 Block of S. MAPLE DRIVE

DUI ARREST

11/30/2024, 2:36 a.m. at N. REXFORD DRIVE / LEXINGTON ROAD

11/24/2024, 2:22 a.m. at 400 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

11/23/2024, 3:18 a.m. at S. ROXBURY DRIVE / OLYMPIC BOULEVARD

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

11/22/2024, 3 p.m. at 200 Block of N. LA PEER DRIVE

ROBBERY

11/23/2024, 1:05 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

THEFT - GRAND

11/27/2024, 6:15 p.m. at 200 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

11/27/2024, 3:38 p.m. at 300 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

11/27/2024, 2:15 p.m. at 200 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

11/23/2024, 5:30 p.m. at 500 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE

THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)

11/19/2024, 12:30 p.m. at 900 Block of HILLCREST ROAD

11/17/2024, 11:40 p.m. at 1200 Block of LAGO VISTA DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY

12/3/2024, 4:42 a.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

12/2/2024, 4:21 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

12/1/2024, 12:01 p.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

11/30/2024, 8:50 a.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

11/30/2024, 3:30 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

11/29/2024, 6:22 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

11/29/2024, 1:46 p.m. at 8700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

11/23/2024, 6:47 p.m. at 100 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

11/23/2024, 2:50 a.m. at 200 Block of MCCARTY DRIVE

11/22/2024, 9:46 a.m. at 9800 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

THEFT - PETTY (FROM VEHICLE)

11/15/2024, 5:21 a.m. at 200 Block of S. PALM DRIVE

VANDALISM

12/1/2024, 9 p.m. at 300 Block of S. WETHERLY DRIVE

12/1/2024, 1:45 a.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

11/23/2024, 7:15 p.m. at 300 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

11/23/2024, 10:15 a.m. at 400 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

11/21/2024, 6:18 p.m. at 400 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

11/20/2024, 1:30 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

Public Notices



**County of Los Angeles
Department of the
Treasurer and Tax
Collector**

Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Online Sealed Bid Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

Notice of Online Sealed Bid Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2024C)

Whereas, on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online sealed bid auction.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online sealed bid auction, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time, through Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online sealed bid auction at www.govease.com/los-angeles.

The only persons that are eligible to submit bids are owners of contiguous parcels or a holder of record of either a predominant easement or right-of-way easement.

Bidders are required to pre-register at www.govease.com/los-angeles and submit a deposit of 10 percent of the spend limit that is set by each registered bidder. Bid deposits must be in the form of a wire transfer, cashier's check, or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, November 22, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, the TTC sells all properties "as is" and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the properties, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

If the TTC sells a property, parties of interest, as defined by R&TC Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If there are any excess proceeds after the application of the minimum bid, the TTC will send notice to all parties of interest, pursuant to law.

Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector, at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. You may also call (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, visit our website at tcc.lacounty.gov or email us at auction@tcc.lacounty.gov.

The Assessor's Identification Numbers (AIN) in this publication refer to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the AIN occurred, the publication will show both prior and current AINs. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the referenced maps are available at the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012, or at assessor.lacounty.gov.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on November 06, 2024.

Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg

ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG
Treasurer and Tax Collector
County of Los Angeles
State of California

The real property that is subject to this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF SALE (SALE NO. 2024C)
1932 AIN 2385-011-026 SCHWEITZER, CLARE ET AL LOCATION CITY-LOS ANGELES \$250.00
1970 AIN 4371-018-011 SPANNHOFF, CHRISTIAN ET AL 10 NB PARTNERSHIP LOCATION CITY-LOS ANGELES \$250.00
CN112086 512 Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 2024

TS No.: P.191-118 APN: 4355-011-017 Title Order No.: 2491061CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/10/2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust 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: Whitaur Group LLC., A California Limited Liability Company Duly Appointed Trustee: PROBER AND RAPHAEL, ALC Recorded 3/21/2023 as Instrument No. 20230177101 in book N/A, page N/A of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 12/31/2024 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: \$4,908,518.12 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1754 FRANKLIN CANYON DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS, California 90210 A.P.N.: 4355-011-017 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 own-

ership 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 P.191-118. 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. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: 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 P.191-118 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: 11/14/2024

PROBER AND RAPHAEL, ALC 20750 Ventura Blvd., Suite 108 Woodland Hills, California 91364 Sale Line: (916) 939-0772 Phone Number: 818-227-0100 Rita Terzyan, Trustee Sale Officer NPP0467898 To: BEVERLY HILLS COURIER 12/06/2024, 12/13/2024, 12/20/2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.) Escrow No. 2459-SS

Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below:

The names(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) is/are: V WINE ROOM LLC, 903 WESTBOURNE DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: SAME AS ABOVE

The name(s) and business address(es) of the Buyer(s)/Transferee(s) is/are: VINO BLOOMS LLC, 903 WESTBOURNE DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

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, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, AND ABC LICENSE and are located at: 903 WESTBOURNE DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

The ABC License to be transferred is: ON-SALE BEER & WINE PUBLIC PREMISES License No. 42-638327

Now issued for the business known as: V WINE ROOM

The anticipated date of the bulk sale is UPON ISSUANCE OF THE PERMANENT ABC LICENSE TO BUYER at the office of: INNOVATIVE ESCROW, INC., 28212 KELLY JOHNSON PKWY, STE. 110, VALENCIA, CA 91355

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$200,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$200,000.00

It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for 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: 11/26/24
V WINE ROOM LLC, Seller/Licensee
VINO BLOOMS LLC, Buyer/Transferee
ORD-2998669 BEVERLY HILLS COURIER 12/6/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024232110 The following is/are doing business as: LEAN LAB 465 NORTH ROXBURY DRIVE #815 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210; ELECTROLYTE MED INC., 465 North Roxbury Drive Suite 815, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION AI #ON 5518253 registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: ELECTROLYTE MED INC., Yonatan Senehi, Owner Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 12, 2024; Published: November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2024 LACC NC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024236360 The following is/are doing business as: 1) AMERICAN CONTRACTOR 2) PRE OWNED AUTO 9546 WEST PICO BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90212; Theodore Furs, Inc. 9546 West Pico Blvd. Beverly Hills, CA

90212; The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION AI #ON 1409680 registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: THEODORE FURS, INC., Theodoros Kyriazis, President. Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 18, 2024; Published: November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2024 LACC NC

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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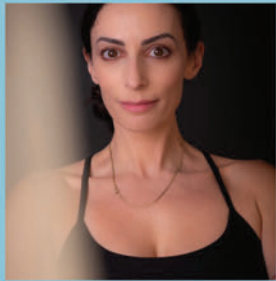
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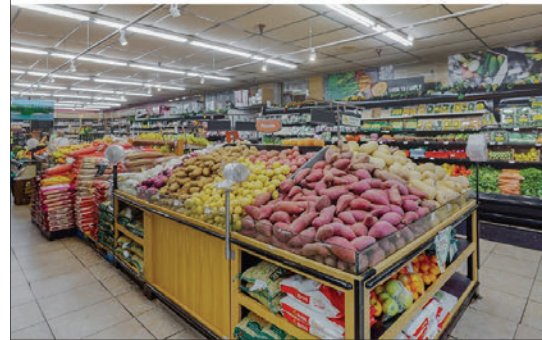
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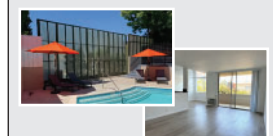
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