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# Brian Goldsmith Enters State Senate Race

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Brian Goldsmith has filed papers with the state's Fair Political Practices Commission indicating his intent to run for California State Senate in the June 2026 Primary. Goldsmith, a lifelong Democrat, is running for the District

24 seat currently held by Sen. Ben Allen. Allen cannot run again due to term limits.

The 24th State Senatorial District stretches westward from West Hollywood to Agoura Hills and Malibu, and then down the coast to Rancho Palos Verdes. It includes Beverly Hills, where Goldsmith, his wife

and two children have resided for the past nine years. Goldsmith, 42, was raised in Brentwood, but his family's deep ties to Beverly Hills extend back for generations.

Goldsmith himself is an award-winning journalist, entrepreneur and Democratic

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Brian Goldsmith

# Resentencing Hearing Postponed in Menendez Case



Photo by Sam Mulick DA Nathan Hochman addressed the media before the April 17 hearing.

BY SAM MULICK

A superior court judge has postponed a resentencing hearing for Erik and Lyle Menendez indefinitely and set a motions hearing for

May 9. On that date, the court will decide the admissibility of a state parole board risk assessment report on the brothers, as well as a planned motion to recuse the Los Angeles District Attorney from the case by the defense.

The resentencing motion was originally scheduled to take place on April 17 and April 18. But on April 16, the DA filed a motion to delay the hearing so it could obtain and review the risk assessment report-a psychological assessment of the brothers- which the judge and defense had also not reviewed. Mark Geragos, an attorney for the defense, argued for the resentencing hearing to proceed without the report. During a recess in the matter, Governor Gavin Newsom's office notified all parties that it did not assert

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# **Alex Cherniss** Wants to 'Push the Envelope' at BHUSD

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board voted unanimously on April 15 to approve the contract for the district's new superintendent, Alex Cherniss, Ed.D. At a previous closed session on April 10, the board voted 3-2 to approve Cherniss' appointment, with Board President Rachelle Marcus and Board Member Amanda Stern voting against it.

Neither Marcus nor Stern addressed See ALEX CHERNISS, page 3



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# Courier Calendar

NOW - APRIL 20 THEATRE 40: "BEATNIK GIRL" THURS.-SAT. 7:30 P.M. SUN. 2 P.M.

Theatre 40 presents "Beatnik Girl," the world premiere of the play written by Leda Siskind and directed by Ann Hearn Tobolowsky. The play takes place in Greenwich Village in 1957, where a young female writer enters the community of Beat poets and finds romance, antisemitism and misogyny while striving for success in the literary world. Performances are held at Theatre 40, 241 S. Moreno Drive, Beverly Hills. Ample free parking is available. theatre40.org

NOW - MAY 18 GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE: "FURLOUGH'S PARADISE" WED.-SAT. 8 P.M. SAT. 3 P.M. SUN. 2 P.M., 7 P.M.

Geffen Playhouse presents "Furlough's Paradise." In the play, cousins Sade and Mina used to be inseparable. Now leading very different lives, they return to their childhood town for the funeral of their mother and aunt. While Sade is on a three-day furlough from prison and Mina experiences a brief reprieve from her career and life on the West Coast, the two try to make sense of grief, home, love and kinship. As the clock ticks down, the cousins grapple with their conflicting memories of the past and shared hopes for the future. Poetic and theatrical, "Furlough's Paradise" explores family dreams of a utopia yet to be realized. Tickets range from \$36 to \$139. Geffen Playhouse is located at 10886 Le Conte Ave., Los Angeles. geffenplayhouse.org

NOW - JULY 13 LACMA: "DIGITAL WITNESS: REVOLUTIONS IN DESIGN, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND FILM" MON.-TUES., THURS. 11 A.M.-6 P.M. FRI. 11 A.M.-8 P.M.

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

Over the last four decades, image-editing software has radically transformed the visual world. The ease with which images and text can be digitally generated and altered has enabled new forms of creative experimentation, while also sparking philosophical debates about the very nature of representation. "Digital Witness: Revolutions in Design, Photography, and Film" examines the impact of digital manipulation tools from the 1980s to the present, for the first time assessing simultaneous developments and debates in the fields of photography, graphic design and visual effects. Featuring over 150 works, the exhibition traces the emergence of distinctive digital aesthetic strategies, relationships to realism and storytelling modes. The nearly 200 artists, designers and makers in "Digital Witness" illuminate today's visual culture where digital editing tools are easier to access than ever before. Tickets are \$23 for adults, \$19 for seniors, students with ID and visitors with a disability. Admission is free for youths 17 and younger. Admission is also free on Mon.-Fri. after 3 p.m. LACMA is located at 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles. lacma.org

NOW - AUG. 31 ICA LA: "WILL RAWLS: [SICCER]" WED., FRI. 12-6 P.M. THURS. 12-7 P.M. SAT.-SUN. 11-6 P.M.

Featured in ICA LA's main galleries,
"[siccer]" is an interdisciplinary exhibition
by Los Angeles-based artist and
choreographer Will Rawls. Part immersive
installation, part live performance,
"[siccer]" is a singular project that uses
dance, photography, animation and

sound to investigate the role of media in constructing, exploiting and erasing the Black body. Using the techniques and technologies associated with photography, cinema and the stage, Rawls' "[siccer]" challenges divisions between the living, the captured, the rehearsed and the performed. Experimenting with stopmotion animation, the work features a compilation of still images that have been stitched together to produce moving images depicting a cast of Black dancers in various states of movement. These stop-motion videos are then projected onto chroma green frames suspended from the ceiling, reminiscent of the green screens commonly associated with film production. At once caught, distilled, fragmented and unfinished, gestures glitch in and out of focus across Rawls' cinematic scaffolding, which both literally and metaphorically speaks to the complex visibility of Blackness in contemporary society. Admission to ICA LA is free with timed-entry reservations online. ICA LA is located at 1717 E. 7th St., Los Angeles. theicala.org

APRIL 19 SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE: "LOOK WHAT FELL OUT DE MANGO TREE"

4 P.M.

Santa Monica Playhouse is excited to present "Look What Fell Out De Mango Tree" continuing the 2025 Black History [every] Month project, a year-long celebration of works that highlight the rich heritage of Black arts, artists and culture. Based on her true-life story, Ehrhardt's play is about the importance of forgiveness and the power of vulnerability. Someone can't give themselves to someone else when that person is not intact, when pieces of you are missing. In "Look What Fell Out de Mango Tree," Debra uncovers a big secret that unlocks her ability to forgive and transforms her relationship with men. Seeking truth and understanding can't heal or undo the

hurt. But it can unshackle next steps, and free up the denouement of one's own life. Because running away from something is not being free. Tickets are \$30 with discounts available for students, teachers, seniors and members of the military. Reservations are necessary. Santa Monica Playhouse is located at 1211 4th Street, Santa Monica.

santamonicaplayhouse.com

APRIL 21 FAREGROUNDS: "A CUP OF THANK YOU" 8-10 A.M.

Join Faregrounds for a special morning honoring the service and leadership of former Mayor Lester Friedman.

This heartfelt gathering is a chance for the community to come together over coffee and show appreciation for his contributions to Beverly Hills. Faregrounds is located at 459 N. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills. faregrounds.co

APRIL 24
HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA:
"SHARED WATERS, SHARED FUTURE:
ECO-TOURISM AND DIPLOMACY IN
ACTION"

6:30-8:30 P.M.

About 40% of the world's population depends on water that crosses national borders. Learn how water has been a crucial factor in fostering peace and cooperation between Israel, U.A.E, Bahrain, Morocco, and Sudan. Noam Bedein will lead a discussion exploring the intersection of diplomacy and environmental preservation. This program highlights cross-border water initiatives taken as a means of fostering regional collaboration and peace. Participants will gain insight into how environmental cooperation can serve as a bridge in the Middle East. It is free to attend this virtual talk and attendees may RSVP online.

holocaustmuseumla.org

MAY 4
BEVERLY HILLS POLICE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL POLICE
SERVICE DAY AND PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
8:30-11 A.M.

The Beverly Hills Police Officers
Association will hold its Annual Police
Service Day and Pancake Breakfast in the
Civic Center Plaza, 464 N. Rexford Drive,
Beverly Hills. The entire community is
invited to this free event, which includes
delicious pancakes and coffee served by
Beverly Hills Police Officers. Interactive
displays include SWAT, K-9, Defensive
Tactics and more. There will be fun
activities for kids and for the whole family
including station tours and a photo booth.
For further information contact the
Beverly Hills Police Officers Association.
310-550-4551



Photo by Jeff Lorch

DeWanda Wise and Kacie Rogers in rehearsal for "Furlough's Paradise" at Geffen Playhouse

#### ALEX CHERNISS, from page 1

the reasons for their changed votes at the April 15 meeting and had not responded to requests for comment as of press time.

Speaking to the Courier following the approval of his contract, Cherniss said that one of his primary goals at BHUSD is to "take our district to the next level."

"I'd like to bring innovation and creativity to the forefront and prepare our students for future jobs that haven't been invented yet," he said. "To do that, we need to really push the envelope."

Cherniss said that "pushing the envelope" may involve rethinking the classroom experience, including taking under consideration changes made to learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"COVID changed the game, and all of a sudden, we learned very quickly that there are different ways that kids can learn," he said. "They can learn at home; they can learn online ... and so a lot of families don't want to go back to the old days. You're seeing explosions in homeschooled kids, you're seeing a lot of online schools ... we as educators, we need to be on the cutting edge as well. And so that's going to be one of my roles here, is to bring that to our district."

When pressed on whether he was considering remote learning for students at BHUSD, Cherniss demurred.

"I'm not sure what our models will look like, but I know that we will create more flexible learning opportunities where, rather than the student conforming to the classroom, the classroom will conform to the students," he said.

Cherniss comes to BHUSD from the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD), where he served as superintendent for just under two years. During his tenure there, he spearheaded the opening of an intensive sports program, the Universal Sports Institute, as well as a district-run charter school, the Orange County School of Computer Science.

The endeavors were met with mixed responses from the Placentia-Yorba Linda community, with some parents expressing concern over their cost and a lack of transparency about their implementation.

Cherniss did not specify whether he would pursue similar endeavors at BHUSD, however when speaking to the Courier, he suggested he would rely on fundraising rather than scaling back costs to finance new projects in the district.

"One thing that we'll always be looking at is, are there ways to enhance revenues?" he said. "Whether it's community partners, whether it's property, whether it's different types of partnerships. We're going to be looking at ways to expand revenues."

Cherniss parted with PYLUSD on rocky terms with some members of that community. A Change.org petition was initiated on April 15, 2024, demanding his resignation because of what it called "failed vanity projects," "rushing through a new, multi-million-dollar project" and several other allegations. It garnered 871 signatures.

On Dec. 19, 2024, Cherniss was placed on paid administrative leave by the PYLUSD board. Representatives for PYLUSD did not respond to

requests for details about the circumstances surrounding Cherniss' leave, however Cherniss told the Courier that newly elected members of the PYLUSD Board, who were seated in November 2024, "wanted to go in a different direction."

"I created a new computer science school," he said. "I created a new Universal Sports Institute. And I did so with three board members basically approving everything ... in November, the board switched and no longer had support for those programs and those initiatives."

At the April 15 BHUSD board meeting, multiple members of the public spoke in support of Cherniss, including two individuals who traveled from Placentia Yorba-Linda to speak on Cherniss's behalf.

"Our loss is your gain," said Leandra Blades, a trustee of the PYLUSD board. "What you guys are going to gain is a leader in innovation, but also an exceptional educator."

Beth Fisher, who identified herself as a parent, former employee of PYLUSD and the founding principal of OCSCS, echoed Blades' sentiments.

"When it comes to leader credibility, there are five dimensions, and Dr. Cherniss ticks off every box: competence, dynamism, trust, immediacy," Fisher said. "If you don't know what that means with him, you will ... he's going to propel you into the future."

One member of the public spoke in opposition to Cherniss' appointment. Kimberly Lifschitz, who identified herself as a parent of a BHUSD student with an Individualized Education Program, said that the announcement of Cherniss' hiring "destroyed [an] already

fragile trust" in the board.

"BHUSD's announcement highlighted the Universal Sports Institute and OCSCS as examples of the innovation Dr. Cherniss will bring to our district," she said. "Is the board planning to facilitate similar wildly expensive projects here? From where in the district's budget will we take that money?"

Speaking to the Courier following the meeting, Lifshitz said her concern stems from the fact that special education resources are often the first to go when district funding is reallocated.

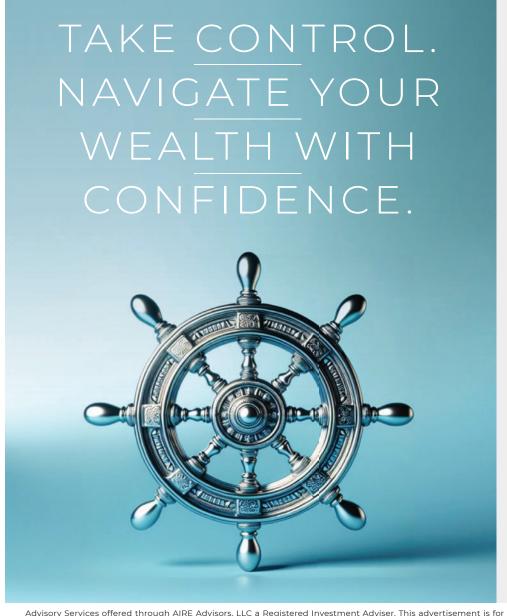
"If the number of aides in a class starts to get cut, that's going to affect my son and his classmates first," she said. "I don't see how you could kind of blow the hole in a budget the way it seems like previous districts had without impacting funding for the classroom."

Prior to his work as a superintendent, Cherniss was employed by BHUSD as a middle school math teacher, K-8 principal, director of human resources and assistant superintendent of business services.

In a statement, BHUSD Board President Rachelle Marcus voiced her eagerness for Cherniss to begin his role.

"It's with great pleasure that I welcome Dr. Cherniss back," she said. "I have nothing but confidence in what he's going to do."

Cherniss will step into the position of BHUSD superintendent on June 1, and his appointment will span three years. •





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# Architectural and Design Review Commission Approves Permits, Previews Megastore



Photo by Nathan Ansell

The commission heard an architectural proposal for a three-story Cartier store.

BY NATHAN ANSELL

The Architectural and Design Review Commission reviewed several developmental permits and previewed a three-story retail building during its April 16 meeting. After a slight delay and considerations on architectural review approvals for various business signs, the commission's first somewhat lengthy point of conversation related to a lifestyle graphic on a construction barricade

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# Jewish American Heritage Month Celebration Set for May



Mayor Sharona Nazarian prepares Gondi Soup, a traditional Persian Jewish dish for shabbat, in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month.

The city of Beverly Hills and its Community Services Department will host a series of celebratory events throughout May in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM). Established in 2006, this monthlong observance recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions that Jewish Americans have made to the history, culture and society of the United States.

"Jewish American Heritage Month holds a special significance for our community, and for me personally," said Mayor Sharona Nazarian. "As a Persian Jew who immigrated to the United States from Iran, I am living the American Dream. I have been fortunate to pursue higher education, earn a professional degree and lead the city of Beverly Hills as Mayor. I am not alone. Jews from around the world have made the United States their home, and a significant Jewish population reside in Beverly Hills. Jewish Americans are making remarkable contributions to the history and culture in our city, enriching it in so many ways."

The JAHM Kickoff Celebration takes

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# Classical and Chamber Music Auditions Taking Place on April 26



The city of Beverly Hills has announced that the Beverly Hills National Auditions, giving professional musicians an opportunity to perform in classical and chamber music concerts, will take place on April 26 at Roxbury Community Center. Talented, professional musicians and ensembles can apply by midnight on April 21 for consideration.

Beverly Hills National Auditions musicians and ensembles selected will present in the city of Beverly Hills' 2026 season of its "Music in The Mansion" concert series in the historic Greystone Mansion living room.

Winners are also considered for engagement by members of the Consortium of Chamber Music Presenters of Southern California, which includes Classical Sundays at Six at St. James in the City (formerly Sundays Live! at LACMA), Laguna Beach Live!, Classical Crossroads: Classical Interludes and Second Sundays at Two, as well as numerous other Southland concert series. For more information and the application, visit <a href="https://beverlyhills.org/1517/Beverly-Hills-National-Auditions">https://beverlyhills.org/1517/Beverly-Hills-National-Auditions</a>.

# BHUSD Students Take Educational Trip to Japan



Photo courtesy BHUSD

BHUSD students spent an immersive ten days in Japan.

Twenty students from Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) and Beverly Vista Middle School (BVMS) traveled to Japan for a 10-day international learning experience that combined science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with cultural immersion.

The program, which ran from March 26 to April 4, took students across Tokyo, Tsukuba, and beyond, where they engaged in hands-on learning at world-renowned science and technology centers, explored

historic landmarks, and expanded their global awareness through direct cultural exchange.

Students toured cutting-edge robotics labs, visited the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan), and experienced the future of aerospace exploration at the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). At each stop, they engaged with scientists and

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Join us in-person for a special monthly interactive discussion with Beverly Hills Mayor Sharona Nazarian at City Hall!

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# **Arts and Entertainment**

#### TV: Part One

# TV Now Playing-With an Emphasis on Playing

BY NEELY SWANSON

In this multi-part series, the Courier surveys some of the most notable "don't miss" and "don't bother" TV offerings this spring.

"The Residence" is an enjoyable romp through the White House led by Cordelia Cupp (Uzo Aduba), straight-faced, ironically humorous, committed bird watcher and "best detective in the world." The chief usher, A.B. Wynter, has been found in the billiard room, bloodied and most assuredly dead. Although the FBI and CIA are present, it is the Washington, D.C. police in charge and Captain Dokes has called Cordelia Cupp to lead the investigation, much to the chagrin of everyone in the "house." Discretion is of the utmost importance because downstairs the president is hosting a state dinner for the Australian delegation and their guests. FBI agent Edwin Park (Randall Park) is assigned the thankless job of assisting Cordelia, and nothing could be more thankless. Cordelia orders the entire house sealed, including all the Australians and White House staff. She is unmoved by the inconvenience and possibility of an international incident.

Everyone is a suspect and she is determined to interview them all. She does. Switching back and forth in time, much of the story is told in flashback as the evening is recounted in front of a Senate investigating committee led by Senator Filkins (Al Franken). And you can't tell the players without a scorecard. The consummate professional, Wynter made many enemies with the staff, a staff jam-packed with eccentrics. Among them are the dipsomaniac mother of the president (Jane Curtin); the first husband's kleptomaniac brother (Jason Lee); the disgruntled French pastry chef (Bronson Pinchot) engaged in a competitive battle with the head chef; Server Sheila Cannon, who dips too frequently into the vodka supply; and the president's friend and advisor, Harry Hollinger (Ken Marino), who thwarts Cordelia at every turn. And then there's Lilly Schumacher (Molly Griggs), the entitled aide who is determined to redecorate the White House mindfully, replacing the soft edges with ones sharp enough to cause damage. She's already moved the traditional Gingerbread White House to the basement from its former pride of place in the Red Dining Room.

One murder and everyone is a suspect. At eight episodes, it's two episodes too long. Nevertheless, this is pure pleasure and lots of fun. Each actor, no matter how small the role, is a standout. The wild incongruity of some characters only enhances the fun, but it is Uzo Aduba who carries this show gloriously. Never breaking stride or character, her seriousness is what drives the others into a frenzy. Watch this terrific show from Shondaland, created and written by Paul William Davies. It's fun from first to last.

Now streaming on Netflix.

"The Americas" is a new wildlife documentary that takes you on a marvelous



Photo by Darryl MacDonald, courtesy of BBC Studios and NBC/Universal

"The Americas - Patagonia"

journey across the Americas, from the southernmost point in Patagonia, through the Amazon, Mexico, our own Wild West in the still rough-hewn edges of Montana, to Arctic North America. Each 45-minute episode is more of an appetizer than a full-course meal, but even so, it's a great introduction to places you've visited or wished to or didn't even know that you wanted to.

The nature photography is outstanding, with top international cinematographers for each episode. Produced by the BBC, the folks that brought you the award-winning "Planet Earth" and "Blue Planet," this 10-part series is excellent family viewing. Narrated by Tom Hanks, who, surprisingly, has a rather slow, somnolent delivery, "The Americas" gives us much to ponder. Consider this an invitation to explore more because, at 45 minutes, it is, necessarily, limited in depth.

Still, the opportunity to cruise down the Amazon as macaws fly overhead and crocodiles swim below, visit some ruins in the Yucatan Peninsula and watch polar bears search for prey in the Arctic is one to be cherished.

Most episodes are now streaming on Peacock.

"Ludwig" is a real sleeper. Starting slowly, it grows on you until you are completely under its spell. John Taylor's twin brother, James, a police detective, has gone missing and Lucy, James' wife has asked John to help unravel the mystery. John, definitely on the spectrum, hasn't left his house in ages; interacting with other human beings is not his strength, not even when they are relatives. John prefers the isolation that solving and creating puzzles allows him.

John arrives at the home of Lucy, his sister-in-law, and Henry, his nephew, to learn that James' disappearance may not have been voluntary. What Lucy horrifyingly proposes to John, who has a hard time interacting with her, someone he loved but was paralyzed to express it (he's still paralyzed), is to pretend he is his brother and go into police headquarters and find James' secret notebook, one that may unlock the mystery. Reluctantly, he agrees, but when entering the station he is so ill at ease and twitchy that he's certain the other members of James' team will catch on that he's a fraud. Of course they don't. James' former partner has allegedly been transferred and replaced by D.I. Carter, who has no prior experience with James. The junior members of his squad, D.C. Evans and D.S. Finch, are so busy competing for arrests that they pay no attention. John breathes a sigh of relief, finds the notebook and is almost out the door when disaster strikes. There's been a murder and James' team (that would now be John's team) has been assigned the case.

John's skill has always been solving puzzles, and with this case, as will be true of all the others (woe to poor ill-adapted John, there will be others—at least one per episode), he approaches the murder like he would any other brain teaser. What fits, what doesn't and how to piece them all together.

It's a pure delight for the viewer if not so much for his superiors. As John adapts to his new role, and there is a slight amount of pleasure in it, he begins to find clues to the disappearance of his brother.

The cast is marvelous, led by the subtly hilarious David Mitchell as both John and James Taylor. Mitchel is a well-known British sketch comedian with impeccable timing, which he uses to great effect in creating a character whose tie to the world is tenuous at best. Anna Maxwell Martin is the very sympathetic and grounded Lucy, James' wife who shares a history with John, and Dylan Hughes as her son Henry, all boyish charm and teenage impertinence. The detectives are very good as well, led by Dipo Ola as D.I. Carter, a slow convert to the skills of John/ James. Dorothy Atkinson as D.C.S. Shaw runs a tight ship and is as skeptical of James/John as her boss, Chief Constable Ziegler, played by Ralph Ineson.

"Ludwig" is a lovely way to spend a few evenings. It's one of those rare series where you want more because you'll follow the main characters anywhere. At six episodes, there's no bloat and room to grow.

Now Streaming on BritBox.

To be continued in next week's issue.



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 tomatometer-approved critic.

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# Community

# Mayor Speaks at Passover Seder

On April 13, Spago restaurant hosted the 41st annual interfaith Passover Seder benefiting Mazon, a nonprofit committed to fighting hunger and food insecurity, with a surprise appearance from Mayor Sharona Nazarian. Taking to the podium set up for the occasion, she spoke to guests from various faiths who gathered to celebrate the Israelites' exodus from Egypt about unity, diversity, and peace. "Each of us carries a personal bondage with us," Mayor Nazarian said. "Whether it's fears, limitations, or injustices that we see that we've long hoped to be free from, I encourage all of you to take this year to step outside of that box. Free yourself, challenge your old patterns, and step into a broader understanding of what the world has to offer."



Photo by Bianca Heyward

Mayor Nazarian at the Passover Seder

## Elaine Wynn Passes Away



Elaine Wynn

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

Elaine Wynn, the businesswoman, art collector and philanthropist whose vision shaped Las Vegas, has died. The announcement was made by the Elaine P. Wynn & Family Foundation. She was 82.

Wynn was a resident of Beverly Hills and the largest individual shareholder of Wynn Resorts, according to a statement from the foundation. She devoted significant time to properties including the Golden Nugget, The Mirage, Bellagio and the Wynn and Encore

"Ms. Wynn wielded significant influence, not just as an investor, but as a steward of a vision that transcended mere entertainment," the foundation said in its statement. "She understood that Las Vegas was not just a destination; it was an experience—an ever-evolving tapestry woven with threads of art, culture, and the human spirit."

In a statement posted on Instagram, Wynn Resorts noted her many accomplishments with the company.

"As co-founder and one of the largest shareholders of Wynn Resorts, she helped to create and grow the company to become the most esteemed luxury resort brand in the world," the statement reads. "Her many talents and special touches are indelibly imprinted on the company and still evident throughout our resorts ... The current and former employees who worked alongside her to create Wynn and Encore Las Vegas cherish the many fond memories they have of her, especially of when they opened Wynn Las Vegas with her 20 years ago this month."

Wynn was passionate about education and the arts, lending her vision to many endeavors in both fields. In her role as a See ELAINE WYNN, page 17



**INTRODUCING** 

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### **April Updates**

Thank you to the City of Beverly Hills for your patience during the Wilshire Bl closure for deck removal!





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for Logan Hollowell Jewelry.

Commissioners acknowledged that the "edgy" image of a female model was consistent with the store's branding and advertising, but some didn't consider the large-scale image appropriate for the city.

"There's something that feels inappropriate about this," Commissioner Jeffrey Daniels said. "If this were an image of a man with a similar kind of pose, I think people would be instantly repelled."

Ultimately, as the panel could only regulate time and placement rather than signage content, they requested that the applicant consider other images for review, but didn't enforce the alternative.

The meeting shifted toward discussion of two adjacent property developments, although both projects were evaluated as separate proposals. Commissioners first invited comment on a requested R-1 Design Review Permit for the construction of a two-story, single-family residence at 1000 Ridgedale Drive.

Assistant Planner Ally Majka outlined the contemporary international-inspired design in a staff report, emphasizing the smooth stucco, natural light-colored stone and horizontal roof lines, in addition to a "substantial" landscaping element.

As public comments were opened, resident Nancy Clavin signaled her approval of the design, but she remained worried about parking availability on the narrow street during construction-set to begin in mid-June. After Jeff Bezos purchased a property on the other side of the roadway a few years ago, she attested that there often hadn't been room for her, her kids, gardeners or guests.

"I wrote a letter, I took pictures [...] I kept calling the city to say, `Can you do something about the parking?" Clavin said. "That [space] had 13 acres and a parking area; I don't know what you have for your construction workers."

Commissioner Tim Devlin was complimentary toward the house's design, but he suggested that a middle layer was missing from the landscaping plan between grasses and trees. Vice Chair Rebecca Pynoos put forth a similar sentiment, suggesting that something was needed to "achieve more screening from the street."

In the end, commissioners unanimously agreed to a conditional approval, provided that revised landscape plans were later approved by an ad hoc committee and the applicant provided further details on how honeysuckle would be attached to part of the exterior.

The commission also passed a resolution approving the same permit for the nearby two-story residence at 1728 Chevy Chase Drive. The staff report made note of the cantilevered overhangs and use of natural light, stone cladding and dark metal-framed

Daniels noted similarities with the previous proposal, with one directional difference, compared to the other house "gesturing towards the view to the north." Even with the "odd layout," he said the smaller-scale rooms were more typical of others in the neighborhood, but he raised analogous concerns about the landscaping.

Devlin had praise for the sculpted land form, but he expressed similar concerns with the landscaping and also requested additional information on the hardscaping.

"We need to know more about what the material is and what the finish is," he said.

Commissioner Terri Smooke elaborated on the landscaping issue, saying that higher hedging would create a more harmonious integration.

"Even though [the Chevy Chase property] is much smaller, the monumentality of the project dwarfs the adjacent home," Smooke added. "It would be very nice to have more separation."

Speaking last, Chair Evan Meyer recommended applying the same ad hoc committee step to this property. As the same conditions were set forth, all five commission members voted to approve the permit.

Two other orders of new business related to facade remodels and business identification signs were next on the agenda. Commissioners were largely positive toward the renovations at William Morris Endeavor and Anta, noting award-winning designers behind both projects.

The commission's last order of business was a preliminary review on a proposed three-story Cartier flagship store at 370 North Rodeo Drive. The project had already been conditionally approved by the Planning Commission in February.

Architectural representatives spoke about the building's metal canopy, glazed awning, curved corner and horizontal bands with LEDs concealed in the triangular exterior patterns. They asserted the white, gray, bronze and beige color scheme matched the city's character.

"It will be nice for the pedestrian experience," Pynoos said. "We look forward to



#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

The City Council will consider a resolution which will increase certain fees and service charges that are charged to the public for the various activities and services as set forth in the schedule for fiscal year 2025-2026. In some cases, fees are proposed for an adjustment by 3.2% based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for November 2024 to reflect the increase in the City's costs. In other cases, new fees are proposed to be established or existing fees to be adjusted to reflect a more equitable distribution of costs, or a change in service level. Most fees would become effective on July 1, 2025.

At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all comments. All interested persons are invited to attend and speak or provide written comments on this matter.

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# **Real Estate**

# Insuring the Golden State: What Every California Property Owner Should Know

BY MELODY AVECILLA

California has always been a place of vision and ambition, where real estate isn't just about location—it's a lifestyle, a legacy, and for many, a dream realized. But in today's rapidly changing risk environment, owning property in the Golden State means being more than just a savvy buyer. It means being an informed, proactive homeowner—especially when it comes to insurance.

From wildfire-prone canyons to shifting climate patterns and soaring premiums, the insurance landscape in California is evolving fast. Whether you're a seasoned investor, a first-time buyer, or a real estate professional, understanding the new rules of the game is no longer optional—it's essential.

### Wildfires and Premium Spikes: The New Normal

Let's talk about the elephant in the room: wildfire risk. California's beautiful terrain—its sun-soaked hills, enviable landscapes, and ocean breezes—also makes it one of the most fire-prone regions in the country. Over the past decade, we've seen record-breaking wildfires, and insurers have taken notice.

The result? Many companies are reducing their exposure in high-risk areas—or exiting those markets entirely. That leaves homeowners facing steep premium increases or worse, non-renewals. Policies that cost \$1,500 a year may now exceed \$6,000—or be canceled altogether.

So, what's fueling the fire behind these rising rates? Along with increased wild-fire activity, reinsurance (insurance for insurers) has become more expensive. On top of that, state regulations now require insurers to hold higher financial reserves for potential catastrophe claims. And all of that gets passed down to—you guessed it—the homeowner.

## Know Your Fire Hazard Zone Before You Buv

Thinking about buying a hillside home with panoramic views? Make sure you know its Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) rating first. CAL FIRE has mapped every inch of California, assigning each area a fire risk level: moderate, high, or very high.

You can access these maps at <u>osfm.fire.ca.gov</u> or check with your local city planning department. If a property falls in a high or very high zone, it may require fire-resistant construction, defensible space clearance—and extra scrutiny from insurance carriers.

Pro tip for agents and buyers: Check this info early in the buying process. It can influence both insurability and cost, which in turn affects your bottom line.

#### What Your Policy Might Not Cover

Here's where things get tricky. Even if you manage to secure a standard homeowner's policy, it may come with more exclusions than you expect. Coverage limitations are



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becoming more common, especially for:

- •Smoke damage
- •Landscaping or detached structures
- •Temporary housing (loss of use)
- Sewer backups
- •Earthquake damage (typically not included unless added separately)

In other words, reading the fine print isn't just smart—it's vital. Ask your insurance broker to break down exclusions, sublimits, deductibles, and what exactly happens when disaster strikes.

#### The California FAIR Plan: Last Resort, Not Last Minute

If you can't get coverage through traditional carriers, the California FAIR Plan may be your safety net. It offers basic fire insurance for properties in high-risk areas. But let's be clear—it's not a comprehensive homeowner's policy.

Most homeowners pair the FAIR Plan with a Difference in Conditions (DIC) or "wraparound" policy that adds liability, theft, water damage, and other essentials. Together, these two policies mimic standard coverage—though often with higher premiums and less flexibility.

A few things to keep in mind:

- •The FAIR Plan has coverage caps and may limit protection for personal property.
- •Approval times have historically been long, but we're currently seeing faster turn-arounds—sometimes same day.
- •Uploading clear, date- and timestamped front-view photos of the property showing the street number is key to speeding things up.

Moral of the story? Don't wait. Start the insurance process as early as possible.

#### Why Standard Coverage May Fall Short

Gone are the days when an HO-3 policy had you fully covered. Today's policies are customized based on location, fire history, roof condition, updates on plumbing, electrical panel, heating and more.

To fully protect your investment, consider these add-ons:

- •Extended replacement cost (for inflation-adjusted rebuilds)
- •Ordinance or law coverage (to comply with new building codes)
- •High-value riders (for jewelry, fine art, or collectibles)

If you're in a fire-prone area, ask your broker about discounts for mitigation features like defensible space, fire-resistant roofing, hardscape barriers, and monitored alarm systems. These can help offset premium increases.

### Insurance and Escrow: Timing Is Everything

Here's a tip that can save deals—and sanity: start shopping for insurance as soon as escrow opens. Seriously.

Too many transactions get delayed (or derailed) because insurance wasn't locked in early enough. Lenders require proof of insurance before funding a loan. And it can't be just any policy. It must meet their criteria: replacement cost, capped deductible, and minimum coverage thresholds.

While higher deductibles might save you money on premiums, lenders may not accept them. And if your policy doesn't meet their requirements, they can impose "force-placed" insurance—at double or triple the cost.

Timing matters even more for homes near brush or with high replacement values. These often take longer to underwrite, so early action is critical.

Also, don't assume lender-required coverage is enough. Work with your insurance professional to make sure you're truly protected—not just mortgage compliant.

#### **Final Thoughts**

In a state as breathtaking—and complex—as California, protecting your property means more than checking a box. It's about crafting an insurance strategy that's as tailored as your real estate goals. Here insuring your property isn't a one-size-fits-all process. It requires diligence, savvy, accountability, open-mindedness and some patience wouldn't hurt.

Whether you're buying a \$25 million estate in Beverly Hills or a rustic retreat in Topanga Canyon, your coverage should reflect the value, uniqueness, and risk profile of your home. With the right team and informed choices, you can enjoy the Golden State's rewards—without getting burned by its risks. •



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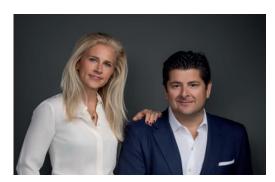
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# **Real Estate**

#### Holmby Hills Compound Once Owned by Rod Stewart Sells for Combined \$86M

- Carolwood Estate



A storied Los Angeles estate, once home to Rod Stewart, has sold for \$86 million in a deal involving two buyers. The sixacre Holmby Hills compound belonged to Bradley Bell, executive producer and head writer of "The Bold and the Beautiful," and his wife, former U.S. ambassador Colleen Bell. The couple bought the main home from Stewart in 1992 for \$6.25 million.

The estate was split into two parcels. David Zander, a producer known for restoring historic properties, paid about \$57 million for the larger four-acre lot with the main residence. The remaining parcel, featuring a 1911 cabin, was purchased for roughly \$29 million by private-equity executive Nick Kaiser.

Originally designed in 1925 by master architect George Washington Smith, the 17,000-square-foot Spanish Colonial Revival main home was built for distillery magnate Henry Kern and his wife. The landscaping was originally crafted by A.E. Hanson. The Bells extensively restored the property over two years, removing Stewart's disco-era renovations and reviving its original architectural charm, including coffered ceilings and vintage tile floors.

They later expanded the estate in 2004 by purchasing and demolishing Gregory Peck's longtime home next door, merging both properties into a six-acre trophy retreat where they raised four children.



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### Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Ever prudent, you will only start what you believe you can finish. Even so, the future is hard to read today, and there are forces outside your control. Through every dealing, you'll come to a new understanding about what is possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The cosmic omens strongly suggest bucking tradition, especially by crafting uncommon responses to the usual exchanges. After all, it makes no sense for an extraordinary person such as you to settle for ordinary interactions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Do whatever it takes to stay on-purpose. Put it in writing. Keep a checklist close, and refer to it often. Encourage yourself with symbols and messages at every juncture—the mirror, the wall, the door. Your ambitions count.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Emotional processing runs on its own schedule. Your feelings won't be bossed around, not by you, not by anyone, not now, not ever. This is a feature, not a bug. Your feelings are telling you something about

your own care and thriving.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The positive things you receive won't come in the traditional, serious or expected forms. Instead, they wear Groucho Marx glasses or have a funny voice like Bugs Bunny. Maybe the humor itself is the real gift of the situation. You'll bond in play.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Take on your rivals to sharpen your own arguments, but don't take them on hoping they'll come around to your way of thinking. If you need more supporters, seek the undecided.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll vibe with the almost mystical qualities of the day. Playful souls will gravitate toward you, as will those seeking guidance. Share what you know with an open heart, and you'll be received as wise and welcoming rather than preachy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't agree with everyone, but contradicting them only puts them on the defensive. Life works the same way. Resist what (SET ITAL)is(END ITAL) and the universe takes offense. Welcome things without judgment and you'll earn the cosmic favor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Exaggeration is a cousin to lying,

but embellishments are natural and harmless, as long as you make a point to temper them with "real talk" with your trusted inner circle and always remember the truth beneath the glitter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To love someone is to open yourself to the possibility of hurt. The risk is precisely what makes love meaningful. You'll be giving someone a bit of power over your heart. Deep connections are worth it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It might seem awkward to make your request knowing there are so many people in the world who have far less than you. Nonetheless, you can only live one life -- yours. Shouldn't it be the best you can make it? Advocate for yourself, or who else will?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's much you want to accomplish, but a fixation on achievement will miss the whole point of the journey. It's figuring out how to work together and what it means that gives a sense of fulfillment. Stay connected in the process.



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#### BHUSD STUDENTS, from page 5

engineers, observed real-time innovation, and gained insight into global STEM career pathways.

Beyond the labs, students explored the heart of Japanese culture—from the bustling Shibuya Crossing and serene Senso-ji Temple in Tokyo to a high-speed bullet train ride to Kyoto. They participated in traditional arts like sushi-making, walked the iconic Fushimi Inari Shrine path, and deepened

their understanding of Japanese history at the Edo-Tokyo Museum.

"This program is a powerful example of how BHUSD brings learning to life beyond the classroom," said BHUSD Director, Teaching and Learning Dr. Mike Sherman. "Our students not only expanded their STEM knowledge, but also developed the global perspective and cultural literacy essential for thriving in the world ahead."

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE, from page 4 place at the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market on May 4 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Festivities will include a Rugelach Baking Contest and Gondi/Matzo Ball Soup Contest, hands-on tzedakah-box making hosted by the Skirball Cultural Center, a stop-motion animation workshop with artists Joanna Neborsky and Patricia Luna, and a family-friendly klezmer set with fan-favorites, Mostly Kosher. Entry application for the Rugelach and Gondi/Matzo Ball Soup contests are available online at <a href="https://www.beverlyhills.org/csevents">www.beverlyhills.org/csevents</a>.

Additional events throughout the month include:

Jewish Tales of Wonder, Wit and Wisdom with Karen Golden May 15 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Beverly Hills Public Library

Storyteller Karen Golden weaves tales, both old and new, for the young and young at heart.

Lebensraum—A Staged Reading Presented by West Coast Jewish Theatre May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Greystone Theatre at Greystone Mansion & Gardens

An evening of compelling performances that reflect Jewish themes and cultural narratives.

The Jewish American Foodie: A Conversation

May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Gallery, Beverly Hills City Hall

Restaurateur Harry Posner, food writer Tannaz Sassooni and Good Food producer Elina Shatkin take part in a conversation exploring the flavors of Iranian-American cuisine and its cultural significance in Southern California.

In addition to these events, a series of films will be shown each Thursday in May at 1 p.m. at Roxbury Park Community Center about stories that explore Jewish themes and cultures, offering a cinematic celebration of heritage. •

#### **BRIAN GOLDSMITH, from page 1**

consultant. Through his firm, Kona Media, he has advised candidates, nonprofits, and companies, and helped elect several Democratic members of Congress. He also founded Scriber, a text-based subscription service in Los Angeles. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Stanford Law School and was a member of the inaugural class of Presidential Leadership Scholars, a program co-founded by former Presidents Clinton and Bush.

In describing his motivation to enter politics, Goldsmith told the Courier, "I was born and raised in this district, and my family and I have called Beverly Hills home since 2016. This community is in our blood—my grandparents moved to Beverly Hills in 1952 and thought they arrived in heaven. I never expected to run for office but we're at a critical moment: too many people believe California's future won't be as bright as our

past. Politics as usual can't get us out of this; we need new voices and fresh perspectives in Sacramento. My mission will be to listen to my neighbors, here and across the district, and work for better results from our state government."

In addition to Goldsmith, announced candidates for Allen's seat include Dr. Sion Roy, the vice-chair of the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees; West Hollywood City Councilman John Erickson; Ellen Evans, one of the founders of the Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association; former Rancho Palos Verdes Mayor Eric Alegria; Vice President of the Los Angeles Planning Commission Mike Newhouse; Brittany McKinley, a Los Angeles City Commissioner; and Kristina Irwin, a Republican real estate agent and activist.

The two candidates with the most votes in the primary will then face each other in the November 2026 general election. •

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leader at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), she was deeply involved with highly impactful projects such as the sculpture "Levitated Mass" by Michael Heizer.

**ELAINE WYNN, from page 7** 

"We owe so much to Elaine, and also to our trustees Bobby Kotick and Carole Bayer Sager, who introduced her to LACMA," said Michael Govan, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director, in a statement on the museum's website. "Personally, I feel eternally blessed to have been able to work with Elaine and learn so much from her ambition, leadership, tenacity and love. Our hearts are with Elaine, and her family, especially her daughters Gillian and Kevyn, and her seven grandchildren."

Wynn had recently announced a collaboration with the Pritzker Prize winning architect Francis Kere to build the Las Vegas Art Museum in partnership with LACMA. She also served as a Trustee of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

In the education sphere, Wynn assisted five Nevada governors with education initiatives, including co-chairing Nevada's Blue Ribbon Education Reform Task Force in 2011. She served as chair of the UNLV Foundation and sat on the Nevada State Board of Education, where she was elected

president twice.

Through her work with Communities In Schools, a nonprofit organization that offers support to students in schools, Wynn collaborated with the organization's founder, Bill Milliken, to drastically expand the operation's reach.

Wynn is survived by her daughters, Kevyn and Gillian and seven grandchildren, as well as the many friends she has made throughout the years.

"This world lost an exceptional human being and tireless pioneer this week," said Jillian Manus, a lifelong friend. "Elaine Wynn redefined Grace, Prowess, Empathy, Integrity, Honor, Commitment, Resolve, Wisdom, Leadership and Light. She bettered everyone she met, simply by believing and championing their potential. She envisioned this world as a painter's palette, taking her brush to fill all lives with magnificent colors, curiosity and creativity. She made the impossible possible with unwavering determination and deep purpose."

Wynn's cause of death has not been announced.

Contributions in Wynn's memory can be made to the LACMA to support the construction of the Las Vegas Museum of Art. •

#### MENENDEZ, from page 1

privilege on the report—making it available to both the defense and prosecution before May 9 when Jesic will then rule if it is admissible in court.

Many Menendez family members were in the courtroom on April 17, as some had planned to testify on behalf of the brothers. Erik and Lyle Menendez, who were given life sentences with no possibility of parole for murdering their parents in 1989, attended the hearing virtually from their San Diego prison.

Defense attorney Bryan Freedman stated in court that District Attorney Nathan Hochman should be removed from the case for not disclosing that he grew up 1 mile away from the Menendez home in Beverly Hills when the murder took place in 1989. Additionally, Geragos argued that prosecutors violated Marsy's law-a statute that protects victims' privacy-by displaying graphic images of José Menendez from the murder scene at an April 11 hearing and "retraumatizing" the family members. Deputy District Attorney Habib A. Balian apologized to the family members at the April 17 hearing for showing the photos without warning, but also said that understanding the "depravity" of the crime was essential in determining whether the brothers had been rehabilitated. He indicated that going forward, the DA will notify the defense of any photos or descriptions of the murders before presenting them in court.

At the earlier hearing in the case on April 11, the judge denied Hochman's motion to withdraw the resentencing motion, which was originally filed by his predecessor, George Gascón. During that hearing, Geragos said the brothers exemplified rehabilitation

during their time in prison, with Erik starting a rehabilitation program for prisoners and Lyle raising money for a communal space. He noted that one 30-year career correctional officer said he would welcome Erik to his own neighborhood after getting to know him. The brothers' rehabilitation is also shown through every living relative of José and Kitty Menendez wanting the brothers freed, Geragos added.

"They're not just ready to be out," Geragos said. "They're remarkable human beings."

Geragos argued that Hochman wanted to stop the brothers' resentencing for purely political reasons, so he could continue to appear tough on crime. He also said the brothers would have received a more lenient sentence if the trial happened today since societal views on victims of sexual abuse have shifted.

After the proceedings on April 17, Anamaria Baralt, a cousin of the brothers, said they were frustrated that the governor allowed the risk assessment report to be considered in the trial but that her family will continue fighting for the brothers.

"We will continue to show up as a family," she said.

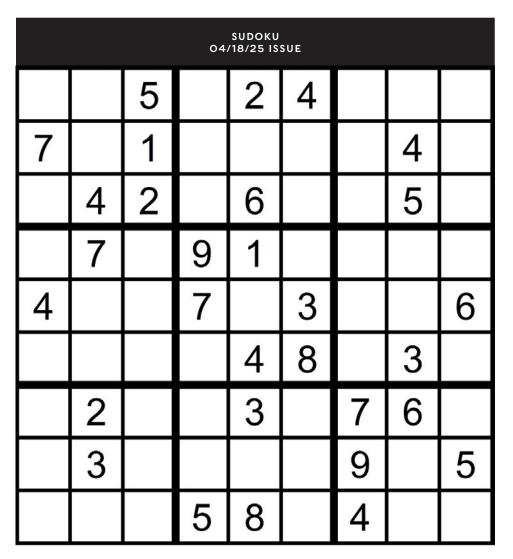
In a statement released on the evening of April 17, Hochman said he looks forward to addressing allegations of personal bias and conflict of interest in court.

"Our office remains committed to ethical and impartial prosecution. We believe the facts will demonstrate that our conduct has been professional, appropriate, and in the interest of justice," the press release said.

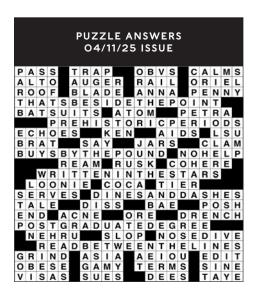
No date for a resentencing hearing has been set. ullet

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#### **COURSE CORRECTION** BY KAREEM AYAS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

 $Kareem\ Ayas\ is\ a\ high\ school\ teacher\ of\ English\ literature\ in\ Harlem.\ He\ grew\ up\ in\ Syria\ and\ Lebanon,\ where\ he\ attended\ Arabic and\ Arabi$ schools until the fifth grade. He says he learned English from watching "The Simpsons" ("when my mom wasn't looking") and from reading and rereading the "Goosebumps" novels. His favorite part of this puzzle is 102-Down, his favorite food, which, amazingly, has never been an answer in a Times puzzle before. — W.S.

#### ACROSS

- 1 At bay, say?
- 6 One directive in preparing a turkey
- 11 Onetime Volvo competitor 15 Actress Gadot
- 18 \*"Oh, what's the point?'
- 19 Alternative
- 20 Mexican dish with ahi 65 Binding agent in 22 Look (like)
- 23 Hears, in a way
- 24 Tripe
- 25 Light, short-sleeved, collared garment
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- 29 Pointy parts of a
- Batman costume 30 Uses one's employee
- badge to enter, say 32 Get straight
- \_-Tiles (kids'
- building toy) \_ favor
- 36 Tourney sponsor
- since 1939
- 38 \*Voids
- 39 Nails
- 40 Iowa college town 42 Break before college
- 44 Counterpart of "thx"
- 45 Like some mindless entertainment
- 48 Wail 50 Dirtball
- 53 Descendants

ANSWERS FOUND **IN NEXT WEEK'S** PAPER...

- 54 It's an affront 57 Bit of curling
- equipment
- **59** Young fellow 60 Bit of casino
- equipment
- 62 Words of remembrance
- 64 Parts of one's history, say
- baking
- 66 Amazon Handmade competitor
- 69 Intense cycling sessions ... or what you must do to complete the answers to this puzzle's starred
- clues **72** "My word!"
- **73** 1980s TV star in the W.W.E. Hall of Fame
- 74 Work hard 75 Star turn, often
- 76 Word before milk or over
- 78 Member of la familia

- 81 Beach bird 83 Bestow, as a quality
- 84 Adware detection
- program 86 Nickname that drops -nev
- 88 You might walk on this at night
- 90 Lincoln or Ford
- 92 Brown beer 95 What ":" might mean
- 99 \*Number with 18

- 100 Animal in the
- fiddle
- 104 Satisfied
- 106 Colorado's
- 108 Canine teeth
- 110 Legend has it
- 113 Toy with one's food,
- perhaps? 115 Made nutritious
- choices
- 118 Blue, in a way
- 121 Language from which we get "cashmere"
- 122 \*Recap
- 123 Nursery rhyme name that's said twice in a row
- **125** Like 1-2-3
- Pack performed
- 27 Affliction treated

#### $\mathbf{DOWN}$

- 1 What cuteness tends to 46 Retrovirus molecule
- 2 "That's all 3 Ophthalmologist's
- 5 Genre of the 2024 film "Bob Marley: One Love'
- 6 Greedy person's

- Premier League logo 8
- 101 Chinese two-stringed
- 105 Built like the Hulk
- 111 Word before rain or wash
- 117 Gave support

- 124 Superlative finish
- 126 Historic Vegas
- with a hot compress

- 4 Madison Avenue exec

- 7 Pieces of the heart
- Black woman

  - 10 Sounds of hesitation Park 11 Wall support
    - 12 Post-mortem order
    - 15 Events for bargain
    - hunters 16 Stereotypical
    - 17 Plenty o' 21 Cloying sentimentality
    - web browser 27 Gets caught (on)
    - 28 They're just for openers
    - 30 Masseur's employer 31 \*Part of the funnies
    - 33 Student transcript figs.
    - syrup
    - Sounds in
    - 43 Traffic marker
    - say 49 A/C capacity
    - 51 \*Like restaurants in a famed dining guide

- \_ Chisholm, first elected to Congress
- 9 Caddie's appointment
- 13 Tiny exemplars of collaboration 14 Honey
- squirrel's stash
- 26 Explorer, classic
- page
- casino where the Rat 34 Sources of some

  - parlors 41 Floor
  - 47 Invites to a movie,
  - 50 "Wayne's World" or "MacGruber," informally
  - 52 Testing humor's

- 22 40 73 78 84 110 115 118 121 122 123
- 55 Preschool basics
- 56 Trial program 58 Chromite and

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- short 67 Set off, as an alarm  $\mathbf{68}$  Be up on the latest news

66 First responders, for

- 70 Types 71 Cousin of kinda
- 72 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame architect
- 74 Like some stems and situations 77 Texter's qualification
- 80 Moved like a crab 82 Shade of green
- canceling plans 87 Roast rostrum '\_\_\_ Jackson & the Olympians'' (fantasy

85 Ones suddenly

- 91 Chinese fruits with leathery rinds
- 93 Tax-advantaged
- savings plan 94 Incorporate before shaping and baking,
- 96 Find amusing
- 97 Poet Hughes 98 Tense parts of games,
- for short 99 Allotments
- 102 Pita dip made from chickpeas and tahini
- 103 Bring into play 105 Apathetic
- 107 Distance ÷ time
- 109 Chiromancers read them
- 111 Historic Indian city 112 \_\_\_\_-bitty 114 Many email

attachments

- 116 Kyle's little brother on "South Park" 117 Hard core features,
- informally 119 Like some humor 120 Turn to ash, perhaps

# **Public Notices**

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No.: B.255-002 APN: 4333-003-021 Title Order No.: 2180000CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT ER A DEED TRUST DATED UNDER 12/14/2015. 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 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 conveved 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: Joseph Youshaei and Youshaei, hus-Jila band and wife as Community Property with Right of Survivorship Appointed PROBER Duly Trustee: AND RAPHAEL, ALC Recorded 12/22/2015 Instrument No. 20151606548 in book page N/A of N/A. Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 4/29/2025 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza. Pomona. CA 91766 Amount of Street Address or other common designation of real property: 268 S. ALMONT DR BEVERLY HILLS, California 90211 A.P.N.: 4333-003-021 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

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NOTICE TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN Order 15952981 No: No: Y24-11068 YOU IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN, DATED 09/10/2024 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED **EXPLANATION** OF THE NATURE OF PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Witkin & Neal, Inc., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to that certain Notice of Delinguent Assessment and Claim of Lien (hereinafter referred to as "Lien"), recorded on 09/13/2024 as instrument num-20240623975 in the office of the County Recorder of Los Ángeles County, California, and further pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded on 12/26/2024 as instrument number

Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA at public auction to the highest bidder for lawful money of the United States payable at the time of sale, all right, title and interest in the property situated in said county as more fully described in the above-referenced Lien. The purported owner of said property is: Gary Michael Campbell, A Single Man. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property is purported to be: 1131 Alta Loma Road, Unit 308, West Hollywood, CA 90069, APN 5559-001-090. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs. expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale is: \$22,866.38. The opening bid at the foreclosure sale may be more or less than this estimate. In addition to cash, trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn on a state or federal credit union or a check drawn on a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. If tender other than cash is accepted, the trustee may withhold issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. In its sole discretion, the seller (foreclosing party) reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale after the opening credit bid is announced but before the sale is completed. The opening bid is placed on behalf of the seller. Said sale shall be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances. to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Lien, advances thereunder, with interest as provided in the Declaration or by law plus the fees, charges and expenses of the trustee. THIS

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04/18/2025, 04/25/2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC PLACE' 47-637186 HOUSE The anticipated date \$387,500.00

**BEVERAGE LICENSE** (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.) Escrow No. 2469-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

The names(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) is/ are: HÚDSON HOUSE SUNSET LLC, 3838 OAK LAWN AVENUE, SUITE 1350, DALLAS TX 75219 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: DRAKE ON SUNSET 301 FOREST LAGUNA AVENUE, BEACH, CA 92651

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, LEASEHOLD INTEREST, AND ABC LICENSE and are located at: 9225 W. SUNSET BLVD, SUITE 100, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069 The ABC License to be transferred is: ON-SALE GENERAL EATING License No.

Now issued for the business known as: HUDSON

of the bulk sale is UPON ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT LICENSE TO BUYER at the office of: INNOVATIVE ESCROW, 28212 JOHNSON PKWY, STE. 110, VALENCIA, CA

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 \$387,500.00. which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH

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Licensee DRAKE ON SUNSET LLC, Buyer/Transferee 3656749-PP **BH COURIER 4/18/25** 

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CASE NO: 25SMCP00150

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME** In the Matter of the petition of:

Vicki Lyp Moreor

Vicki Lyn Mercer

To all interested person(s): Petitioner: Vicki Lyn Mercer current residence address: 1221 Ocean Avenue #307, Santa Monica, CA 90401 filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St. Santa Monica, 90401. Santa Monica Courthouse, on March 24, 2025 for a Decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: Vicki Lyn Mercer Proposed Name: Vicki Zlotnick Mercer

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING:** 

Date: May 9, 2025 Time: 8:30 AM Department: K

The address of the court is:

1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

Reason for name change: Petitioner is already known by her proposed name wishes to be

known by her proposed name in all personal/ business affairs.

Dusiness affairs.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed: Vicki Lyn Mercer Judge of the Superior Court:

Lawrence H. Cho Clerk: David W. Slayton Dated: March 24,, 2025

Published: 03/28/25, 04/04/25, 04/11/25,

04/18/25 BHC-R29570

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025023192
The following is/are doing business as: THE ADVANTAGE
REAL ESTATE TEAM 439 N. Canon Drive Suite 300,
Beverly Hills, CA 90210; Steffanie Cohen 439 N. Canon
Drive Suite 300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is
conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL registrant(s) has HAS NOT
begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on:
Steffanie Cohen, Owner. Statement is filed with the County
of Los Angeles: February 4, 2025; Published: March 28, April
4, 11, 18, 2025 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025059917 The following is/are doing business as: NJ COMMERCIAL ENTRPRISES 9903 Santa Monica Blvd. Suite 229 Beverly Hills, CA 90212; Nicole Jacks 9903 Santa Monica Blvd. Suite 229 Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL registrant(s) has HAS begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on January 1995: Nicole Jacks, Owner Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: March 24, 2025; Published: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 LACC N/C

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025060436
The following is/are doing business as: I LOVE MY
DOUBLES PARTNER 9627 Brighton Way Apt 303,
Beverly Hills, CA 90210; CHOCBITE LLC, 9627 Brighton
Way Apt 303, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is
conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registrant(s)
has HAS NOTbegun to transact business under the name(s)
listed: Chocbite LLC, Adeline Arjad Cook, Managing Partner
Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: March 25,
2025; Published: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025023576 The following is/are doing business as: JIM SORKIN CONSTRUCTION 605 N. OAKHURST DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210 Jim Sorkin 605 N. Oakhurst Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL registrant(s) has HAS begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on August 1994: Jim Sorkin, Owner. Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 5, 2025; Published: February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025 Reprint: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025032919
The following is/are doing business as: PROGRESSIVE
ENGINEERING, INC. 325 Maple Dr. Box #5137, Beverly Hills,
90209-6002; Progressive Engineering, Inc. 325 Maple Dr. Box
#5137; The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
registrant(s) has HAS begun to transact business under the
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March 7, 14, 21, 2025 Reprint: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2025
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John Bailey, General Partner. Statement is filed with the
County of Los Angeles: April 11, 2025; Published: April 18, 25,
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on March 2025: Schwooper Productions LLC, David Shall,
Manager. Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles:
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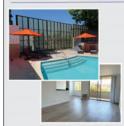


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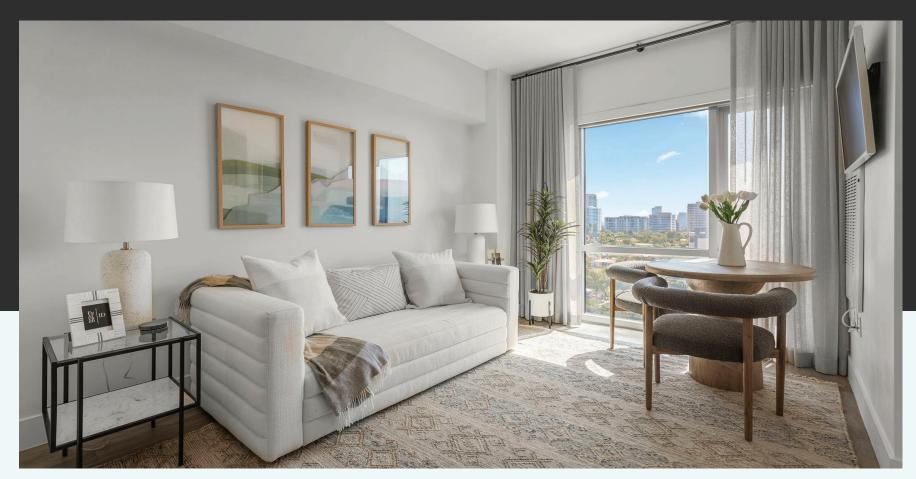
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