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THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

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Teachers Union Files Legal Action Against BHUSD

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The union representing teachers in the Beverly Hills Unified School District (District) is seeking to enjoin the District from requiring them to return to elementary school classrooms next week.

The Courier has obtained a copy of the Petition filed by the Beverly Hills Education Association, CTA/NE (Association) on Feb.

24 with the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB). That Petition seeks injunctive relief based on a claim for Unfair Practices in violation of the Educational Employment Relations Act, Government Code §§ 3540, et seq. (EERA).

As set forth in a story posted earlier this week on BeverlyHillsCourier.com (“BHEA

Votes To Seek Injunction Over Beverly Hills Elementary School Return Dates”), the present impasse involves Addendum 5 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and the Association. **(Injunction continues on page 13)**



Beverly Hills teachers are seeking an injunction regarding elementary school in-person learning. Photo by Bianca Heyward

BH Health and Safety Commission Tackles Policing and Vaccines

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Within the span of a few days, both the United States and Los Angeles passed devastating milestones in the COVID-19 pandemic, tallying more than 500,000 and 20,000 deaths, respectively. But on Feb. 22, the Beverly Hills Health and Safety Commission highlighted great cause for hope in Beverly Hills, with over a fourth of the city having received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The Commission also recognized the work of the Monoclonal Antibody Task Force at Cedars-Sinai for administering the potentially life-saving treatment during the winter’s surge. Finally, the Commission heard updates on the status of private armed security in the city and enforcement of the city’s ban on the sale of tobacco products.

“We passed the grim milestone today:

500,000 coronavirus deaths in the nation. No other country is even really close to this. It’s tragic, it’s devastating and I think it’s so important to remember those who have lost [someone] or who may have been impacted in some way,” said Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohammed. “In the face of this tragic number, we do see overall cases declining, and we do see positive updates as it relates to one of the largest vaccination efforts in history.”

Nationwide, COVID-19 infections have dropped to levels not seen since October. **(Health and Safety Commission continues on page 9)**

Beverly Hills Holds Tenant’s Forum

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills Rent Stabilization Division held a Rent Stabilization Tenant Legal Training on Feb. 24. Presented by nonprofit legal aid law firm Bet Tzedek, the forum provided Beverly Hills residents with a crash course on the protections for tenants during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the pandemic shut down large sectors of the economy, local, state and national lawmakers have worked to stave off a potential eviction crisis. But nearly a year into the economic lockdown and the bramble of services and protections can prove confusing to tenants. And, as it turns out, even to public servants. **(Tenant’s Forum continues on page 8)**

Courier Calendar

NOW - FEB. 28

THEATRE WEST: "WHO I AM"

Theatre West presents "Who I Am," a celebration of African-American Heritage. Seven actor-writers share about the significance of Black History Month. Through personal stories as well as life lessons learned from their parents and grandparents, they explore the impact of their heritage in shaping the artists they are today. This is a free of charge virtual show presented on YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTD8G9dOB5Q&feature=youtu.be>



NOW - FEB. 28

DESCANSO GARDENS: "LA BLOOMS"

Celebrate all that nature has to offer in the late winter/early spring with "LA Blooms." Descanso will celebrate the queen of the winter flowers, the camellia, throughout February. Prized for their exquisite blooms, camellias are not only beautiful but also have a wonderful story to tell. They will be highlighted all month with special installations that showcase their delicate beauty. Advance ticketing is required. Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge.
<https://www.descansogardens.org/>



NOW - MARCH 6

GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE: "BOLLYWOOD KITCHEN"

Geffen Playhouse presents "Bollywood Kitchen," which has been extended to March 6. In this interactive production, filmmaker and cookbook author and creator of the upcoming Netflix series "The Actress," Sri Rao invites guests to prepare a homemade Indian meal along with him, drawing on the recipes that were staples at his family's table. Join him in cooking delicious dishes, while Rao interweaves the story of his parents immigrating to America, the joy and nourishment that Bollywood musicals brought to his whole family, and the culinary traditions they shared. Enjoy a delicious Indian meal with a spices and ingredients box delivered to the doorstep. Join on Zoom immediately after the performance for a Bollywood-themed dance party.
<https://www.geffenplayhouse.org/shows/bollywood-kitchen/>



FEB. 26

THE GETTY VILLA MUSEUM: VIRTUAL PLAY-READING OF "PANDORA"

5 p.m.

The Getty Villa Museum presents a free virtual play-reading of "Pandora," the story of Pandora's Box by playwright Laurel Ollstein, co-produced with Theatre Works Silicon Valley. Ollstein retells the Pandora's Box myth from a feminist perspective. The pre-recorded play-reading launches Feb. 26, and will be available to view on the Getty's website until March 19. Free advanced registration is required to obtain a password for viewing.
<https://www.getty.edu/museum/programs/performances/pandora.html>



FEB. 27

METRO ART PRESENTS: "BOB BAKER DAY MEETS UNION STATION"

10:30 a.m.

In celebration of the 7th annual Bob Baker Day, Metro Art Presents is collaborating with the world-renowned Los Angeles puppetry organization, Bob Baker Marionette Theater, on a virtual celebration featuring its beloved puppets performing throughout Union Station. Premiering on Feb. 27, on Metro Art and Union Station Facebook and YouTube channels, the joyful and imaginative celebration of Bob Baker's birthday will feature the popular marionettes who have entertained generations of Angelenos.
<https://www.unionstationla.com/>

FEB. 27

PASADENA SYMPHONY: "PASADENA PRESENTS" SPRING LINE-UP

4 p.m.

Music Director David Lockington and the Pasadena Symphony present the 2020/21 "Pasadena Presents" Spring Season of five online concerts beginning Feb. 27 through May 22. The spring series continues the format of the orchestra's online offering of chamber music with a twist, with each concert featuring a renowned guest artist performing a popular concerto in recital, and Pasadena Symphony musicians performing chamber music masterpieces.
<https://pasadenasympphony-pops.org/pasadena-presents/>

FEB. 27

SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER: "JOACHIM COODER AND AMYTHYST KIAH" VIRTUAL CONCERT

8 p.m.

Performing from the Skirball's Taper Courtyard, Joachim Cooder delivers an atmospheric performance alongside his legendary father, Ry Cooder. Then, Grammy-nominated musician Amythyst Kiah impresses with rich vocals and powerful storytelling. The free livestream will premiere on Skirball's YouTube channel on Feb. 27 and will be available to view following the premiere.
<https://www.skirball.org/programs/skirball-stages/joachim-cooder-and-amythyst-kiah>

FEB. 28

THE JEAN DELEAGE ART GALLERY AT CASA 0101 THEATER - "CAPTURING BEAUTY: THE ARTWORK AND PHOTOGRAPHY OF JOHN SIMMONS"

3 - 4:40 p.m.

In celebration of Black History in America, The Jean Deleage Art Gallery at CASA 0101 Theater presents "Capturing Beauty: The Artwork and Photography of John Simmons," a free virtual guided tour by two-time Emmy Award-winning Cinematographer, John Simmons, of his multi-layered paper collage cartographies and his black and white photography images. The gallery is inside of CASA 0101 Theater, 2102 E. First Street, Los Angeles.
<https://casa0101.org/?shows=webinar-capturing-beauty-the-artwork-and-photography-of-john-simmons>

FEB. 28

THE HOLLYWOOD FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION: GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

5 - 8 p.m.

The 78th Annual Golden Globe Awards will air live coast to coast Feb. 28 on NBC with hosts Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. Jane Fonda will receive the 2021 Cecil B. DeMille Award for achievement in film, and Norman Lear will receive the 2021 Carol Burnett Award for achievement in television. Satchel and Jackson Lee will serve as this year's Golden Globe Ambassadors.
<https://www.goldenglobes.com/>

FEB. 29

LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC AND GUSTAVO DUDAMEL: "CHARLES IVES COMPLETE SYMPHONIES" RELEASE

Charles Ives was an American original, an artist ahead of his time who explored novel combinations of traditional classical forms and American vernacular music, pioneering and exploiting techniques of polytonality, polyrhythm and textural complexity. The composer's four symphonies were recorded for Deutsche Grammophon in interpretations by the Los Angeles Philharmonic and its Music & Artistic Director Gustavo Dudamel during acclaimed concert performances at Walt Disney Concert Hall in February 2020.
<https://www.laphilstore.com/la-phil-gustavo-dudamel-charles-ives-complete-symphonies-2-cd.html>



MARCH 1-14

DINEL.A. RESTAURANT WEEK

dineL.A. and its partners present dineL.A. Restaurant Week and its first spring season from March 1 - 14. The 14-day dining event is dedicated to supporting L.A.'s hard-hit restaurant community by encouraging Angelenos to support local establishments and will feature hundreds of restaurants that spotlight the city's diverse cuisines and eating styles. Spring 2021 dineL.A. Restaurant Week will again feature an established program of lunch and dinner menus allowing restaurants to create unique dining experiences for guests to revel in. dineL.A. Restaurant Week lunch menus range \$15 - \$35, with dinner menus priced \$25 - \$65+.
<https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/dinela>

MARCH 2

THE MUSIC CENTER: THE 50TH ANNUAL BLUE RIBBON CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

10 - 10:45 a.m.

The Blue Ribbon Children's Festival will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a 30-minute online program designed to share the love of the arts through dance with young people of all ages. Sponsored by The Blue Ribbon, a support organization of The Music Center, the free festival began in 1970 and is an important part of The Music Center's commitment to engage young people in the arts. This year's Blue Ribbon Children's Festival will premiere on The Music Center Offstage virtual platform on March 2, and will expand its traditional invitation to fifth graders to include students in grades 3 - 12 throughout Los Angeles County and their families to reflect the current distance learning environment; the presentation will be available to watch on demand for a limited time through June 30.
<https://www.musiccenter.org/tmc-offstage/>

MARCH 2

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA - "INSIDE THE (ACID-FREE) BOX: A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT THE CHARLES MILLETT COLLECTION"

4 p.m.

Holocaust Museum LA presents "Inside the (Acid-Free) Box: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at the Charles Millett Collection" on March 2. This virtual viewing of the museum's archives will explore the little known history of the Jewish community of Shanghai, where over 17,000 Jews settled after fleeing the Nazis. For more information and to register, visit the website.
<https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/event-details/inside-the-acid-free-box-a-behind-the-scenes-look-at-the-charles-millett-collection>

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Will the Farmer's Market still be able to use Civic Center Drive? Yes! Both during and after construction. Find more answers to your questions at BHCreativeOffices.com



Creating a New Green District in Beverly Hills

Designed by Andy Cohen, Co-CEO of award-winning architectural firm Gensler, these creative offices will lead Beverly Hills into a post-COVID future, featuring flexible indoor-outdoor spaces, touchless access, and state of the art technology to promote health and wellness. Their boutique scale fits seamlessly into the Civic Center commercial area with the eleven jewel box scaled buildings ranging in size from approximately 8,500 to 12,500 sq. ft. and heights of only three to four stories. Almost half of the project site will be lushly landscaped green space.



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Lot 13 and 13A will be open space which can be used by the City for community enjoyment with lush gardens, a public park, and a beautiful gateway to the City of Beverly Hills.

An ongoing DTSC process will result in the land being cleaned up to applicable regulatory standards at no cost to the City.

Learn More at BHCreativeOffices.com

Human Relations Commission Discusses 2021 Work Plan

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



At its Feb. 18 meeting, the Human Relations Commission (HRC) reviewed the status of its existing work plan and presented new proposals to adopt for 2021-22. The work plan reflects the Commission's core goals of promoting and integrating tolerance, acceptance and civil discourse into established city and Community Services events, programs and services. Priorities for this year include continued review of Community Assistance Grant Funding (CAGF)—a social service safety net funded by the City of Beverly Hills—promoting online civility, education and advocacy regarding the city's homeless initiative, staff-resident relations and continued monitoring of the Beverly Hills Ambassador Program.

The Commission has traditionally promoted its objectives with the annual Embrace Civility Award, Civility Month observances, Kindness Week and the Kindness Taskforce. The Commission's newest member, Noelle Freeman, proposed extending the HRC's commitment to civility into the virtual realm. "Seeing how people interact differently online was really what sparked my interest in this, and there hasn't been an effort to take our civility statement online," Freeman told the Courier. "When you're behind a computer screen and there isn't that sense of ownership, it's much easier to say and do things that you wouldn't otherwise say to someone's face. So, maybe that's having the Commission create a plan or have ambassadors of this online facility so they can step in when there's cyber harassment."

Freeman proposed expanding the HRC's current Police Department personnel and common complaint form, which allows the Commission to hear and help resolve complaints from BHPD, to all staff. "Really, the goal of this is to allow residents a place to feel heard, and also fulfill our full charge, which states that the HRC is authorized to receive citizen complaints concerning interactions of city employees with the public," she noted.

"We have made it our charge to say our

embrace civility statement at the beginning of our Commission meeting, which sets the mood to be civil," Vice Chair Karen Popovich Levyn said. "My idea is to expand this to all the Commissions, and perhaps they will make their own statement at the beginning of their meetings." Other Commissioners were supportive of the idea.

Last year the HRC added the homeless initiative to its charge. Since then, the Commission has implemented the homeless initiative into its monthly agenda. While the official homeless count this year was not conducted due to COVID-19, last year's count was 16. According to James Latta, the city's Human Services Administrator, two homeless people died in Beverly Hills over the last six months.

"One of them died of an overdose and the other we're not sure," Latta told the Courier. "But typically, they die of a medical issue that could have been easily managed if the individual had access to services and wasn't prevented by mental health issues, like hearing voices or paranoia, from going to a hospital. We don't have a coroner report, but chances are, she probably died of something simple, like high blood pressure that could have been treated easily." According to Latta, both of the individuals had been living on the streets of Beverly Hills for roughly 13 years.

"We offer people assistance, but all of that takes a lot of staff time and between the Rangers and P.D., everyone has been stretched thin with the protests and COVID-19," Latta told the Courier. "So, it's been challenging. Some of the homeless population is suffering from psychosis and they think people are after them. So, we do our best to engage them, let them know that the services are available, but the laws are such that you can't hold someone against their will."

Commission Chair Ori Blumenfeld spoke of the need for a mental health contracted social worker who can assist law enforcement with administering expeditious 5150 (involuntary mental health detention) holds in ongoing case management services. ●

Sports to Resume in Beverly Hills Unified School District

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

As the Adjusted Case Rate (ACR) of new daily cases of COVID-19 continues on a downward trajectory, the state issued revised guidelines that allow for outdoor organized youth sports to resume starting on Feb. 26. Those guidelines were discussed at the Feb. 23, Board of Education meeting of the Beverly Hills Unified School District (District).

The new rules permit outside sports to take place in counties that have reached an ACR of 14 or fewer new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population. As of Feb. 23, the County's rate was 12.3. Youth low-contact sports now permitted by the District include cross country, golf, swimming, boys' and girls' tennis, and track and field.

Outdoor, high-contact sports such as basketball, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, rugby, rowing, soccer and water polo may resume all activities, including practices,

training and competitions.

"Track and field will be modified," said Director of District Athletics Tim Ellis. "There probably won't be any jumps because of the cleaning of the mats. Throwing of the discus will probably be restricted because of having to clean the apparatus. And the same with relays, because of having the batons touching different kids."

Ellis described COVID-19 protocols that are in place.

"So, all of our athletes will start on Moreno Drive in their designated gate. They check in daily through the District site, they have their temperature taken before entering their respective pods of 12 athletes, and every 20 minutes we break for hand sanitation and water. We will continue these practices even as the public health order eases their restrictions," said Ellis. ●

School District Mourns Three Deaths

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) said goodbye to three longtime community members in recent weeks. Dr. Art Fields, Horace Mann School principal, passed away Feb. 16. Fields was the principal for 26 years and retired in 2001. Those who knew him remember Dr. Fields for leading with a firm hand and loving heart.

Rita Creagh, beloved El Rodeo School teacher, passed away on Jan. 16 from COVID-19. Creagh worked as a special education and 3rd grade teacher at the school for 32 years.

Students, teachers, and administrators of the District will remember her fondly.

Lynn Gifford, longtime Preschool Special Education teacher and BHHS graduate, passed away on Feb. 16. Gifford dedicated the past 25 years to BHUSD, teaching at Horace Mann and Beverly Vista prior to reconfiguration, and Hawthorne Elementary since 2019.

"Losses like this are never easy," Board member Tristen Walker-Shuman said during the Feb. 23 meeting. "And even more so when it's a really remarkable BHUSD community member and really like a family member, so condolences to their families." ●

Beloved Mailman Retires



Roughly 30 residents gathered on the 600 block of Oakhurst Dr. to celebrate the retirement of beloved mail man, Tom Thoressdale. After serving the community for 37 with the USPS, neighbors thanked him and wished Thoressdale best of luck for the next chapter of his life. Thoressdale transferred to the Beverly Hills post office in 1985, where he worked as a full time T-6 relief carrier serving the 90210 zip code and the 90211 zip code throughout his career. Mayor Lester Friedman was also in attendance to present Thoressdale with a plaque and commend his dedication to the city. Photo by Bianca Heyward

Beverly Hills Sunshine Task Force Examines Lobbying Rules

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



The Beverly Hills Sunshine Task Force (STF), the committee in charge of advocating for greater government transparency, convened with its City Council liaisons on Feb. 22. The Task Force moved a step closer to placing before the City Council recommendations to the city's legislative advocate requirements. Additionally, STF grappled with the present and future challenges of remote meetings.

The Task Force returned to the drawing board after a small setback regarding changes to the city's legislative advocate requirements. Under existing law, anyone who is paid to influence city officials must register as a legislative advocate (another term for lobbyist). In registering, they must also disclose their clients and their objectives in lobbying on their client's behalf. The STF sent a set of recommendations to the legislative advocate requirements to the City Council's Feb. 2 Regular Meeting. This, however, came as a surprise to the city's legislative advocates themselves.

"I was surprised when this came up on the council agenda. I know many of my colleagues at other firms as well we're surprised," said Spencer Kallick, a lobbyist for properties across the city. "I do think it's worth more conversation and more study so that we all can agree and find something that achieves the goal of transparency, but also does it in a way that's helpful."

Councilmember Lili Bosse agreed that the Task Force needed to hear from advocates. To that end, STF agreed to place the item on the agenda at the March 22 Regular Meeting.

The changes would require advocates to identify themselves as legislative advocates to non-city officials when engaged in lobbying. They would also have to keep a log of the first time they interact with non-city officials and the subject of the interaction. The Task Force also recommended that the Council require advocates to wear an ID badge that includes their name and the name of their lobbying firm.

The recommendations also suggest strengthening the city's power in prosecuting violations of the legislative advocate requirements. Currently, the city can only

prosecute advocates for "intentional" violations of the city's law. The Task Force worried that this standard was too high and recommended lowering the bar to include "grossly negligent" and "reckless" violations. The STF also suggested that any penalties against the advocate should also apply to their firm.

In a move at greater transparency, STF also recommended that if an advocate's client consists of an organization like a corporation or limited liability company, "the managing members or majority shareholders must be listed until a natural person is revealed," according to a staff report compiled for the Feb. 2 meeting.

Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold suggested that City Attorney Laurence Wiener hold a "briefing" with the advocates "to discuss the nuances of the legislation." He argued it would give a forum to advocates to clarify the ordinance without slowing down the legislative process. "Otherwise, I'm afraid that we're going to get bogged down by the words and not the intent. If we can get through the words in advance, then we can focus on the intent."

The Task Force did not immediately set a date for the briefing.

The Task Force also forecasted ahead to the days after the COVID-19 pandemic when the city could resume in-person meetings. According to city staff, the Council Chambers and the Commission meeting room have already been set up for in-person public meetings at City Hall. However, as the city adjusts to a post-pandemic environment, not everyone will be eager to meet in enclosed areas.

"Even when we all do go back, there will still be many people that are not comfortable being back or they're used to doing much more now through video or phone calls," said Bosse.

"The idea is to have that flexibility to transition from entirely remote to in person and remote," said Chief Information Officer David Schirmer. "There's a number of technical challenges that we'll need to overcome but we're pretty confident that we can make that work."

But Gold added a note of caution. "I've had the opportunity for these sorts of things over the last few months, and I would not underestimate the difficulties of doing both," he said.

Schirmer assured Gold that the city's technology staff are running the system through the ringer. "Testing's got to be a key component to this and that's where we are now, doing very complex meetings and testing, making sure that all of those pieces are in place," he said.

Gold also raised another issue relating to the new, remote format for doing business: people abusing public commenting abilities in meetings. "We have had in our past individuals from the public who have used the public comment section of multiple meetings, multiple different venues, to deliver the same message, which is not tied to anything other than public comment," he said. "I think we have to give some discussion to whether or not we're going to allow that."

Other than alluding to the practice, Gold declined to name any alleged perpetrators in the meeting.

"Sometimes members of the community

are incredibly passionate about a particular subject matter, and they want to make sure that it's covered both in the study and also the formal session, and then they'll call in after they've already sent in the email," Huma Ahmed said. While Ahmed says that she asks participants to choose one way of engaging, the city legally cannot prevent them from doing both. "But we do ask everyone to be team players."

"I'm just concerned that it's not efficient. And it's actually not fair to the rest of the public who really just wants to get on with the business at hand," Gold said. He suggested looking at the time limits imposed on public comments by other city councils. Public comment, he said, is not the place to air issues with neighbors or problems with trash collection. "I think the whole process needs to be looked at."

Bosse opposed any reduction in the time allotted to public comments. "It would take a lot to convince me that we should shorten that period, but I'm definitely looking to [have] the conversation to see how we can have more effective meetings," she said. The Task Force agreed to agendize the matter for another meeting. ●

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Visionary Women presents: International Women's Day Virtual Summit 2021

BY ANA FIGUEROA



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64TH SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES

THURSDAY
MARCH 4 9AM PST/ 12PM EST

Madeleine Albright and Condoleezza Rice are panelists at the Visionary Women event.

March 8 marks International Women's Day, a day to celebrate women's achievements and join voices together to rally for equality, gender parity and other female-focused issues.

The observance is more than a century old now, but it continues to evolve. This year, the Beverly Hills-based nonprofit Visionary Women is hosting an event expected to draw national attention. The organization's 2021 Virtual Summit celebrating International Women's Day is aptly named "A Global Vision for a Better Future."

It's all about vision, and the perspective of some of the most influential women in the country.

In partnership with Women Moving Millions, Acumen and Vital Voices, the Visionary Women Virtual Summit takes place on March 4 at 9 a.m. It will also be available for viewing on demand March 8, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Registration is free.

"During such polarizing times, a summit discussing ways in which we can find common ground to move forward is the most important conversation to have," author and Visionary Women Co-Founder Angella Nazarian told the Courier.

The summit features three panel discussions comprised of illustrious speakers across a range of disciplines. The discussions, presented by Maurice and Paul Marciano, will touch upon topics ranging from peacebuilding, to constructing a more equitable world, as well as inclusion and diversity.

At the center of each, of course, is vision.

"Vision for Unity" is moderated by

psychologist and licensed clinical marriage and family therapist Dr. Jane Nathanson and made possible by GEARYS. Award-winning journalist, producer and author Katie Couric will introduce the distinguished panelists. They include Madeleine Albright, the professor, New York Times bestselling author, diplomat and businesswoman who served as the 64th and first female Secretary of State of the United States.

Also taking part in the panel is Condoleezza Rice, 66th Secretary of State of the United States and 20th United States national security advisor. Rice was the first African-American Secretary of State and the first woman to serve as National Security Advisor.

"Vision for Equity," made possible by Merrill Lynch, will feature an introduction by Sarah Haack Byrd, CEO of Women Moving Millions, a global membership community of over 340 philanthropists who have committed nearly \$800 million to organizations and initiatives benefiting women and girls.

Panelists include Jacqueline Novogratz, New York Times best-selling author and founder of Acumen. Joining Novogratz is Pat Mitchell, Editorial Director of TEDWomen and chair of the Sundance Institute.

"Vision for Peace" is moderated by Alyse Nelson and made possible by Chara Schreyer/Kadmina Foundation. Nelson is president and CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership and a best-selling author. Panelists include the 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee, a Liberian peace activist, trained social worker,

women's rights advocate and author. She is the founder and President of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa, which provides educational and leadership opportunities to girls, women and youth in West Africa. Joining Gbowee is fellow 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate Tawakkol Karman, a Yemeni human rights activist, journalist, politician, founder of the Peaceful Youth Revolution Council and the Tawakkol Karman International Foundation. Melanne Verwee, former U.S. Ambassador-at-large for Global Women's Issues and President and CEO of Vital Voices will introduce the panel.

The event will also include Tracy K. Smith, 22nd Poet Laureate of the United States, who will recite her poem, "An Old Story."

"We are honored to commemorate these iconic leaders, scholars, strategic thinkers and influential voices who have successfully served their own communities in their own

unique way. Now more than ever, the wisdom and counsel offered on these crucial topics are most valuable to women and girls everywhere," Visionary Women President Nina Kotick told the Courier.

"I am bursting with excitement and anticipation for this extraordinary summit that showcases our world's most inspiring, innovative and bold trailblazing women." Beverly Hills City Councilmember and Visionary Woman Co-Founder Lili Bosse told the Courier. "This summit reminds us that women do empower one another to break barriers and their vision allows for positive change during these challenging times toward better days ahead."

To register, visit <https://international-womensdaysummit.com/#registration-form> ●

Lady Gaga's Friend Shot, Dogs Stolen

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Lady Gaga

A high-profile dog theft took place Wednesday night when a man shot a dog walker and absconded with two French bulldogs belonging to musician Lady Gaga. The pop star has offered a \$500,000 reward for their return, no questions asked.

While the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) declined to name the victim, they described him as a 30-year-old male. The shooting occurred about 9:40 p.m. Wednesday in the 1500 block of North Sierra Bonita Avenue. A male suspect was observed fleeing in a white vehicle, north on Sierra Bonita Avenue towards Hollywood Boulevard. The wounded dog walker was taken to a hospital in unknown condition, police said.

Police did not name the victim, but friends identified him as 30-year-old Ryan Fischer.

Fischer was walking three of Lady Gaga's dogs at the time, and the attackers made off with two of them, named Koji and Gustav. A third dog, a black French bulldog named

Miss Asia, escaped from the suspect and returned to Fischer.

TMZ released surveillance video that captures the incident, apparently recorded by a home security system on Sierra Bonita Avenue. The video shows Fischer walking on the sidewalk when a white sedan pulls up and stops in the street, with two people jumping from the back seat and saying, "Give it up."

Fischer resists the suspects, yelling out for help and fighting over the dogs until a single gunshot can be heard. Fischer then falls to the ground, screaming. The assailants each grab one dog and jump into the rear seat of the car, leaving Fischer on the ground crying out, "I've been shot!" As the assailants' vehicle disappears from view, Gaga's black bulldog, Miss Asia, runs to Fischer's side as he lays on the ground.

Lady Gaga, who is in Italy filming a movie, has not spoken publicly, but multiple outlets reported she is offering a no-questions-asked \$500,000 reward for the return of the dogs, and tips can be emailed to koji-andgustav@gmail.com.

The singer's father, New York restaurant owner Joe Germanotta, told the New York Post the family is "just sick over it. It's really horrible. It's like someone took one of your kids."

He told Fox News that Fischer is a friend of the family, and he asked for the public's help to "catch these creeps."

"Horrible people in L.A.," Germanotta told the station. "Shooting someone in order to steal dogs is wrong." ●

Parents and Teachers Speak Out

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

During the Feb. 23 Beverly Hills Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting, the District heard extensive public comment on the topic of the reopening of in-person learning. Both parents and teachers voiced their opinions. Below are excerpts from those voices.

"We can all agree our teacher's safety is important, but as a physician myself, my life and the lives of all health workers are just as important. The lives of grocery store workers, police officers, firemen and all the other essential workers are as important. Yet we all have been working the past year for you and your families while our BHUSD teacher's union is playing politics with our children's education. The rest of the country and nation is getting back to school. These schools recognize science and understand that teachers are at very low risk for infection from school aged children. As vaccines become available for teachers, I hope the board and the teacher's union come to their senses and get back to in person school. If the rest of the nation can get back to work. So can the teachers."

DR. ALAN NAIM

"I am writing to voice my frustrations with the reopening plan and all of the drama

surrounding it. I completed the survey and chose to remain virtually, mostly because I have three children at three different schools. And as a working mom, the logistics of dropping my daughter off and picking her up for two and a half hours of school was too much. She has also thrived in virtual kindergarten, which I know is not the case for every child. However, my frustration is stemming from the survey being sent out with little other information aside from the schedule to now reopening in two weeks and still not any additional information being provided to us parents about what that might look like. I have considered changing my decision to in person, since almost all of the other kids in our class are doing that. I woke up this morning to over 25 text messages and an email from our teacher, and it seems the issue is that the teacher's contracts are being breached by the reopening plan. And now we have no schedule for this week regardless of what we choose. This is ridiculous. Why would a reopening date be published without the employees being on board? Now our kids are suffering because the district was not buttoned up about the plan. It seems like this should be standard to make sure employees are aligned and ok with the plan before delivering the product

to the customer. This is not acceptable. We pay too much in taxes to live in this district and we expect better."

LEA ANNE ROBERTSON

"We know for a fact that many families have been traveling domestically and abroad during spring break, thereby putting the teachers and their families at risk. Why can't you postpone the start date until 10 days after the end of spring break? This 10 day period will allow families to quarantine before going back to school and possibly infecting teachers. It will also give teachers an additional month to get vaccinated, thereby allowing teachers to return to their class at the school site. These three additional weeks will not impact students any more than they have already been. Please keep teachers safe, keep students and families safe. Keep your promises."

TRACY MCGREGOR, HORACE MANN 3RD GRADE TEACHER

"This past year has been incredibly challenging for our children. Children have suffered physically, psychologically and academically. It will take a long time for our children to recover from the trauma of living during a pandemic. It's imperative for schools

to follow the science and the recommendations of doctors and other professionals by opening the schools as soon as possible. Dr. Bregy and Board President Mrs. Marcus are rising to the challenge and working diligently to do what's in the best interest of our children by returning students to schools safely. "

ELHAM "ELLIE" SAMADI

"I understand that many are eager to reopen school safely, and I know that recent guidelines have been changed, but it is mind boggling that the district somehow thinks that the best way to do this is to knowingly violate the MOU and completely blindside the teaching staff. The districts claim that negotiations with the union have been ongoing cannot be further from the truth. Since the last MOU was signed in December, the only bargaining meeting that took place was just this last Friday on the 19th. Teachers are now faced with unanswered questions, fear, anger, worry, and feeling disrespected. Trust is broken here. And the only way to mend this is to continue to bargain with us in good faith. Imposing top-down decisions and violating contracts are never the right approach."

JUDITH CHEN, HORACE MANN MUSIC TEACHER

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"I do want to emphasize that it is confusing. This is a very confusing time. And none of us have been through a time where we've seen legislation rolled out so quickly," said Deputy Director of Rent Stabilization Helen Morales. "That's why it's important that you get legal advice."

As a part of its own COVID-19 relief efforts, Beverly Hills offers free legal services to eligible residents through Bet Tzedek. During the forum, representatives from Bet Tzedek explained to the more than 100 participants the different levels of protection available to tenants now.

Bet Tzedek went through the local, state, and national protections currently in place to assist tenants impacted by COVID-19. None of the protections guarantee that a landlord cannot evict a tenant. For instance, landlords can still make "just cause" evictions. But for tenants experiencing hardship due to COVID-19, protections and assistance exist.

Even prior to the pandemic, the Beverly Hills Rent Stabilization Office gave protections to the city's renters, including a rent cap on eligible rentals, just cause eviction requirements, and relocation fees for eligible units.

In response to COVID-19, Beverly Hills passed an urgency ordinance on March 15, 2020 that imposed a moratorium on residential evictions of those impacted by COVID-19. The ordinance lays out the process by which tenants can assert a lawful inability to pay some or all of their rent.

Jonathan Alvarez, a paralegal with Bet

Tzedek, elaborated on what constitutes a financial impact from COVID-19 under the urgency ordinance. Financial impacts can stem from being sick with COVID-19 or caring for someone in your household with the virus; loss of employment, decrease in work hours, or reduced income; compliance with stay-at-home orders; or out-of-pocket medical expenses related to COVID-19.

Alvarez also explained what someone must do in order to assert financial impact. A tenant must notify their landlord of financial hardship due to the pandemic within seven days after the date rent is due. Within 30 days, they must complete the "Residential Tenants Impacted by COVID-19" form along with supporting documentation. Additionally, the tenant must provide the amount of rent they can pay in lieu of the full amount.

In response to a question, Alvarez clarified that tenants only need to submit the COVID-19 form once to their landlord and once to the city. He advised, though, that tenants should keep proof of having sent the forms in. One question that Alvarez said comes up frequently is whether or not landlords have to confirm receipt of the COVID-19 form. "There's no language that the landlord is required to confirm it," he said.

Alvarez provided examples of documentation that renters can use to prove a financial impact. He listed a letter from an employer, a profit and loss statement, and a bank statement showing reduced income.

If a landlord disputes a tenant's claim of financial impact, the issue can go to the Rent Stabilization Commission for adjudication.

Landlords can contest three different parts of the tenant's claim: whether the tenant has suffered financial hardship, whether that hardship stems from COVID-19, and the amount of rent the tenant claims they can pay.

The presentation also covered the protections established by the state. Most recently, California extended and strengthened the state's eviction moratorium on Jan. 29 with Senate Bill 91. The bill also created the State Rental Assistance Program, which funnels \$2.6 billion in aid to both renters struggling with payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic and also landlords. Bet Tzedek attorney Hana Kommel explained the steps necessary to take advantage of state protections.

Like with the Beverly Hills ordinance, state law requires that tenants complete a declaration of financial distress related to COVID-19, which is signed under penalty of perjury. State law divides rent into two time periods: rent owed from March 2020 to August 2020 and rent owed between September 2020 to June 2021.

For rent owed between March and August 2020, "all you have to do is...give the declaration of COVID-19-related financial distress," said Kommel. "If you do that, that means that your landlord cannot use this unpaid rent to evict you and you can never be evicted for not paying that rent."

For unpaid rent between September 2020 and June 2021, in addition to submitting a declaration of COVID-19-related financial distress, tenants must pay 25 percent of the rent to gain eviction protections. Tenants do not have to make the payments monthly—although they can—but must submit the required 25 percent by the end of the period covered by the protections. For rent owed in either time period, declaring COVID-19-related financial distress does not erase the rent.

Just like with the Beverly Hills COVID-19 form, SB 91 provides potential categories under which a tenant can claim COVID-19-related financial hardship, including the following: loss of income, increased expenses, childcare or family responsibilities, and then general financial impact. To successfully gain state protections, these reasons must stem from the impacts of COVID-19.

For the state protections, tenants do not need to provide proof of COVID-19 financial impact unless they qualify as "high income," which is defined as 130 percent the area median income for Los Angeles with a household income of \$100,000. Landlords must already have evidence of their renter's income prior to sending a 15 day notice of eviction—if, for instance, the renter submitted proof of income when first applying for the unit.

One listener posed a hypothetical question about what would happen if they lost their job, but then received more money in unemployment benefits than they made at their former job. Would they qualify for eviction protections?

No, Kommel said. The declaration of financial distress related to COVID-19 includes language that says that public assistance that the tenant has received does not make up for their loss of income and/or increased expenses. But in the hypothetical, that would not be the case.

Repayment Question

The rules and timetables for rent repayment are confusing even to experts. The Beverly Hills urgency ordinance gave residents until one year following the end of the emergency declaration to repay back rent, but that timeline was supplanted by SB 91. Under the state provisions, landlords can pursue back rent in small claims court as early as Aug. 1. Contradictorily, SB 91 also gives tenants until Aug. 31 to repay rental debt. The law also prevents local jurisdictions from expanding the repayment period past Aug. 31.

Bet Tzedek attorneys expressed wonderment at the state law, speculating that the narrow repayment window may have been made in error.

Other new protections included in the state law are that tenants cannot be charged late fees and landlords cannot apply security deposit to unpaid rent unless given written permission by the tenant. The law also ensures that rental debt cannot count against tenants looking for new housing.

"The language currently reads that the repayment period ends August 31, 2021," Green said. "We're wondering, is this a mistake? Will they change this, will they rectify it? Because as it currently reads, it doesn't really provide a reasonable amount of time for Beverly Hills residents to repay rent all the way [back] to March."

Green said that he is waiting for additional legislation to clarify the confusion. Kommel, who said she first thought the one month window was a typo, said that the legislature is currently looking at the issue.

The forum also explained the new State Rental Assistance Program established by SB 91. The program incentivizes property owners to forgive back rent. By waiving 20 percent of unpaid rent, landlords become eligible for 80 percent in rent reimbursements for amounts owed between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021. If a landlord does not agree to participate in the program, qualified tenants can still receive 25 percent of the total back rent for the covered period.

The rent subsidies are available to households with incomes at or below 80 percent of Area Median Income, with priority for the most disadvantaged households and those experiencing unemployment for the preceding 90 days at the time of application. Applications open on March 15, though they could open up earlier, Kommel said. Given budgetary restraints, it is possible that not all eligible applicants will receive assistance.

The final layer of eviction protections come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). But Bet Tzedek attorneys warned that the CDC protections should only be used as a last resort. The country-wide order can temporarily stop evictions through April 2021.

Green acknowledged the daunting amount of material out there for those looking for help and had one recommendation for all of them. "It's a confusing time for everybody, not just the tenants that are in these situations, but for legal advocates, as well," he said. "The best thing to do is to not sit around and guess what your options are if you need some help. We're here. We're available." ●



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In California, approximately 7,000 people are testing positive each day—a precipitous decline from the 45,000 daily positive tests at the state’s peak in the winter. During that peak, Los Angeles was experiencing around 7,000 daily cases. Now, that number has fallen to less than 1,000 new cases.

“I can’t remember the last time that we saw that in the county, so that is very encouraging,” Janmohammed said.

Vaccine distribution on both the state and county level has been dogged by delays and supply shortages. The supply issues were exacerbated by the severe inclement weather in the Midwest and South, which resulted in cancellation of many appointments. Janmohammed reminded the Commission and listeners that those who lost appointments should have received calls or emails from the county to reschedule.

Even with the limited supplies, a full 12 percent of Los Angeles County’s 10 million residents have received at least one dose of

the vaccine. In Beverly Hills, 8,652 of the city’s 34,520 residents have started the inoculation process.

But new vaccine distribution data released by Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has revealed large socioeconomic disparities in the communities getting vaccinated. Wealthier neighborhoods like Beverly Hills, Cheviot Hills, Century City, Bel-Air, Beverly Crest, Rolling Hills Estates, Encino, Pacific Palisades, San Marino, Palos Verdes Estates, La Cañada Flintridge, Brentwood, Sierra Madre and Rancho Palos Verdes, have all reached 25 percent of at least one vaccine dose. Compare that to South L.A. and southeast Los Angeles County, where many cities and communities have only achieved 9 percent of at least one dose—cities like South Gate, Lynwood, Bell, and Compton; and neighborhoods like Koreatown, Hollywood and North Hollywood.

With COVID-19 death rates tumbling down, the Health and Safety Commission acknowledged the work of doctors and pharmacists at Cedars-Sinai in fighting the pathogen. As a part of the Commission’s Recognition Program, Vice Chair Dr. Kirk Chang chose to honor the Monoclonal Antibody Task Force at Cedars-Sinai for their work in administering the therapy to patients in need.

Monoclonal antibody therapy stepped into the national spotlight when President Donald Trump received the treatment

during his hospitalization at Walter Reed Medical Center. The treatment helps those already infected with COVID-19 to prevent more serious symptoms. The task force at Cedars Sinai has treated over 500 patients with the therapy.

Chang listed through the reasons that warranted the recognition: “The concept of placing one’s employees and staff at further risk by caring for additional COVID-19 patients, the concern for public criticism over a resource where demand for therapy could outpace supply and capacity, even the costs of implementing this type of treatment and its impact on the bottom line—this was not a challenge many organizations wish to contend with. And this is where the task force deserves particular recognition. Since November, the task force quickly established a transparent process for equitable prioritization of monoclonal antibody therapy to ensure that patients have access to therapy compliance with the FDA’s mandatory requirements and timely administration of the therapy.”

“It has been a really exciting and rewarding experience to be able to offer this therapy to our patients, especially within a couple of weeks of it being available, and the fact that it occurred right in the middle of the last surge was deeply needed,” said Pharmacy Associate Director Hai Tran.


Tran added that a lack of understanding about the therapy among the general public had contributed to eligible patients refusing

treatment. Chair Cathy Baker responded by offering the support of the Commission. “I know I speak for all of us, we would be more than happy to help in any way that we can, whether that’s through a system with communication [or] social outreach to talk about this treatment,” she said.

The Commission heard policing updates from Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) Acting Captain Max Subin, who reported that the resumption of the Police Explorer Program since COVID-19. The program gives teenagers the opportunity to assist BHPD officers with non-dangerous tasks. The program now entails some COVID-19 safety precautions. “It was great to have them all back because there was a little bit of some bullying going on...because they were pro law enforcement,” Subin said.

Subin also addressed the continued presence of private armed security companies in the city. The City Council extended the contract with the security contractor Covered 6 until June 30, 2021, and Subin told the Commission to expect a heavier security presence on the weekends. While he said that community feedback on the security had been positive, BHPD had received comments on their demeanor.

“We talked to the leadership about waving back and being a little bit more friendly,” he said. ●



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A Trio of McLarens The Three Ami - GOES

SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER, LIFE IS GETTING BACK TO NORMAL AND THE ROAD AHEAD LOOKS PROMISING. THE COURIER IS WELCOMING LUXURY AUTOMOTIVE EXPERT TIM LAPPEN BACK ON A MONTHLY BASIS BEGINNING THIS ISSUE.

BY TIM LAPPEN



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Someone once said, "It's better to be lucky than smart." That may not have been the most intelligent phrase ever uttered but it came to mind when the Fates smiled on me and I had the chance to drive two of McLaren's wonderful creations, about a week apart, So, like a good Angeleno, I decided to ask McLaren if I also could cover a third McLaren, which wasn't yet in production, but which did exist as a full-fledged rolling exhibit.

To take a step back—McLaren is a supercar company founded by a famous New Zealander, Bruce McLaren, who was an accomplished racer in the 1960s. He won his first Formula One race at the age of 22, the youngest winner ever at that time. He founded the car company soon thereafter. From 1992 - 1998 the company built 106 cars called an "F1," which was the fastest production car of its time (over 240 mph) and was sold for a then unheard-of price of

over \$800,000. They have now obtained legendary (even cult) status as one variant sold for close to \$20,000,000.

Fast forward to 2010, when McLaren became a car manufacturing company in its own right. Over the winding, high-speed and banked road of the past ten years, McLaren has created some of the most desired cars on the planet.

This piece is about two of those successes (and the third one not out yet, but with pre-orders predicting success). Luckily, I recently had the pleasure of experiencing all three - driving two (the GT and the 720S Spider) for a week each in the area around my home and, of course, through Beverly Hills. I attended the press launch of the third (the Elva) at a luxury home which had just hit the market in . . . Beverly Hills. I see a pattern developing here.



McLaren GT super light Grand Touring Photo courtesy McLaren Automotive Limited



McLaren GT Photo courtesy McLaren Automotive Limited

The McLaren GT

The first of the cars we'll discuss today is the GT, the most "usable" of the McLarens in that it is designed to accommodate passengers and luggage for grand-touring ride out of town and even across the country. The concept was to reimagine what had mostly been a rather heavy car used for touring, a two-door of some length and heft which helped it smooth out the road's imperfections. McLaren's guiding principle was to create a commodious supercar (as "oxymoronic" as that may sound), with the power and agility to hang with the best of them and yet allow the driver and passenger to arrive after a long drive feeling fairly refreshed and happier for the experience. How did they

do that?

Well, first off, McLaren knew that the suspension would be key and, given that McLaren built a solid reputation on suspension engineering, they were up to the task. The McLaren "Proactive Damping Control" suspension analyzes the road conditions and adapts rapidly so as to provide the GT with the ride which this car requires. Secondly, like all recent McLarens, the center cockpit is a "MonoCell II T" carbon-fiber tub (chassis), which results in a huge weight savings and provides exceptional rigidity (non-flexing) to the center of the car. Add to that the increased ride height, to allow better ground clearance and more room for the suspension to travel and thereby absorb whatever the

road throws at it.

At under 3,400 pounds the GT is well below the weight of most grand touring cars, yet it doesn't scrimp on power. Its twin-turbo V8 pumps out about 620 HP and does it with 465 lb. ft. of torque so that's good enough to hit the top speed of over 200 MPH after running 0-60 MPH in about 3.2 seconds. Yes, this is a car that can turn in blistering performance while coddling the occupants . . . and their luggage.

Pity that my time with the car didn't allow a jaunt from L.A. to S.F. or a road trip of epic proportions in a blast to New York. However, I truly enjoyed my time behind

the wheel of the GT and I have no doubt that either of those experiences would have been great fun and allowed me to prove McLaren's marketing tag line about the GT: "Time for what you love, space for what you need." While not as radical as some of the other McLarens I've driven (I am looking at you, Napier Green 675LT), it wasn't designed to be. This is a touring car, as noted, so it's meant to provide a comfortable ride with a sound that is pleasant but not disruptive, yet the McLaren DNA was ever-present, and I mean that in a good way. Pricing starts at about \$210,000.



McLaren GT Photo courtesy McLaren Automotive Limited



McLaren 720S Spider Photo courtesy McLaren Automotive Limited

The McLaren 720S Spider

Aside from the GT, McLaren creates cars under three other main banners - the “Sports Series”, the “Super Series” and the “Ultimate Series”. The 720S coupe and Spider and the 765LT (for “long tail”) are the only models in the Super Series. More powerful than the GT and the Sports Series of cars, the 720S Spider relies on a V8 twin-turbo motor boasting 720 HP and 568 lb. ft. of torque, which motivates this fast drop-top to a 2.9 second 0-60 launch on the way to a 212 MPH top speed (slightly slower with the top down).

With a dry weight of under 3,000 pounds,

it also can be done while underway (up to about 30 MPH) so changing your mind often is allowed.

Also, the car is a stunner with the top up or down, especially as the roof cantrails (the length of metal supporting the outer edge of the roof) are visible whether the top is up or down, and they’re now even glazed so you can see through them. There’s no lack of visibility when driving this car in either configuration.

Driving impressions? WOW! This car is English but it’s a plate full of Huevos Rancheros. The speed is one thing, but the

“This car felt like I was wearing it, so amazingly responsive with just the right soundtrack coming from the tail.”

this truly is a svelte car, which is apparent when pushed through the canyons and up through the twisties. And that is what this car is all about—great comfort and fun with the top down on a sunny day, when out for a cruise, then startling quickness which seems to come out of nowhere to propel the car faster and faster, which then can be reined in on demand with excellent brakes.

Not sure you want the top up or down during the drive? It needs only eleven seconds to go from up to down or vice-versa,

feeling of that speed can be quite another and, as with other super-quick McLarens I’ve driven, it feels even faster than it is (not that 0-60 in under three seconds isn’t quite rapid, in and of itself). This car felt like I was wearing it, so amazingly responsive with just the right soundtrack coming from the tail. It was a wonderful experience, my favorite McLaren yet (I’ve driven most of the other models, other than the F1, P1 and Senna). What’s not to like? Pricing starts at about \$315,000.

The McLaren Elva

Finally, but certainly not least, is the Elva, a beautifully designed car born of the wind and, along with the McLaren Speedtail and the Senna, a member of the elite McLaren “Ultimate Series”. (“Elva” means “she goes” in French and was the name of the company which made Bruce McLaren’s open-top racers in the 1960s.) The Elva uses the wind for interesting purposes, even channeling it through and below the hood and then back up in front of the cockpit to create an air dam of sorts, obviating the need for a windshield. It’s about as close as you can get to the feeling of riding a high-performance motorcycle while seated next to a passenger.

Utilizing the newly anointed Active Air Management System (“AAMS”), the airflow is directed up and over the cabin to provide an unusually un-turbulent calm for the driver and passenger. McLaren describes it as providing all of the adrenaline without any of the distraction. Unfortunately, the car shown at the launch was not available to drive, but I

which weighs about 2,650 pounds!), the Elva is reported to hit 125MPH in about 6.7 seconds (which used to be a rare performance time for 0-60MPH!).

I hope to update this article with driving impressions but until then, I will have to dream about the Elva like the rest of you. And, did I mention, production is limited to only 249 units and the pricing in the range of \$1,700,000.

There’s a certain trait which I think is woven into the DNA of McLarens—they all feel faster to me than they are, and as they are very quick in their own rights, that feeling is highly addictive. If the “thrill of high-performance motoring” is something that you likewise crave, I commend you to try out one of their models, which run from the lower \$200,000s on up into the multiple millions (for the cars currently being made—some older McLarens can be way more expensive than that). To me, the nicest thing about McLarens is that I never want to give them back at the end of my allotted time. “Yes,



McLaren Elva Photo courtesy McLaren Automotive Limited

will take their word for it as everything I’ve read about McLaren’s promises have come to fruition.

I haven’t even heard the motor yet—a V8 with 804HP and over 590 lb. ft. of torque—but it boasts a new exhaust system, utilizing four pipes (two pointing higher than the other two), with each pair given a different tuning to provide a harmonious symphony compared to other McLarens. I hope that they release it as part of a mixtape. When fitted into the Elva, the lightest road-going McLaren yet (not formally announced but said to be less than the McLaren Senna,

I know that I promised but that’s before I had so much fun.” Besides, my trips through Beverly Hills were so limited by quarantine-related regulations, mostly picking up take-out food and a few in-person meetings, I think that they should let me have the GT and 720S back for do-overs, plus give me the Elva, once the quarantine is over and I can make proper use of the cars. Until then, you and I will have to make do with what we have. I hope that you’ve enjoyed reading about these machines as much as I enjoyed driving and then writing about them. ●

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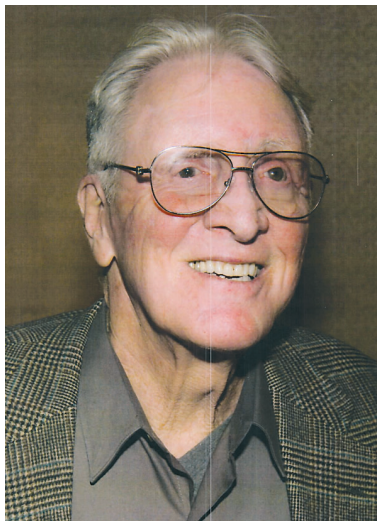


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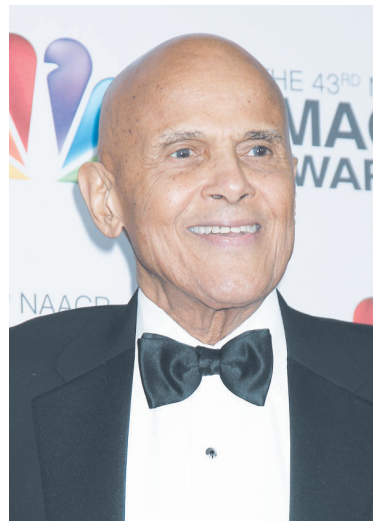
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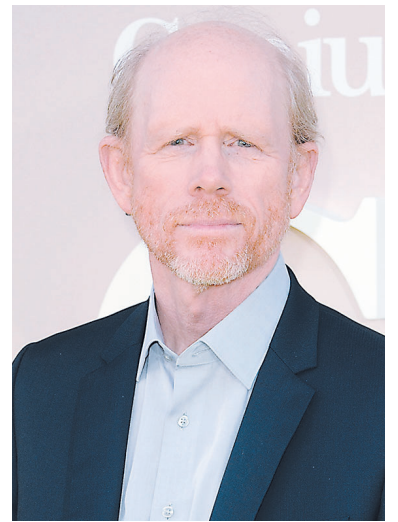
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March 2



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March 4

To our loyal Courier readers: We want to celebrate YOU! Going forward, we'd like our popular Birthday Page to reflect the community as a whole. So we're inviting you to send us your birthdate plus a high-resolution (300 dpi or above) headshot of yourself. Please send it at least two weeks in advance of your birthday, and we'll do our best to include it on our Birthday Page. Send the photos, along with your full name and birthday to: Editorial@BHCourier.com.



Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will let go of a little piece of pride in the hopes of coming to a harmonious place in a relationship. Other parties may not be so willing, at least not initially, but your example will lead the way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love is many things. Today, it's being able to correctly assess and cater to an emotional state. Turn your nurturing powers in on yourself or turn them to another person. Either way, the love begets more love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a situation you pursued in the past. The doors were closed back then. Now brings the beginning of the turn. This one doesn't need to be seized so much as slowly, curiously encountered.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You admire emotional restraint, but don't be fooled. People who seem in control of their "feels" are possibly not feeling them quite as deeply as you are. Your passion intensifies the highs and lows.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be bright in two moments: the practice moment that happens in the safety of an empty room and the moment

of inhale that pauses the action just long enough for you to insert yourself between opportunity and a grand potential.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There was a time you didn't know the standard, only your own experience which didn't teach you enough. Now you know how people can effectively help one another, so you see what's not going on as clearly as what is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your sense of focus is on point and you've never been so serious about advancing your interests and the interests of those you answer to. Narrow down your task list so the big important things get the best of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If there's one thing you don't need today, it's advice. For starters, your intuition is on fire. And furthermore, you're going to do this thing in a way that's so unique, no one else has thought of it yet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is no such thing as failure. If you're putting things out into the world, trying things, working through fear and limitation, risking your pride, then you're winning no matter what the outcome.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Impart the plan and cast your

supporters in fitting roles. Then, watch it unfold. You're a guide through this process. Don't get so involved in the labor that you forget to put your head up to get the overview.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are people you appreciate because you can count on them to make good sense and help you onto the right path. Then there are people you appreciate because they don't have to make sense to be loveable to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you want to know what others want, you ask, fully expecting to get back lies.

It takes a special kind of listening to get past social niceties and know which questions to ask to get to the real truth.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 26). Spiritual development elevates your experience. Whether pleasures are many or few, goals are met or not, relationships grind or sail blissfully, your joy, grace, gratitude and compassion flow strong through it all. Professional shifts align brilliantly with your talents. Bonus money allows for fun improvements. Virgo and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 33, 1 and 14.



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Petition filed by the Association on Feb. 24

(Injunction continued from page 1)

That Addendum specifies that elementary grades TK-2 may reopen for in-person learning once the Adjusted Case Rate (ACR) of COVID-19 transmission in L.A. County is below 10, and that grades 3, 4 and 5 may reopen for in-person learning when the ACR has been below 7 for at least 28 days.

Allegations of the Petition

In its Petition, the Association alleges that the District has repudiated Addendum 5 by directing teachers to return to class before the above ACRs are established. The “Statement of Charges” filed with the Petition sets forth the following timeline:

“The California Department of Public Health issued new COVID-19 related guidance on January 14, 2021. On or about January 22, 2021, District Assistant Superintendent Matthew Horvath contacted Association Bargaining Chair Rebecca Castrapel, and stated that the District sought to again negotiate terms regarding the return to in-person instruction.

On February 12, 2021, Horvath sent Association President Alana Castanon a memo stating that the District planned to return to in-person instruction. In the notice, he also sought to ‘meet ... to discuss the impacts of the revisions to the State re-opening guidelines as well as the local Public Health Order.’

On February 16, 2021, the District proposed raising the Adjusted Case Rate at which it could reopen grades TK-2 for in-person instruction from 10 to 25. The Association did not agree to the proposed change to the threshold Adjusted Case Rate.

During a meeting on or about February 19, 2021, Horvath stated that the District intended to imminently return to in-person learning... At that time, the Adjusted Case Rate in LA County was at 20 – well above the threshold numbers set forth in the MOU.

In response, Horvath sent a letter to [Association representative] Penny Sevoian, stating that the District considered that the Addendum to the MOU was ‘not enforceable,’ and that the District would repudiate it.”

District Response

The Courier has reached out to counsel for the District, but as of press time has received no comment. The District’s formal opposition to the Association’s Petition must be filed by 5 p.m. on Feb. 26.

District Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy offered the Courier these observations in response to the Association’s institution of legal action.

“We are disheartened by this news. At issue is the fundamental Constitutional right of students to a public education in the State of California (including Article IX, Section 1 of the California Constitution). In-person instruction has now been authorized and the District has an obligation to the public to protect the Constitutional rights of students.

Now that [Public Health] has given the green light, any deprivation of in-person instruction would be tragic for the families who are in desperate need of this. We equally stand behind our families who have made the decision to remain with distance learning.”

Bregy continued, “We care deeply about the health and safety of our entire community including our employees. If they require an accommodation, we have provided multiple opportunities for them to work with Dr. Horvath about this. We have also gone above and beyond the required health order to provide COVID-19 safety equipment.

From the beginning of this pandemic, we have prioritized the physical reopening of schools as soon as possible. In our comprehensive MOU on August 1, 2020, the opening paragraph states the following intention of the agreement:

‘It is the intent of the District and Association to return to a traditional educational program as soon as is feasible consistent with applicable state and local directives issued in response to this pandemic. It is anticipated that the return to a traditional program may occur in phases and may include remote and hybrid instructional and support models.’

“From the beginning of this pandemic, we have prioritized the physical reopening of schools as soon as possible, this is reflected in the Memorandum of Understanding.”

Dr. Michael Bregy

Bregy concluded:

“We look forward to welcoming our Elementary Students on March 4 for TK-2 and March 8 for 3-5.”

Decision from PERB

The dispute is now in the hands of the PERB, whose General Counsel, Felix De La Torre, spoke with the Courier shortly after the Association filed its Petition.

“Tonight, when the papers came in, they were shared with each of the PERB board members. Once they are filed our clock begins running and we get to work. I will draft a recommendation to them based on my assessment. Our board will deliberate in closed session to determine if the standard for an injunction has been met, in which case they deny it or approve it.”

De La Torre observed that the case was “a little more unique because the contract spells out specifically what conditions must exist. It is not simply a question of whether the classrooms are safe.”

If PERB determines that the standard for an injunction is met, the office of the General Counsel will appear in court to ask for the injunction to bar the school from reopening.

“In this case, the appearance would have to be before the March 4 opening date. It would probably be in the Los Angeles Superior Court,” said De La Torre.

This remains a developing story, in light of the fact that the District has not yet filed its opposition to the Association’s Petition. Additionally, Public Health has announced that teachers will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccines on March 1. And, the County ACR as of Feb. 23 is now down to 12.3/100,000.

Updates will be posted on BeverlyHillsCourier.com as developments unfold. At press time, the Association’s President, Alana Castanon told the Courier, “Beverly Hills educators want to be back in our classrooms with our students as soon as it is safe.”

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THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE
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KARAOKE BARS

BY MATTHEW STOCK / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Matthew Stock, 24, who is originally from Dallas, now lives in St. Louis, where he teaches ninth-grade algebra through an AmeriCorps-affiliated tutoring program. He started constructing puzzles several years ago after he attended a crossword tournament in Boston and "had a great time chatting with puzzlemakers throughout the afternoon." This is his third crossword (and first Sunday) for The Times. - W.S.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Prayer, e.g.</p> <p>7 Market index, for short</p> <p>13 And so on and so forth</p> <p>19 Actor Ray of "Field of Dreams"</p> <p>20 Like a certain complex</p> <p>22 Relative of the mambo</p> <p>23 High winds</p> <p>24 Space bars? [Frank Sinatra]</p> <p>26 Healthful dessert options</p> <p>28 Overhauled, in a way</p> <p>29 "___ making a list ..."</p> <p>30 Offering in china ... or from China</p> <p>31 "Top Chef" chef ___ Hall</p> <p>32 Geographical name that comes from the Sioux for "sleepy ones"</p> <p>35 First prize at the Juegos Olímpicos</p> <p>36 Sink holes</p> <p>40 Biting</p> <p>42 Bird whose males incubate the eggs</p> <p>44 Mathematical proposition</p> <p>47 Wet bars? [Gene Kelly]</p> | <p>51 Things many people lose as they grow older</p> <p>53 Big Five studio of Hollywood's Golden Age</p> <p>54 "Thus ..."</p> <p>55 St. Louis symbol</p> <p>56 Strongly endorse</p> <p>58 Hot place to chill</p> <p>59 ___ Adlon, Emmy winner for "King of the Hill"</p> <p>61 Papal name last taken in 1939</p> <p>63 Smallest state in India</p> <p>64 Options for outdoor wedding receptions</p> <p>67 Like some bread and cereal</p> <p>68 Director Lee</p> <p>69 Prison bars? [Elvis Presley]</p> <p>73 Bamboozled</p> <p>74 Weight right here!</p> <p>76 ___ Austin, Biden defense secretary</p> <p>77 Misidentify something, e.g.</p> <p>78 For the lady</p> <p>79 Center of a court</p> <p>81 They're often parked in parks</p> <p>82 Relevant</p> <p>84 Excited cry after scratching a lottery ticket</p> <p>85 Move a cursor (over)</p> <p>88 Pride : lions :: ___ : dolphins</p> <p>89 Hip</p> <p>92 Cash bars? [Abba]</p> | <p>96 "Same here"</p> <p>97 "I mean ..."</p> <p>98 What goes right to the bottom?</p> <p>99 Got around</p> <p>101 "Hoo-boy!"</p> <p>102 Gist</p> <p>104 Last option in a list, maybe</p> <p>107 "That feels goo-oo-ood!"</p> <p>109 Practice</p> <p>110 Brainsy?</p> <p>112 A+ earner</p> <p>116 Singles bars? [Robyn]</p> <p>120 First House speaker from California</p> <p>122 Not going anywhere</p> <p>123 Was snoopy</p> <p>124 Made square</p> <p>125 Japanese mat</p> <p>126 "We got permission!"</p> <p>127 Makes insulting jokes about</p> |
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| <p>108 Egg: Sp.</p> <p>111 2016 No. 1 album for Rihanna</p> <p>112 Pop</p> <p>113 Really thin type</p> <p>114 ___ Domini</p> <p>115 "I beg of you," e.g.</p> <p>116 Bit of Morse code</p> <p>117 Actress de Armas</p> <p>118 D.C. pro</p> <p>119 "Of course!"</p> <p>121 They're checked at check-ins</p> |
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Date: January 31, 2021

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T.S. No.: 2020-01549-CA
A.P.N.:4339-009-158
Property Address: 970 NORTH PALM AVENUE UNIT 304, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

注：本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다

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Trustor: PAUL A. DREHER JR., A SINGLE MAN
Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 09/28/2001 as Instrument No. 01-1843216 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California,
Date of Sale: 04/13/2021 at 11:00 AM
Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$177,744.25

THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

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 as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 970 NORTH PALM AVENUE UNIT 304, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

A.P.N.: 4339-009-158

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

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 thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. 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 the Notice of Sale is: \$ 177,744.25.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this 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 (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>

Date: February 4, 2021

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case 2020-01549-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 (866)-960-8299, or visit this internet website <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case 2020-01549-CA 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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, 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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021021587

The following is/are doing business as:

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1643 S. Carmelina Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90025; **Matthew S. Burkes** 1643 S. Carmelina Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed March 2016: **Matthew S. Burkes, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 27, 2021; Published: February 05, 12, 19, 26, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021021591

The following is/are doing business as:

1) ASHER COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE 2) ASHER COMMERCIAL

221 S. Doheny Dr. #108, Beverly Hills, CA 90211; **Jerry Asher** 221 S. Doheny Dr. #108, Beverly Hills, CA 90211; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 2010: **Jerry Asher, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 27, 2021; Published: February 05, 12, 19, 26, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021021589

The following is/are doing business as:

F & M PROPERTIES

344 S. Elm Dr. #4, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; **Marie P. Knecht** 344 S. Elm Dr. #4, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; **Fred D. Page** 13078 Mindanao Way #212, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292; The business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Marie P. Knecht, Partner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 27, 2021; Published: February 12, 19, 26, March 05, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021029530

The following is/are doing business as:

CARING HEARTS CAREGIVER PLACEMENT SERVICES

601 N. Kings Rd. #103, West Hollywood, CA 90048; **Susan Kraut** 601 N. Kings Rd. #103, West Hollywood, CA 90048; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 2016: **Susan Kraut, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of

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The following is/are doing business as:

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1516 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90046; **Pamela Sharp** 1516 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90046; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 2021: **Pamela Sharp, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 12, 2021; Published: February 26, March 05, 12, 19, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021039724

The following is/are doing business as:

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312 S. Beverly Dr. #7150, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; **Molecule Productions, LLC** 312 S. Beverly Dr. #7150, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 2021: **Adam Reich, Member:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 12, 2021; Published: February 26, March 05, 12, 19, 2021 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021039728

The following is/are doing business as:

RMC MENTAL HEALTH

9041 W. 24th St., Los Angeles, CA 90034; **Riana Chagoury-Leake** 9041 W. 24th St., Los Angeles, CA 90034; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Riana Chagoury-Leake, Owner:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 12, 2021; Published: February 26, March 05, 12, 19, 2021 **LACC N/C**

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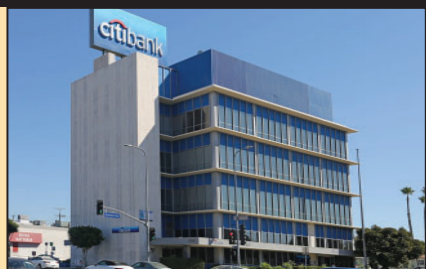
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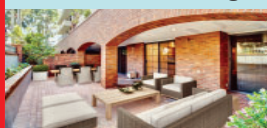
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