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THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

☀️ Friday	79° 56°
☀️ Saturday	75° 55°
☀️ Sunday	69° 56°
☁️ Monday	69° 53°
☀️ Tuesday	66° 53°
☀️ Wednesday	68° 55°
☀️ Thursday	66° 53°

Police Investigating Brazen Robbery at South Beverly Jewelry Store

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Armed with sledgehammers and crowbars, and in full view of mid-day traffic and pedestrians along one of the city's busiest commercial corridors, five individuals staged a flagrant "smash-and-grab" burglary at a South Beverly

Drive jewelry store on March 23, reigniting concern among residents about crime in the city.

The suspects exited a vehicle near Luxury Jewels of Beverly Hills on the 200

block of South Beverly, their identities obscured by masks and hoodies. (Robbery continues on page 17)



Burglars "smashed and grabbed" jewelry from Luxury Jewels of Beverly Hills in a brazen afternoon crime. Photo by Samuel Braslow

BHUSD Board Takes Step to "Course Correct" Bond Program

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education has put out a request looking for a new manager of the district's bond program in a 4-1 vote. The move marks the latest chapter in a saga that has seen the public and members of the board sour on the program's current manager, Team Concept Development Services (TCDS), run by owner Don Blake.

"At best, I have found our current process, systems and information we are receiving regarding the state of our construction program to be opaque," Board member Gabriel Halimi, who was absent for the meeting but explained his vote in a detailed letter, wrote. "Just over the last few months, we've found ourselves surprised, confused and frustrated. And given the

fact that we're over budget and delayed in delivery, there are questions that need clear answers."

In 2008, Beverly Hills voters passed Measure E, allowing BHUSD to issue \$334 million in bonds. Another bond measure, Measure BH, passed in 2018, authorizing the district to issue another \$385 million in bonds. Together, the bonds provide funding for modernization, seismic retrofits, new buildings, and improved security.

But since 2008 and 2018, many of the improvements promised by Measures E and BH have failed to materialize on time or on budget, with certain projects scrapped from the plans altogether.

(Bond Program continues on page 19)

BHPD's Recruitment Campaign Shows Early Results

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) has launched "an aggressive and massive recruitment campaign" to reverse a staff shortage and provide relief to overworked officers, BHPD Public Information Officer Lt. Giovanni Trejo told the Human Relations Commission at a March 17 meeting.

(Recruitment continues on page 15)

Courier Calendar

NOW

THE SORAYA: ST. LAWRENCE STRING QUARTET

8 P.M.
The Soraya presents the St. Lawrence String Quartet, part of its Onstage Sessions Chamber Music programming. The acclaimed group will play pieces from Doug Balliet, Henry Purcell, Osvaldo Golijov, and John Adams. An octet will also be featured with the help of four members of the Delirium Musicum chamber orchestra. The group of eight will perform the traditional Yiddish song, "Arum dem Fayer." Tickets are \$76. Attendees must produce proof of COVID-19 vaccine or a negative test. Masks must be worn inside. <https://thesoraya.org/calendar/details/slsq-2022>

NOW - MARCH 26

FARHANG FOUNDATION AND KNIFE PLEAT: NOWRUZ PIRUZ: A FEAST CELEBRATING THE IRANIAN NEW YEAR

11:30 A.M.-1:45 P.M., 5:30-7:30 P.M.
Farhang Foundation and the restaurant Knife Pleat present "Nowruz Piruz," a culinary celebration of the Iranian New Year. The six-course Persian meal is created by Chef Tony Esnault and Shamsi Katebi. The meal is priced at \$245 per guest. The restaurant suggests allocating 2.5 hours for the experience. Reservations can be made online. Knife Pleat is located at 3333 S. Bristol St., Suite 3001, Costa Mesa. <https://www.exploretock.com/knifeplead/>

NOW - MARCH 26

THE WALLIS: "BEDTIME STORIES"

2:30 P.M., 8 P.M.
The Wallis and Dutch collective URLAND present "Bedtime Stories," a narrated performance inspired by radio plays. Actor Thomas Dudkiewicz uses his voice and well-timed sound effects to bring the characters of Lilly, a young girl, Max, her father, and George, her grandfather, to life. Lilly's father and grandfather are master

storytellers that regale her with fantasy worlds where she encounters odd and frightening creatures. Tickets range from \$40-\$50. The Wallis requires that guests provide proof of COVID-19 vaccine or negative test and wear masks inside. <https://thewallis.org/show-info.php?id=629>

NOW - MAY 22

HAUSER & WIRTH: GARY SIMMONS' "REMEMBERING TOMORROW"

TUES.-SUN., 11 A.M.-6 P.M.
Hauser & Wirth presents "Remembering Tomorrow," the first exhibition of artist Gary Simmons at the gallery. This show debuts paintings, wall drawings, sculpture, and the installation "Recapturing Memories of the Black Ark." Simmons' art examines the pervasive nature of racist ideology and its manifestations in visual culture to address themes of race, identity, politics, and social inequality. Entry to Hauser & Wirth is free, with no advanced registration necessary. Hauser & Wirth is located in Downtown LA's Arts District at 901 East 3rd St. <https://www.hauserwirth.com/hauser-wirth-exhibitions/35576-gary-simmons-remembering-tomorrow/>

MARCH 26

LACO: "BACH, ADAMS + DVORÁK"

8 P.M.
Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra continues its Eastside Chamber Series with a performance at The Huntington's Rothenberg Hall. Included in the program is Bach's "Contrapunctus I" from "The Art of Fugue," Samuel Adam's "Sundial," and Dvorák's Piano Quintet No. 2 in A Major. The show will also feature Wade Culbreath as Principal Percussion. Tickets are \$58, and discounts are available for seniors and students. The venue will require proof of COVID-19 vaccine and mask wear inside. The Huntington's Rothenberg Hall is located at 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. <https://www.laco.org/events/adams-dvorak/>

MARCH 26 - 27

626 NIGHT MARKET MINI

1-10 P.M.
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. and 626 Night Market are collaborating to bring a smaller version of the open-air food festival to Santa Monica. The event will host about two dozen vendors on Lot 27 at 452 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica near the Third Street Promenade. Vendors featured will include Shake Ramen, Tao's Bao, Chick N' Skin, Ghostix, and Rockin' Gyoza. An alcohol garden with limited edition cocktails will be available for patrons 21 and older. The market will be open for free, with limited capacity requiring reservations made in advance. The market will return for two more weekends in April. <https://www.626nightmarket.com/mini>

MARCH 27

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA: IN CONCERT: "THE CRACOW DUO"

2-4 P.M.
Holocaust Museum LA and the USC Polish Music Center present, with the support of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland, "The Cracow Duo." The duo includes cellist Jan Kalinowki and pianist Marek Szlezer, who will perform a live concert of works by Polish-Jewish composers. Advanced reservations for this free event are required and available online. Proof of vaccination for COVID-19 or a negative test is required for entry. Visitors must wear masks inside. <https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/event-details/in-concert-the-cracow-duo>

MARCH 27

THE BROAD STAGE: SIMONE DINNERSTEIN, "THE GOLDBERG VARIATIONS"

4 P.M.
Current Grammy nominee Simone Dinnerstein makes her debut on The Broad Stage on March 27. The show features her interpretation of Bach's "The Goldberg Variations," a live version of her

2007 album. Tickets range from \$40-\$70. Guests must produce proof of COVID-19 vaccine or negative test. Masks must be worn inside. <https://thebroadstage.org/performances/2021-22/classical/simonedinnerstein>

MARCH 29

WRITERS BLOC AND THE SKIRBALL: "WHO BY FIRE: LEONARD COHEN IN THE SINAI" JOURNALIST MATTI FRIEDMAN WITH DAVID WOLPE

7:30 P.M.
Writers Bloc and the Skirball Cultural Center present a live, in-person talk with Matti Friedman on his book "Who By Fire." The book covers Leonard Cohen's travels to Israel in 1973 at the dawn of the Yom Kippur War. Cohen used his music to support troops fighting in the war, and the book includes accounts and manuscripts collected by Friedman. The author will discuss his work with Senior Rabbi David Wolpe of Sinai Temple. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the Skirball Cultural Center at 2701 North Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, and \$10 for Skirball members and full-time students. Visitors must prove vaccination status against COVID-19 or provide a negative test. Masks must be worn indoors at the Skirball Center. Tickets must be purchased in advance online. <https://writersblocpresents.com/main/matti-friedman/>

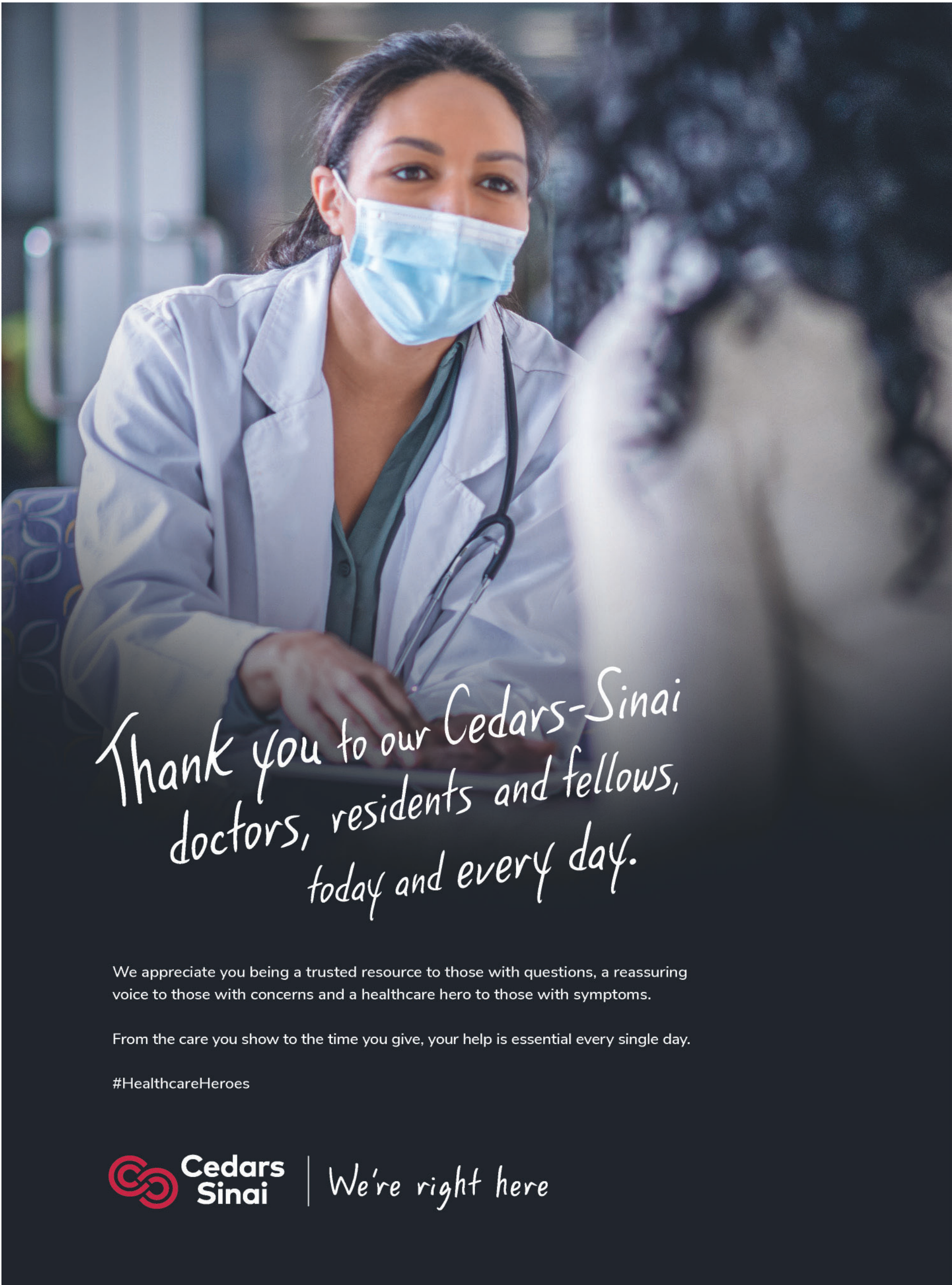
MARCH 30

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM: "2022 WESTERN REGION TRIBUTE EVENT"

6-8:30 P.M.
The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) will hold its annual "What You Do Matters 2022 Western Region Tribute Event." The event will have limited in-person capacity at the Beverly Hilton, as well as an online attendance option. Featured speakers include Professor of Holocaust Studies (emeritus) at Northwestern University Peter Hayes and USHMM Historian and Senior Program Curator Edna Friedberg. Three families will be honored with the Museum's National Leadership Award during the event: Susi and Steve Hilton (Phoenix), Jane Jelenko (Los Angeles) and the Tramiel Family (Palo Alto). The price is \$500 per ticket for in-person and \$100 minimum suggested donation per household for virtual only attendance. In-person guests must provide a negative test or proof of COVID-19 vaccination and wear a mask inside. <https://www.ushmm.org/online-calendar/western-region-tribute-event-2022>



The show "Bedtime Stories" is performed by Thomas Dudkiewicz from an audio studio on an immersive set at The Wallis until March 26. Photo courtesy of URLAND



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BHUSD Takes Up Wellness Initiatives

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Beverly Vista Middle School science Olympiad students led the flag salute at the March 22 Board of Education meeting.

With the number of positive COVID-19 numbers among students and staff holding steadily in the single digits, the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of

Education turned its attention to new wellness initiatives, student accomplishments and graduation plans. (BHUSD continues on page 17)

Community Mourns Younes Nazarian

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Younes and Soraya Nazarian Photo courtesy UCLA

Philanthropist, businessman and community leader Younes Nazarian passed away at his home in Los Angeles on March 18. He was 91. Born in Tehran, Iran in 1931, Younes immigrated to Israel shortly after it achieved

statehood. He returned to Iran in the early 1950s and proceeded to establish several businesses there with his brother. (Younes Nazarian continues on page 9)



The City of Beverly Hills cordially invites you to the installation of
The Honorable Lili Bosse as Mayor
With her Oath of Office Administered by
Ambassador Nicole A. Avant
and
the Honorable Julian A. Gold, M.D. as Vice Mayor

Joined by City Councilmembers
the Honorable John A. Mirisch
the Honorable Lester J. Friedman
the Honorable Robert Wunderlich

Tuesday, April 5, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
9390 North Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills

Reception to follow
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Complimentary parking

West Hollywood Agrees to Buy Log Cabin for \$5.75 Million

BY BIANCA HEYWARD AND SAMUEL BRASLOW



The Log Cabin at 621 N. Robertson Blvd.

The West Hollywood City Council unanimously voted to purchase the property known as the “Log Cabin” from Beverly Hills for \$5.75 million at a March 21 meeting. Located at 621 N. Robertson Blvd., the building technically sits in West Hollywood. But in a surprise to both cities, a 2020 audit revealed ownership by Beverly Hills.

The Log Cabin is a one-story clubhouse built circa 1936 when it was first home to Troop 27 of the Boy Scouts of America. The building looks like a quintessential story-book log cabin, with an exterior wall made of wood log, and a small front porch located at the top of a short flight of concrete steps centered under a projecting gable.

While the cabin is located within the city limits of West Hollywood, the property itself had been previously owned by the City of Beverly Hills. The Log Cabin was subleased to the West Hollywood Recovery Center (WHRC) and used as a meeting place for drug and alcohol recovery groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous.

Bordering Beverly Hills, the Log Cabin is on North Robertson Boulevard, just off Melrose Avenue, surrounded by luxury retailers such as Chrome Hearts and Maxfield; catty corner is Cecconi’s West Hollywood, a high-end Italian restaurant. The Log Cabin bears no resemblance to the upscale neighborhood surrounding it, which is part of its appeal.

In January of 2020, the property made headlines after a Beverly Hills audit revealed that there was no lease in place with the WHRC and Log Cabin, and a contractor had “found portions of the building in poor

condition.”

After the City of Beverly Hills provided notice to the WHRC to vacate the premises by March 31 of 2020, public outcry pressured the city to preserve the space as a sanctuary for the sober community.

For decades, the Log Cabin had served as a hub for people in all stages of recovery, from all walks of life, who came through the doors each day in the name of sobriety.

As a result, both cities signed an agreement in April of 2020 where West Hollywood leased the site from Beverly Hills for one year. The City of West Hollywood subleased the property to the WHRC to continue offering addiction recovery services.

The lease agreement with West Hollywood included the option for the city to purchase the property. The agreement stipulated a 99-year restriction limiting use of the Log Cabin to addiction recovery services and a parking lot. Should the city opt to redevelop the property or use it for something other than recovery services, West Hollywood would have to pay Beverly Hills half of its fair market value.

While the price tag for the transaction with Beverly Hills comes out to \$5.7 million, a staff report compiled for the March 21 meeting noted the need for renovation. Given the fact that West Hollywood identified the Log Cabin as a potentially historic structure, any construction on the structure would be subject to an environmental review and state standards dictating treatment of historic properties. ●

US Holocaust Memorial Museum Event Taking Place March 30



Jane Jelenko

Photo courtesy of US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Members of the 10-state Western Region community who support the efforts of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will come together in a limited capacity in-person event, featuring Northwestern University professor Peter Hayes, or attend via live stream on March 30 at 6 p.m.

The annual “What You Do Matters”

Western Region Tribute Event – normally held in Los Angeles attracting up to 1,000 guests in-person, including many Holocaust survivors – will this year feature a special presentation that will tell the story of the destruction of Jewish life in Poland and intertwine three individual accounts of resilience, hope and determination, including the three families who are being honored with the Museum’s National Leadership Award during the event with Jane Jelenko of Los Angeles, Suzi and Steve Hilton of Phoenix, and the Tramiel Family of Palo Alto.

At the in-person reception, guests will have the opportunity to tour the Museum’s traveling exhibition “Some Were Neighbors: Choice, Human Behavior, and the Holocaust,” which is currently on view only in Poland and Germany.

At this time, the Museum is offering two attendance options: a virtual event or a limited-capacity, in-person gathering at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The “2022 Western Region Tribute Event” is open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information, visit ushmm.org. ●



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**SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

Hosted by:

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Alissa and Dr. Warren Roston

RSVP for address at www.robertwunderlich.com or
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Jewish Federation Luncheon



The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles held its 2022 Chai/Emerald/Zahav, Ruby & Lion of Judah Luncheon at The Maybourne Beverly Hills. The event celebrated the strength of women and the collective power of the Sylvia Weisz Women's Philanthropy during this 50th anniversary year of Lion of Judah. Guest speakers included Israeli activist, author, and actress Noa Tishby in conversation with the Federation's President & CEO Rabbi Noah Farkas. Pictured (l-r): Albert Praw, Chair of the Board of The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, Noa Tishby, Lynn Bider, General Campaign Chair of The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles and Rabbi Noah Farkas.

Photo by Lexus Gallegos

Hamantashen Swap at Roxbury Park



The Lev Eishah Hadassah Board got together for a Hamantashen Swap at Roxbury Park on March 13. Pictured (l-r) are Karyanne Weiss, Maureen Bernstein, Sharon Kirscher, Laurie Weinreich, Elke Ereshefsky, Melanie Alkov. Regina Safdie is in the back.

Greystone Mansion to Showcase "Gatsby Redux" This Spring



"Gatsby Redux" is coming to Greystone Mansion. Photo courtesy City of Beverly Hills

The Beverly Hills Community Services Department will partner with director/choreographer Janet Roston and Mixed eMotion Theatrx to bring "Gatsby Redux" to Greystone Mansion and Gardens: The Doheny Estate on April 27, 28 and 29. Roston was the Artistic Director of the Beverly Hills High School Dance Company for over 20 years. She is a Beverly Hills resident.

The production has been booked at historic mansions and grounds throughout the United States. At Greystone, the 90-minute immersive production will have audience members following dancers through the terraced grounds, exploring themes inspired by the novel, "The Great Gatsby."

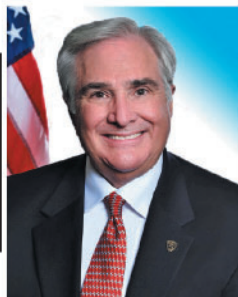
"Gatsby Redux" was originally commissioned by the Los Angeles Music Center and performed in the Blue Ribbon Garden of

Disney Concert Hall.

"I am so excited that Mixed eMotion Theatrx will be presenting Gatsby Redux at Greystone. My ties to Beverly Hills run deep and it's wonderful that after touring the production it will be performed in my home community. Greystone is the perfect site for the show; one can truly imagine attending one of Jay Gatsby's Garden Parties on the grounds of the mansion," said Roston.

The event is outdoors and will involve walking throughout the performance, at times on slate, grass and stairs. Guests are encouraged to dress in 1920s-themed attire, if they so wish, for a chance to take photos on the Greystone terrace. More information is available at www.beverlyhills.org/GatsbyatGreystone or by calling 310-285-6830. ●

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Platform: Enhance and refine the budgeting process by instituting a periodic zero-base budgeting process for all City Departments.

Accomplishments:

- Supervised and grew City's investment portfolio of \$700+ million. The City never experienced a loss on any of my investments.
- Chaired the City's Blue-Ribbon Commission that solved our \$376.1 million unfunded pension and benefits liability.
- Improved the City's Investment Policy, including ESG and Anti-Boycott policies.
- Refinanced several City Bonds resulting in lower rates and maintained the City - AAA [the highest] credit rating.
- President of the City's Charitable Foundation and member of the City's Audit and Finance Committee.
- Participated in the Budget Process, and the City's finances during Covid.

Background:

- Tax and Business Attorney - practicing in Beverly Hills for more than 30 years.
- Past Chair of the Planning and Public Works Comms., Traffic & Parking Comm.
- BHHS Class of 1969 (sons Alex and Merrick are BV and BHHS grads).
- My wife Francine and I both work in Beverly Hills, and have been married 44 years.
- President of the BH Bar, Board of Temple Emanuel and Co-Cub Scout Den Leader.

Paid for by Fisher For Treasurer 2022, ID# 1445985

BHUSD Middle School Students Spread Kindness

Last week, Beverly Vista Middle School (BVMS) participated in “Dude. Be Nice” week, a national initiative to promote kindness and practice empathy on school campuses. The program encourages acts of kindness through various activities and highlights how much kindness matters in local communities. Holding up handmade signs that read “BVMS appreciates you” and “thank you,” students walked down South Beverly Drive, meeting and thanking many business owners in the community.



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LA Marathon Comes Through Beverly Hills



The LA Marathon returned to Beverly Hills this past Sunday, March 20, with athletes running through the city for miles 16 and 17 before ending in Century City.



Beverly Hills High School freshman Oliver Shemtov was one of thousands of students who crossed the finish line in the Los Angeles Marathon. This is Shemtov's second marathon.



The 2022 Los Angeles Marathon routed runners through Beverly Hills, with mile 17 marked at Rodeo Drive and Dayton Way.



wellness wednesdays

Celebrate a year of fitness with us!

Join Mayor Bob Wunderlich for 'Wellness Wednesdays,' a Mayoral Initiative that aims to inspire community members to get outside and participate in exercise classes and incorporate wellness into their lives.

Pickleball

3-30-22 at 8 am

La Cienega Tennis Courts
325 La Cienega Blvd.
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

**No equipment needed, but please wear athletic shoes and bring a water bottle*



beverlyhills.org/wellnesswednesdays | Questions can be directed to 310-285-1014 | #BHHealthyCity

(Younes Nazarian continued from page 4) He fled Iran shortly before the Islamic Revolution of 1979, realizing the danger posed to Jews in his country of birth. Younes took his family first to Israel and then the United States, where he achieved tremendous success as a businessman, including as an early investor and member of the Board of Directors of Qualcomm, Inc. and as chairman of Nazarian Enterprises.

Younes was one of the foremost leaders in the Persian Jewish communities in Los Angeles and Tel Aviv.

Beverly Hills Vice Mayor Lili Bosse, a close friend of the Nazarian family, described Younes as a "guardian angel on this earth."

She added, "He was the kindest, most humble, warm, open hearted man and had the most generous, loving soul of anyone I had ever had the honor to know and love. He truly was the purest human being that inspired goodness, honesty, and humanity when we all need true role models of pure kindness now more than ever. He touched thousands of lives and has a family that continues his legacy as they too, live with the same moral compass that made him so rare and special."

Younes and his wife of more than six decades, Soraya, were devoted to educating others about Israel. The couple's philanthropic endeavors were considerable, and included The Younes & Soraya Nazarian Family Foundation and The Ima Foundation in the US and Israel, respectively. Both are dedicated to promoting education. Other institutions bearing the Nazarian name include the Younes & Soraya Nazarian Center for Israel Studies at

UCLA, the Younes & Soraya Nazarian Center for Performing Arts at CSUN and the Nazarian Pavilion in the historic Doheny Library at USC.

In Israel, the Younes & Soraya Nazarian Library at Sapir College and the University of Haifa, the Haifa University Memorial Scholarship program, Bezalel Academy of the Arts, Israel's National Library and The Hebrew University also benefitted from Nazarian's considerable generosity.

"Younes was a brilliant entrepreneur, a kind and generous person, a builder of bridges between people and nations, and a firm believer in the power of education to transform one's life," said UCLA Chancellor Gene Block. "

Younes served on the Board of Directors for the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, Iranian American Jewish Federation, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association. He served as Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Governors for the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance and previously as Chairman of the Habib Levy Cultural and Educational Foundation and as a Member of the Board of Governors of the University of Haifa.

Nazarian was honored with Israel's Torch Lighting Ceremony on Mount Hertzl, a distinction usually reserved only for those born in Israel.

He is survived by his wife, Soraya; their four children David, Shula, Sharon and Sam, daughters-in-law Angella and Emina; sons-in-law Fernando and Matt; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandson. ●

DR. SHARONA NAZARIAN CORDIALLY INVITES YOU:

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12:00PM - 2:00PM
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Light food and refreshments will be served

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Vanity Fair Street Closures: Access to Local Businesses Maintained



Easy routes to Crescent Drive

FROM NORTH:

- ➔ South on N. Cañon Drive, left on Dayton Way, left or right on Crescent Drive
- ➔ South on Rexford Drive, right on Clifton Way, left or right on Crescent Drive

FROM SOUTH:

- ➔ Westbound on Wilshire Blvd., right on Crescent Drive
- ➔ Eastbound on Wilshire Blvd., left on Dayton Way

Parking Available

Self Park (1-hour free)
 10 – 333 N. Crescent Drive
 12 – 9361 Dayton Way

Pay as You Go Parking
 18 – 450 N. Crescent Drive

Self Park (2-hours free)
 1 – 345 N. Beverly Drive
 5 – 450 N. Rexford Drive
 6 – 438 N. Beverly Drive & – 439 N. Cañon Drive
 7 – 241 N. Cañon Drive & – 242 N. Beverly Drive

400 block of N. Crescent Dr. Closed Between N. & S. Santa Monica from March 15 - March 31, 2022
 More info at BEVERLYHILLS.ORG/VANITYFAIR



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

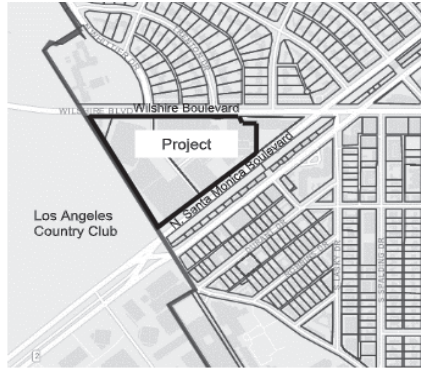
DATE: Thursday, April 14, 2022
TIME: 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: Meeting will be held in person at:
Commission Meeting Room 280A Beverly Hills City Hall
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Meeting will also be held via teleconference from the following location, where the public may also attend in person:
1200 California Street, Unit 21A
San Francisco, CA 94109

Members of the public may also participate via teleconference; details provided below

PROJECT **One Beverly Hills Overlay Specific Plan - Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Development Plan Review**



ADDRESS: 9876, 9900, and 9988 Wilshire Boulevard

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on April 14, 2022, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the following requests associated with the **One Beverly Hills Overlay Specific Plan Project**:

- **Vesting Tentative Tract Map:** Subdivide the project site into a 34-lot airspace subdivision with a maximum of 340 residential condominium units; and
- **Development Plan Review:** Development Plan Review approval is required for all common interest developments.

Approved Project Description: The One Beverly Hills Overlay Specific Plan Project was conditionally approved by City Council Resolution 21-R-13550 on June 8, 2021, and authorizes construction of the following:

- **Santa Monica Residences:** 162 residential unit, 499,806 SF, 32-story, 410' tall building.
- **Garden Residences:** 141 residential unit, 424,266 SF, 28-story, 369' tall building.
- **Wilshire Building:** 213,966 SF, 11-story, 124' tall building containing 37 residential units and 42 hotel rooms.
- **Promenade Structure:** 127,324 SF structure containing hotel/residential amenities and 30 accessory spaces that could be used for live-in staff housing or other accessory uses.
- **Beverly Hilton Conference Center:** Replacement of the Beverly Hilton existing conference center with a 37,562 SF, 31' tall conference center, including a publically accessible restaurant.
- **Beverly Hilton Enhancement Structure:** A 72,697 SF, 4-story, 20' tall structure containing restaurant/retail uses, 36 hotel rooms, and hotel support areas.
- **Parking Structure:** New 1,865-vehicle capacity multi-level structure located below project datum level.
- **Open Space:** 12.7-acres of overall open space, including 8-acres of gardens (4.5-acres publicly accessible).

Proposed Vesting Tentative Tract Map/Development Plan Review: The requested Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Development Plan Review are

subsequent actions pursuant to the conditionally approved One Beverly Hills Overlay Specific Plan entitlements. If approved, the subject property would be subdivided into 34 lots in a manner consistent with the project features described above and create residential air space lots that could contain a maximum of 340 condominium units. Accordingly, review of this subdivision by the Planning Commission will be limited only to the issues relating to the requested Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Development Plan Review, not the project features that have already been conditionally approved as part of the One Beverly Hills Overlay Specific Plan.

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIR): This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. The City Council adopted Resolution 21-R-13348 on June 8, 2021, certifying a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIR), which analyzes potential environmental impacts associated with development of the project consistent with the recently approved One Beverly Hills Overlay Specific Plan. The Final SEIR contemplated various future actions necessary to implement the Overlay Specific Plan, including approval of a subdivision map and related Development Plan Review. Staff reviewed the proposed Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Development Plan Review and determined that the requested entitlements, which serve to implement the approved project, were fully analyzed in the certified Final SEIR, and that no further CEQA review is required. The Planning Commission will consider the Final SEIR and staff's CEQA recommendation.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Andre Sahakian, AICP, Principal Planner**, in the Planning Division at **(310) 285-1121**, or by email at asahakian@beverlyhills.org. Copies of the project plans and associated application materials are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by contacting the project planner listed above.

Sincerely,
Andre Sahakian, AICP,
Principal Planner



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The Standardized Testing Dilemma: Expert Advice on College Admissions

BY ADAM STONE



The Courier's Guest Columnist **Adam Stone** has helped students navigate the world of undergraduate and graduate admissions testing as a test prep and academic tutor for more than 20 years. A graduate of Stanford University, Stone has also helped develop materials for prep companies and worked with school districts to bridge the gap between academics and measurement. Stone can be reached at www.adamstonetutoring.com.

As we emerge from the most restrictive aspects of a pandemic world, parents and students alike are cheering a return to normalcy in education. It seems, however, that not everything may be returning. When SAT and ACT testing sites were shut down by COVID-19 in March 2020, a class of applicants found themselves largely unable to provide test scores. Colleges were forced to accept a temporary paradigm shift in numbers-based admissions policies and drop the testing requirement. While the testing centers have since returned, it seems that testing requirements may not, a complicated decision sure to be met by mixed reactions.

Many parents are confused about the role standardized testing should play in their child's college admission process. That is understandable. Standardized testing has long been controversial as a tool for admission. I've always considered it a bit of a necessary evil, an attempt to make sense of an educational system that lacks cohesion. While universities in the United Kingdom can rely on GCSEs to evaluate students according to a national curriculum, our network of 50 different state educational systems and 35,000 private schools means tremendous disparity in curriculum and opportunity. Compulsory education without national standards means we are committed to educating everyone, but we don't educate everyone the same way. It makes for an incredibly challenging task of comparing students from different areas and experiences, leaving admissions officers to lean on the SAT and ACT.

Both exams attempt to correct the problem, creating scoring curves that allow schools to evaluate students according to a uniform standard, but they have faced accusations that the standard isn't a fair one. Anti-testing advocates contend that standardized tests tend to produce lower scores for students of color and those from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds. Testing advocates counter that those results are caused by differences in educational opportunities, not the tests themselves, and the disparity is not limited to testing alone. A study by Stanford's Center for Education Policy Analysis, for example, found that application essays are even more prone to income-based influence. Students with the advantage of help find ample room to use it throughout the process. In fact, it can be argued that a proctored room is actually the one place that a student cannot receive

immediate assistance.

When factors of race and socioeconomic status are taken into account, test scores can provide a valuable and uniform tool, but many admissions offices exacerbated problems by using it as a sort of low tide mark. Scores below a certain level automatically disqualified many students, even some with circumstances that merited further consideration. Race conscious admissions at schools like Harvard helped to address these problems even before schools went test-optional, raising admissions numbers for minority students and creating a more diverse campus population. Still, the removal of testing requirements changed the perception of what was possible, and the resulting application numbers were astounding.

Test-Optional Numbers

In the first application cycle of broad test-optional policies, numbers soared. Test-optional Harvard saw its applicants increase from 40,248 to 57,435, a 43% change. Stanford rose from 47,498 to 55,471. And while application numbers to the newly test-blind UC system actually fell slightly in 2020, they've rebounded with an increase of more than 30,000 new applicants to 203,842 this past fall. Without testing, the application process feels open to students who wouldn't have felt qualified in years past. The other side of that coin, of course, is that admissions rates have naturally plummeted. Incoming class sizes remain the same and occupy a smaller proportion of the applicant pool. It's become even more impossible to get into impossible schools. As many schools have committed to remaining test optional for the time being, those daunting numbers could be here to stay. And yet, this can actually be good news for both test takers and non-test takers alike. I've had a number of parents ask me a simple question over the last two years: should my child test? The answer is, unfortunately, more complicated: it depends.

Students will still need to strongly consider taking the SAT and ACT, as these exams now confer an even more important benefit. Schools are understandably reticent to release official data on the difference in admissions percentages for test takers and non-test takers. After all, they maintain that a student won't be harmed by declining to submit test scores. Privately, however, they tell a different tale, with a distinct advantage being conferred upon test takers. At a

prominent southern university, submitting test scores left students twice as likely to be admitted. This has been the case for many schools that went test optional years ago, and it's now playing out across a broader stage. According to Wes Hill of college counseling firm Wise World Prep, it's significantly harder to get into highly selective without test scores now that test optional policies have expanded application numbers. I had a number of students in the class of 2021 who were fortunate enough to complete their testing in the fall of their junior year, and I watched those students benefit in the admissions process when their classmates found themselves unable to submit scores. This benefit is unlikely to change, and for stronger test takers, the irony is that the removal of testing requirements just might provide an even bigger boost.

To Test or Not to Test

Why, then, don't I recommend testing for all? It comes down to time and value. While it's true that testing provides a huge benefit for many students, it has always hurt others. The removal of that low tide mark is tremendous news for the types of students who previously banged their heads against the wall in the pursuit of marginal score

improvements. If the SAT and ACT are no longer required, those students can quite simply find better ways to spend their time, ways that benefit their prospects without causing headaches and stress. While testing certainly conveyed benefits to certain students this past year, plenty of students were able to impress admissions officers and gain entry to the class of 2025 without them. If a student is unlikely to see a score that aids their academic profile, they should turn to other pursuits.

So, how do students and parents make that decision? Thankfully, the SAT and ACT help with the process with free testing materials. Students can take a diagnostic test, look at their results and their desired schools, and work with their parents or counselor to decide whether study and preparation are a worthwhile investment. That's a choice many students didn't have in the past, and hopefully one that will continue well into the future. While the elimination of testing requirements has certainly made life more difficult for admissions officers, it's allowed greater opportunities for students to reflect their best selves on applications, and that's a change we can all get behind. ●



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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The other person's account of the events in a relationship may differ substantially from your own. Be receptive to the other person's point of view.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is a lucky day to gather and acquire resources. You'll accurately estimate what you need, find the right price and get a lot of use from today's purchases.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A curious, experimental mood takes hold. You won't have to pursue it for long before you find yourself in a magical place. Perception alters the lighting scheme of the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Certain people require more of your patience. Or you can just ignore their thoughtlessness instead, and that's an act of compassion. Why take offense when no harm was intended? You have better things to think about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've fantasized about getting someone else to do the mundane work while you follow your creative whimsy. However, it's the mundane tasks that move your imagination. Being hands-on brings out your genius.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Normally you wouldn't gamble with what's precious to you, but there's a calculated risk that seems like it might be worth taking. Make sure you have good communication and a backup plan.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not like you to accept whatever life throws your way as though it's meant for you. You say what's meant for you. You think ahead; you take control. What you give will strongly influence what you get.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You could use some faith. While a naive abandon of thought process isn't your style, you could surrender your skepticism for a more practical reason. It's heavy. Traveling light is faster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's much to do and you'll be a leader, overseeing

the action. You already know one way to get the job done. To foster teamwork and innovation, encourage others to come up with solutions too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Colleagues and friends can provide some of your most meaningful competition, as their close vicinity is intensely motivating. Don't be afraid to share information but keep some for yourself too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is a sharing kind of day. What we share is inconsequential; it's the effort that matters. It's enough to appreciate being connected and let the particulars be what they are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Minefields just look like fields until something blows up. It's a good day to respect hidden history, read all the signs, follow all the rules and heed all the warnings.



This is Fabio, an 8-pound, 5-year-old poodle mix. Unfortunately, previous neglect has left Fabio with a permanent limp in his hind leg. Despite these challenges, he will still make a very sweet companion for the right person. If you'd like to adopt Fabio, please contact Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538. www.shelterhopepetshop.org



In response to concerns about crime and staffing shortages, BHPD has "doubled" its recruitment efforts. Photo by Samuel Braslow

(Recruitment continued from page 1)

The efforts have seen early results, with six officers joining the department this month and 16 candidates in the pipeline.

Trejo thanked the City Council for its support, but cautioned that candidates have a "long, hard road ahead of them."

"These are folks who started the process many many months ago. It takes a lot of time. And it really depends on each individual, their background, on the information that needs to be vetted," he said. "We're also very very picky as to who we hire for the City of Beverly Hills."

"Statistically, only a small percentage of those numbers will make it through the entire selection process, which includes the

academy and the field training," Trejo told the commission.

Processing each application takes a significant amount of time and energy, Trejo explained, especially for 16 candidates, which he described as a "very large number."

"We have two in-house background investigators and they have to process every one of those candidates," he said. "The challenge is, depending on each applicant's background, it may be a very busy and exhaustive background investigation. I've seen some of these investigators travel across the nation just to do a background on one person."

He added that the department hopes to streamline the process. In response to

questions from the Courier, Trejo said that the department "is outsourcing background investigations to assist with the workload created by screening new candidates."

The department is also looking at creative ways of attracting potential candidates. Traditionally, BHPD has taken out ads in magazines and promoted itself at job fairs. But Trejo described BHPD's new hiring strategy as "non-traditional," going to fitness fairs and NFL games. The department has even contacted the NBA to place a booth outside of basketball games, he said.

"I have a feeling that these efforts are going to quadruple pretty soon, the numbers will be coming in soon," said Trejo.

Mayor Robert Wunderlich also provided an update on the hiring spree at the Next Beverly Hills Committee City Council Liaison meeting.

"We have intensified our efforts at police recruiting and that is paying off," he told the committee. "An additional six officers are going to be joining our force in the next week or so, three coming out of the academy and three laterals and we will be continuing to intensify our efforts at recruitments so we can increase our force."

The hiring push comes on the heels of a spike of violent crime over the last two years. While the city has supplemented its police force with millions of dollars in private armed security, it has struggled to attract new talent.

Beverly Hills is not alone in facing recruitment troubles. The Los Angeles Police

Department strives to train 60 cadets per class at the Police Academy. The last four classes have had 40 or fewer recruits, with only around 30 recruits in the most recent class, department officials recently informed the Los Angeles Police Commission.

BHPD Chief Mark Stainbrook publicly addressed the officer shortage shortly after coming to Beverly Hills. When he first joined the department in December, BHPD was down by 20 officers—a number that rose to 15 shortly thereafter. At a town hall meeting that same month, Stainbrook attributed this deficit to natural employment cycles.

"When I first came on [as an officer], a lot of Vietnam veterans had become police officers and they were retiring in the 90s," he said. "We're in another 25-year cycle where you have so many retirements right now that we just have a lot less officers."

Trejo told the Courier that the deficit remains around 15 officers. "It is very challenging to keep up with attrition," he said. "One factor affecting these numbers is the fact many employees do not successfully complete training after they graduate from the academy and are sworn in."

Stainbrook provided an explanation for the hiring difficulty in a meeting with the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce. "Policing isn't the most popular profession right now, as you can imagine, so just the numbers of people that apply to be police officers has been dramatically reduced," he told the Chamber. ●

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BODY LANGUAGE

BY CHRISTINA IVERSON AND KATIE HALE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Christina Iverson is a crossword constructor in Ames, Iowa. Katie Hale is a stay-at-home mom in London, England. They met online two years ago. This is Christina's 11th Times puzzle and Katie's fourth, and their second Sunday collaboration. They say that for a complex theme and tricky construction, as here, "It's helpful to bounce ideas back and forth ... and nice to have a partner to motivate you to get it right." — W.S.

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In the span of seconds, they proceeded to break the store's window and snatch what they could from the front display. They fled on foot, abandoning the car they arrived in, which police later determined to be stolen, before entering a second car.

Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) Chief Mark Stainbrook acknowledged "community frustration regarding the crime" in its aftermath and said he would make himself available to "discuss with any person or group the reality of the current regional crime situation."

Stainbrook declined a request for an interview, citing availability issues.

Police immediately added a camera trailer, extra security patrols, and an "extra special watch from officers" to South Beverly hills after the incident.

BHPD Public Information Officer Lt. Giovanni Trejo confirmed to the Courier that one of the suspects had dropped a cellphone, though he could not provide an identity of its owner. As of press time, Trejo had no updates but said the department had "promising leads."

Wesley Aframian, a jeweler next door at Jewelerette & Co., heard loud banging when he looked outside to investigate. Seeing the burglary in progress and fearing his store could be next, he confronted one of the assailants as he ran by, pushing him into the street. The suspect dropped a few watches,

which Aframian returned to the store.

"The City of Beverly Hills has done so much to try to improve security. They can still go a step further, especially on South Beverly Drive," Aframian told the Courier.

In the immediate aftermath of the burglary, with chunks of tempered glass littering the sidewalk in front of the store, the Courier observed BHPD officers combing through the scene for clues. Store personnel soon brought out a broom and dustpan, while someone else sifted through the glass for jewelry that slipped past the burglars.

News of the burglary, propelled by cellphone video filmed by bystanders, spread rapidly online, eliciting sharp condemnation from officials. A video of the crime obtained by the Courier and shared on Twitter received nearly 100,000 views as of press time.

"This HAS to STOP!!! A Smash and Grab in broad daylight on south Beverly Drive! There MUST be consequences to crime!!! We MUST RECALL DA George Gascón!!!" Vice Mayor Lili Bosse posted on social media.

Mayor Robert Wunderlich and City Council candidate Andy Licht, who currently serves as the chair of the Planning Commission, also alluded to the ongoing effort to recall District Attorney George Gascón in their own responses.

"We have been and are continuing to add resources to counter the unacceptable regional crime situation, as we also pursue

political solutions," Wunderlich wrote on Facebook. Licht called for "more police patrolling our streets" and to recall Gascón.

As of press time, there is no evidence linking any of Gascón's policies to this specific crime. The County of Los Angeles has seen a rise in certain types of violent crime since his election in November 2020, homicides in particular. Crime has also risen nationally since the pandemic.

Councilmember John Mirisch took to Facebook to propose expanding the number of Mobile Command Centers owned by the city. The large, all-black vehicles look like futuristic Winnebagos and allow law enforcement to "manage public safety from anywhere in the city," Mirisch wrote. The city currently owns one.

"In light of the unique public safety challenges facing us, I'm proposing purchasing one or two more mobile command units, and have requested that the item be discussed at the next working City Council meeting," he said.

"The new Mobile Command Centers

would offer us flexibility and could serve as movable substations; they could be strategically deployed across the City as needed to deter crime and to stop crime in progress. Looking forward to this discussion as a matter of urgency and looking forward to hearing from our Chief how these units could help reduce crime."

Beverly Hills saw similar but unsuccessful attempts at smash-and-grab burglaries in the winter targeting Louis Vuitton and Saks Fifth Avenue stores. On Nov. 21, suspects using a sledgehammer failed to break through the stores' bullet-proof glass and fled the city empty handed. Other incidents around the same time proved more fruitful, with mass burglaries targeting The Grove and stores in the Bay Area.

Asked whether BHPD suspected connections to any other incidents, Trejo told the Courier, "Nothing is ruled out, to be honest, and everything is on the table." ●

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At its March 22 meeting, the board supported a reduction in single use plastic water bottles sold on campus, solicited volunteers to review school cafeteria food on the new Wellness Committee, and heard a COVID-19 update. Since adopting a "your mask, your choice" stance on March 12, the district reported one active positive case among all students, and four among staff on March 22. "Today is day seven of the optional masking, and we've not seen any indication at all that there has been an increase to our COVID-19 cases," BHUSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy told the board.

Bregy asked the community to save the date for the Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) class of 2022 graduation, which will be held June 3 at 9 a.m. on the Nickoll Football Field. In the spring of last year, he noted that staff were unsure in what capacity an in-person graduation ceremony could be held, if at all.

"I'm so glad that we are in a different place today because this is not only a rite of passage, but an area that we can celebrate the success of our students, our staff, and also our school district," Bregy said. "This is an amazing event."

School staff also announced that the food services department is recruiting volunteers in the district to be part of the new Wellness Committee, which is tasked with reviewing nutritional guidelines for food items available at school. The committee will evaluate current menu offerings, look at guidelines for reimbursable meals, and goals related to nutrition education and physical activity.

"We know that this is an area that has a lot of interest from our community, and so our goal here is to see who is interested," Bregy said.

Those interested in participating must email cafe@bhusd.org by March 25 at 3 p.m. and will be provided an application. The

committee will meet on April 6 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and April 30 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and then make recommendations to the board on how to improve wellness policy.

At the request of Board member Noah Margo, a discussion took place regarding the elimination of single use plastic bottles available to purchase in the cafeteria. "I think it's time for our city and our community to start putting practices in place that are protective of the environment," said Margo. "I am not calling for an all-out ban of plastic bottles immediately, but what I would love to be able to do is look into what that would entail."

Board members agreed with Margo, advising staff to bring more information regarding student access to water filters and implications on the existing food program before taking any official action.

Margo also requested that the Board discuss a potential resolution or additional bylaw to discourage governing board members from endorsing candidates in local elections. "We are in another election cycle this year, and people are asking each other all the time for endorsements," Margo said. "Who we vote for is our business and it doesn't dissuade people from voting who they vote for. But I think in a small community like ours, it starts to have the appearance of playing favors."

However, the idea was not supported by other members, and the discussion was brief.

"It is part of the political process, and it is each individual's right to endorse whom they like or whom they feel that they want to endorse, or to not endorse at all," said Board President Mary Wells said. "I think it's up to the individual, and I wouldn't want to interfere with that." ●

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ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED

3/9/2022, 11:15 a.m. at 100 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

3/6/2022, 9 a.m. at 9300 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

3/6/2022, 12:40 a.m. at N. RODEO DRIVE / DAYTON WAY

ASSAULT - SIMPLE

3/15/2022, 2:20 a.m. at 100 Block of S. ROXBURY DRIVE

3/9/2022, 9:57 p.m. at SUNSET BOULEVARD / WHITTIER DRIVE

3/9/2022, 11:32 a.m. at 400 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE

3/5/2022, 10:27 p.m. at 400 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE

2/22/2022, 9:19 a.m. at 8500 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

2/22/2022, 8:55 a.m. at 200 Block of REEVES DRIVE

BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING

3/22/2022, 1:46 p.m. at 200 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

3/17/2022, 5:46 a.m. at 100 Block of S. ROBERTSON BLVD.

3/9/2022, 12 p.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

3/2/2022, 5:15 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

2/28/2022, 6:40 a.m. at 300 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

2/27/2022, 4:32 a.m. at 8900 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

2/23/2022, 3:02 a.m. at 9900 Block of N. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

BURGLARY - FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

3/15/2022, 8:35 p.m. at 400 Block of N. DOHENY DRIVE

3/13/2022, 5:03 p.m. at 9400 Block of DAYTON WAY

3/13/2022, 12:22 p.m. at 400 Block of S. ROXBURY DRIVE

3/7/2022, 8:57 a.m. at 200 Block of N. SWALL DRIVE

3/7/2022, 2:28 a.m. at 100 Block of N. GALE DRIVE

3/7/2022, 2:20 a.m. at 100 Block of N. GALE DRIVE

3/6/2022, 9 p.m. at 200 Block of N. SWALL DRIVE

3/3/2022, 5:05 p.m. at 400 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

2/25/2022, 11:40 p.m. at 9800 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

2/24/2022, 12:17 a.m. at 400 Block of S. CANON DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (ACCESSED GARAGE ONLY)

3/20/2022, 8:20 a.m. at 300 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

3/7/2022, 11:43 a.m. at 100 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE HOME)

3/21/2022, 7:35 p.m. at 1000 Block of SHADOW HILL WAY

3/14/2022, 11:47 p.m. at 100 Block of S. ELM DRIVE

3/10/2022, 4:45 p.m. at 300 Block of REEVES DRIVE

3/7/2022, 8:30 a.m. at 300 Block of N. CRESCENT DRIVE

3/3/2022, 2 p.m. at 400 Block of EL CAMINO DRIVE

2/28/2022, 10 p.m. at 100 Block of S. OAKHURST DRIVE

2/28/2022, 12 p.m. at 100 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

DUI ARREST

3/21/2022, 1:06 a.m. at LOMITAS AVENUE / FOOTHILL ROAD

3/20/2022, 3:07 a.m. at WILSHIRE BOULEVARD / N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD

3/19/2022, 3:23 a.m. at WILSHIRE BOULEVARD / N. WETHERLY DRIVE

3/17/2022, 9:25 p.m. at N. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD / N. CRESCENT DRIVE

3/17/2022, 9:17 p.m. at N. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD / N. CRESCENT DRIVE

3/15/2022, 11:58 a.m. at N. WILLAMAN DRIVE / WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

3/13/2022, 11:38 p.m. at N. BEVERLY DRIVE / CARMELITA AVENUE

3/13/2022, 3:19 a.m. at N. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD / N. BEVERLY DRIVE

3/13/2022, 1:06 a.m. at S. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD / OLYMPIC BOULEVARD

2/27/2022, 3:53 a.m. at CARMELITA AVENUE / N. REXFORD DRIVE

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

3/23/2022, 7 a.m. at 600 Block of N. OAKHURST DRIVE

3/3/2022, 3:40 p.m. at 400 Block of N. OAKHURST DRIVE

2/23/2022, 1:54 a.m. at W. OLYMPIC BOULEVARD / S. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD

THEFT FROM COMMERCIAL BUILDING

3/9/2022, 5:26 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

2/21/2022, 7:14 a.m. at 400 Block of N. BEDFORD DRIVE

THEFT - GRAND

3/18/2022, 6:45 a.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

3/17/2022, 3 p.m. at 9500 Block of BRIGHTON WAY

3/16/2022, 3:47 p.m. at 400 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

3/14/2022, 11:15 a.m. at 9500 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

3/11/2022, 6 p.m. at 9500 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

3/9/2022, 6:05 p.m. at 8300 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

3/6/2022, 6:42 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

3/4/2022, 9:50 a.m. at 200 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

3/3/2022, 1:59 p.m. at 300 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

3/2/2022, 5:34 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

2/26/2022, 11:30 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

THEFT OF AUTO PARTS

3/5/2022, 11:30 p.m. at 100 Block of LASKY DRIVE

3/4/2022, 5:20 a.m. at 300 Block of S. DOHENY DRIVE

3/3/2022, 4:39 a.m. at 200 Block of S. DOHENY DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY

3/21/2022, 4 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

3/21/2022, 10:20 a.m. at 300 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

3/21/2022, 11:59 p.m. at 100 Block of N. CARSON ROAD

3/18/2022, 11:55 a.m. at 100 Block of N. HAMEL DRIVE

3/14/2022, 4:29 a.m. at 100 Block of COPLEY PLACE

3/10/2022, 1:41 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

3/10/2022, 10:05 p.m. at 200 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

3/7/2022, 6:24 a.m. at 400 Block of N. OAKHURST DRIVE

3/5/2022, 10:10 p.m. at 8500 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

3/4/2022, 6:44 p.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

2/27/2022, 1:40 p.m. at 9700 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

2/25/2022, 2:46 a.m. at S. ARNAZ DRIVE / CHARLEVILLE BOULEVARD

2/24/2022, 6:10 p.m. at 400 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

2/24/2022, 9:20 a.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

2/21/2022, 6:50 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY (FROM VEHICLE)

3/14/2022, 7:40 a.m. at 300 Block of S. ELM DRIVE

2/24/2022, 1:39 p.m. at 300 Block of S. ALMONT DRIVE

VANDALISM

3/21/2022, 6:26 p.m. at 500 Block of HILLGREEN DRIVE

3/17/2022, 6 a.m. at 8900 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

3/17/2022, 3:51 p.m. at 9400 Block of CHARLEVILLE BLVD.

3/14/2022, 11:15 a.m. at WILSHIRE BOULEVARD / N. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

3/9/2022, 5:10 p.m. at 200 Block of N. CRESCENT DRIVE

3/8/2022, 6:40 a.m. at 9000 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

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2/27/2022, 8 p.m. at 100 Block of N. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

2/26/2022, 2:17 p.m. at N. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD / ALTA DRIVE

2/25/2022, 1:20 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CLARK DRIVE

(Bond Program continued from page 1)

In an October study session, Blake reported to the board that the program was short by \$129 million, though TCDS recently put out a revised figure of \$89 million.

The delays and cost overruns have led to frustration among Beverly Hills taxpayers, especially those whose children attend BHUSD schools.

“During the entire elementary tenure of my children, they lacked clean bathrooms, adequate classrooms, a presentable cafeteria, and they didn’t benefit from the safe playgrounds or even an auditorium to graduate in,” said one parent, Daphna Hollander, in a public comment. “We put our trust in these board members and others, and unfortunately, we feel let down and lied to. My daughter is now in high school.”

Frustration among trustees has also grown since TCDS came on board in 2017, with members complaining about a lack of transparency on the part of Blake and TCDS.

“From the time that I’ve been on this board, and prior to that, sitting on the [Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee], I do believe that we have an issue with transparency and accountability when it comes to our bond construction program,” said Board President Mary Wells.

Over the course of TCDS’s tenure, Wells said that it has been “very difficult” to receive information from the bond manager “so that I can have the sufficient amount of information that I need as a board member to make an informed decision.”

Trustee Rachelle Marcus expressed concerns over TCDS’s monthly payroll costs, which she said, “amounted to \$268,000 for the month of February.” At that level, the firm would bill the district more than \$3.2 million for a year of work.

“I find that amount unbelievable,” Marcus said.

Marcus and others also raised concerns about the process through which TCDS received its contract with the district, saying that the five-year contract had not gone through the typical request process.

“Five years ago,” Marcus said, “there was no [Request for Proposals (RFP)] at that time. The agreement was negotiated with no competing bids.”

Board Vice President Noah Margo pushed back on this, saying that a request had been made in 2016. However, Margo acknowledged in follow-up questions from the Courier that TCDS had not submitted a proposal in 2016. Furthermore, the request put out in 2016 was for construction management services, not bond management services, which TCDS provides.

The school board already voted on Feb. 1 to put out a request for a new bond manager, with the TCDS contract due to expire on July 17. The vote on March 22 approved the language and specifics of that request. Both votes split along the same lines, with Margo casting the lone dissenting votes.

The request gives interested parties until May 23 to submit a proposal. It calls for submissions from firms with “extensive experience in construction of public-school facilities in California,” along with other relevant qualifications. It does not state when the board will make a final selection.

While TCDS is not barred from submitting a proposal of its own, Blake must first renew his contractor’s license to quality.

Halimi called for a restructuring of the

relationship between the board and the bond manager, whoever that may end up being. As currently structured, the bond manager reports directly to the Board of Trustees, which is charged with interpreting the reports and holding the bond manager accountable. But Halimi, addressing his colleagues in the letter, acknowledged his own limitations in performing that task.

“I, like all of you, am a part time volunteer and not a professional, full time board member. The onus is not and should not be on us as board members to be experts in construction management, forensic accounting, our property inspection and know exactly what reports to request and data to see and then chase the information we’re not getting,” he wrote.

The reports should instead pass through intermediaries with the right backgrounds and expertise to interpret and explain the data to both the board and the public, he said.

Margo, the only current trustee on the board when Blake took over as bond manager in 2017, made an impassioned defense of the bond program and Blake at odds with the rest of the board. Margo described the program as “unparalleled and recognized by every governing state agency involved in our projects.”

“They are a World Series Super Bowl championship team that we are on the verge of getting rid of,” he said.

An audit of the district’s bond management program covering fiscal year 2019-2020 praised BHUSD and TCDS as consisting “of highly experienced development professionals with a strong track record of successful completed projects.”

Margo said that architects, construction firms, and contractors working on the construction projects have all applauded “the success of the program.” Even members of the board had extended kind words to Blake as recently as December, with then-President Rachelle Marcus saying she “continued to be amazed at the complications and the unbelievable amount of work and the fact that it’s proceeding is amazing.”

“The decision that is about to be made by this governing body is perhaps the most dangerous and impactful decision I’ve ever been a part of,” Margo said, a mistake he attributed to a changing “narrative combined with a lack of understanding.”

Many of the arguments put forward by Margo were echoed by a [Change.org](#) petition circulating just before the vote. Though it only attracted a few dozen signatures, the petition, authored by Deena Wachtel, characterized the vote as “bear[ing] the hallmarks of a false flag initiative” and landed in the inbox of each member of the Board of Trustees. It was shared on social media by Laura Margo, the wife of Noah Margo and a commissioner on the Human Relations Commission.

“Have you decided they are just too expensive?” the petition asks. “Have you made any effort to discuss your concerns with TCDS? Going through an RFP and award process will definitively drive up costs and possibly durations for the construction efforts, so presumably cost is not your primary concern.”

Former board Vice President Tristen Walker-Shuman, who signed the petition, compared the cost overruns to gas prices.

“Let’s say you owned a business that

Pickleball Picks Up Steam at Beverly Hills Parks

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Pickleball courts at the La Cienega Tennis Center

Ever since pickleball was introduced as a pilot program in early 2020, data collected by the Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Commission points to a continued surge of interest in the sport. Pickleball is easy to learn and family friendly, combining aspects of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. With more people making reservations as additional courts are made available, the Commission heard updates at its March 22 meeting regarding operational challenges, equipment, availability of courts, and discussed how to share a space with multiple uses. After a March 9 survey was sent to all registered tennis and pickleball patrons, over 600 people responded with input on court preferences, recommendations for ideal pickleball court locations, and impacts from noise associated with the sport. Currently, the city offers pickleball at pickleball courts at the Roxbury Park Tennis Center and the La Cienega Tennis Center.

According to Matthew Brown, the city’s Recreation Services Manager, 125 resident pickleball players translated into over 5,000 court reservations, and 308 unique non-resident players translated to over 3,000 reservations spanning from March 2021 to March 2022.

After receiving public feedback and at the direction of Commissioners, city staff invested in six new sturdier nets that are easily portable to help better accommodate the sharing of courts between pickleball and tennis. The nets will be installed beginning March 28 for operational review.

relies heavily on driving and you allow for \$4.50 per gallon for gas and all the sudden the price per gallon goes up to \$6,” Walker-Shuman wrote. “Does that mean that you have planned poorly and are over budget? No, it means the price of the commodity has changed so you need to make adjustments like passing the price onto the consumer.”

Walker-Shuman also pointed out to the recent competition of the Beverly Hills High School buildings B1 and B2, which came in on time and under budget as proof of the success of TCDS.

“Trying to say that this means you’re over budget or have poorly planned or mismanaged is absolute gaslighting,” wrote Walker-Shuman, who resigned from the board in September following allegations that she misrepresented her residency status. “This push to replace TCDS and

Also starting March 28, two additional courts at Roxbury Park will be available, totaling four pickleball courts. The Roxbury facility will no longer be housing drop-in play and will instead be reservation based. “I think first and foremost, that will open up a great deal of court space,” Brown said. Additionally, courts 13 and 14 at the La Cienega Tennis Center will now be allocated exclusively for pickleball use, and not used as a backup court for those participating in tennis leagues.

Appropriate signage that outlines court etiquette will be installed at both the La Cienega and Roxbury courts next week. City staff will continue to research additional and potential alternate locations, such as school facilities and other city sites, and will explore expanding hours of operation. Noise impacts for both residents and players will also be evaluated by staff, as well as consideration of the fence height.

At Roxbury, courts are available to reserve on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and on Wednesday from 7 - 11 a.m. At the La Cienega facility, courts are available to rent Monday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. For residents, the fee is \$8 per hours, and for non-residents \$11 per hour.

To make a reservation, visit www.beverlyhills.org/pickleballrez or email Tennis@beverlyhills.org. To schedule a pickleball lesson, contact the Beverly Hills Tennis Pro Shop at 310-652-7555. ●

put out for an RFP is nothing more than propaganda.”

In his letter, Halimi acknowledged some of the unforeseen challenges faced by TCDS in executing the bond measures, namely “previously unknown oil well issues, COVID-19, inflation escalations, and the fact that we’re in the worst supply chain crisis of our lifetime.”

But Halimi, like other board members, could not accept these explanations at face value without clear data to back them up.

“In theory, we could have the best managed bond and construction program in the country, but [with] the data I have today, I haven’t been able to come to any conclusions,” he said. “But now, with the imminent expiration of the five-year TCDS contract, we have the opportunity to course correct and I believe we must take it.” ●

OBITUARIES

Joan Ina Soss 1936-2022

Joan Ina Soss, also known as Mrs. Soss to her many students of Beverly Hills Unified School District, passed away on Thursday March 10th after an 8 year long battle with alzheimer's. She will be dearly missed by her 3 children, 5 grandchildren, son-in-law, other family members and friends. Joan was born on January 22, 1936 and grew up in the Oak Park area of Chicago, with her father Jack, a lawyer, and her mother Ethel, a legal secretary and home maker. She got her infamous sweet tooth from her father, who sold home made candy to help pay for law school. If you ever saw Joan walking the halls of the Beverly Hills Schools you could be assured she always had a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup or an Almond Joy in her pocket.

Trading in the windy city for the sunshine state, she packed her bags and headed for a new life in California. She raised three incredible children on her own accord, working full time as a substitute teacher and a caring mom. One of the true joys of her life was spending time with her 5 grandchildren, who she helped raise, play with, feed candy to, and was always there for a good movie and bath time.

Her family refers to her as the kindest woman in the world; she didn't have a mean bone in her body. Although her life wasn't always easy, it was happy and she always had a smile on her face. She was a one of a kind mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, friend, teacher, storyteller, and all around incredible person. You will be greatly missed Nana Joan.

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

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS for the ON-CALL PAVEMENT REPAIRS within the City of BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA RFB 22-350-32

BIDS – Electronic Bids for the **ON-CALL PAVEMENT REPAIRS** within the City of Beverly Hills, California, will be received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., on **Monday, April 4, 2022** at via Planetbids. Bid results will be sent to all bidders through Planetbids and award of the contract will be made during a subsequent meeting of the City Council.

SCOPE OF THE WORK - The work to be done shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements, supplies and permits necessary for, or appurtenant to, the construction and completion of the project indicated above in accordance with Standard Drawings and the Specifications prepared for this project. In general, the project consists of asphalt and concrete pavement, curb & gutter, and general right-of-way repairs. The project is on-call, project lists will be provided with locations in Beverly Hills and West Hollywood. This project is a one (1) year contract with the option for the City to extend for another two (2) years in one (1) year increments.

The contract documents, including plans and specifications may be viewed and downloaded from the City's PlanetBids portal:

<https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=39493>

CITY CONTACT – Any questions or requests for information can be directed to the project manager, **Manu Paul S. Dhaliwal, P.E., through PlanetBids** no later than 12:00 PM, April 01, 2022.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION NUMBER – The Contractor is required to register with State of California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and meet requirements to bid on public works contracts. A Public Works Contractor Registration No. shall be submitted with the bid. All subcontractors are also required to register with the DIR.

BIDDER'S SECURITY: In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 20170 et seq., each Proposal shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check payable to the City, or a satisfactory Bid Bond in favor of the City executed by the Bidder as principal and an admitted surety insurer as Surety, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount set forth in the Bid.

In compliance with Public Contract Code Section 3300, the City has determined that the Bidder must possess the following license(s): "A"

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PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Witkin & Neal, Inc., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to that certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Claim of Lien (hereinafter referred to as "Lien"), recorded on 09/30/2019 as instrument number 20191026555, in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, and further pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded on 1/7/2020 as instrument number 20200017280 in said county and further pursuant to California Civil Code Section 5675 et seq. and those certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded on 3/18/1980 as instrument number 80-272387, WILL SELL on 02/17/2022, 10:00AM, Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 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(s) of said property is (are): J.K. SELZNICK, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property is purported to be: 1424 NORTH CRESCENT HEIGHTS, UNIT 29, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046, APN 5554-005-034. 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: \$17,965.64. 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 PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN "AS-IS" CONDITION. If you have previously received a discharge in bankruptcy, you may have been released from personal liability for this debt in which case this notice is intended to exercise the secured party's rights against the real property only. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: 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 this sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Website: www.nationwideposting.com using the file number assigned to this case: S19-11051. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com using the file number assigned to this case S19-11051 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the sale shall be subject to the following as provided in California Civil Code Section 5715: "A non judicial foreclosure sale by an association to collect upon a debt for delinquent assessments shall be subject to a right of redemption. The redemption period within which the separate interest may be redeemed from a foreclosure sale under this paragraph ends 90 days after the sale." Dated: 12/24/2021 Witkin & Neal, Inc. as said Trustee 5805 SEPULVEDA BLVD., SUITE 670 SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91411 (818) 845-8808 By: SUSAN PAQUETTE, TRUSTEE SALES OFFICER THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0398339 To: BEVERLY HILLS COURIER

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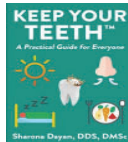
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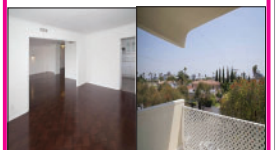
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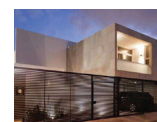
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