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2019 Massry Prize Ceremony is Oct. 26 in Beverly Hills

## The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Discusses Updates to Legislation

By Sandra Sims

The Courier caught up with Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Todd Johnson and Blair Schlechter, Vice President of Economic Development and Government Affairs, to discuss key legislation impacting the City of Beverly Hills business owners. The Chamber's Government Affairs Committee met Oct. 10 to begin the conversation about updates to legislation and local policies and will continue the discussion at their next meeting with a more in-depth focus on California Assembly Bill 5, which deals with the distinction between independent contractors and employees.

"This is a really critical law," said Johnson.

Johnson and Schlechter explained that there are two other Assembly Bills that have a significant impact on retailers in Beverly Hills. One is Assembly Bill 44 that bans the sale of fur products and the second is Assembly Bill 1561. The latter failed to pass, with a net result that the sale of alligator and crocodile skins will be banned as of January 2020.

"It's a big hit on some retailers," explained Schlechter.

Following is a summary of key pieces of legislation approved by California Governor Gavin Newsom, as well as bills that failed to pass. All have significant impacts

on business owners in Beverly Hills.

### Assembly Bill 5

AB 5 imposes limits on the classification of workers as independent contractors rather than employees by companies in the state of California. Unlike independent contractors, employees are entitled to greater labor protections, such as minimum wage, sick leave, worker's and unemployment compensation. The bill redefines the test for determining whether someone is an employee vs. independent contractor. A three-part test determines that a person will be considered an employee rather than an independent contractor unless (1) the hiring entity demonstrates that the person is free from the control and direction of the hiring entity in connection with the performance of work; (2) the person performs work that is outside the usual course of the hiring entity; and (3) the person is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business.

### Assembly Bill 44

AB 44, as Schlechter described, will impact some retail stores in Beverly Hills. The law will ban the sale of most new fur products in California starting in 2023. This is considered groundbreaking legislation to fight animal cruelty and promote animal welfare.

### Assembly Bill 1260

As of January 1, 2020, AB 1260  
(see 'COMMERCE' page 11)

## Skills Honed as a Librarian Help Nancy Hunt-Coffey Thrive as Assistant City Manager



Nancy Hunt-Coffey is now in her fifth month as Assistant City Manager.

By Laura Coleman

When Nancy Hunt-Coffey began working for Beverly Hills 11 years ago as the city librarian – technically, the Assistant Director of Community Services tasked with overseeing the Beverly Hills Public Library – she brought with her 20 years' experience of public service and an uncanny ability to quickly discern what it is people want and how to help them achieve it.

As Assistant City Manager, a role she has held since June, philosophically what she does now is not that different than the fundamentals of library science.

"A lot of the work that I think both [City Manager George Chavez] and I do is translation. We listen to what is important to the [City Council] and try to translate that into reality by working with the departments," she explained.

Hunt-Coffey is tasked with helping support Chavez to ensure that City operations run smoothly, in addition to providing oversight to select departments and working closely with the City Council.

Beyond organizing information to create reports (she keeps a list of "Council meeting follow-up" which she turns into actionable plans), tracking projects or fielding a bevy of questions from residents, staff, commissioners and members of the City Council, Hunt-Coffey is constantly working to help people expeditiously achieve the outcome they want by linking them with the relevant resources. It's a skill she honed while earning her Master's degree in Information Studies from UCLA and later while working for the City of Glendale in a variety of

(see 'NANCY HUNT-COFFEY' page 17)

## Judgment Against City of Beverly Hills Set Aside

By Ana Figueroa

A Los Angeles Superior Court judge has set aside a jury verdict that awarded damages to former Beverly Hills Police Lt. Shan Davis. The ruling comes after the City of Beverly Hills filed a motion in response to a July jury trial in the case of *Moreno, et al v. City of Beverly Hills*. That case involved four City employees who worked at the Beverly Hills Police Department. They alleged, among other things, claims for discrimination, harassment and retaliation.

The case was tried before a jury in July 2019. The jury returned a verdict in excess of \$1 million, including \$250,000 awarded to Davis. Subsequently, the City filed a motion known as a Judgment Notwithstanding the Verdict as to the harassment verdicts in favor of Davis as well as plaintiff Dona

Norris. In a ruling filed Oct. 11, the Hon. Elizabeth R. Feffer denied the City's motion as to Norris. The court found "the jury was presented with substantial evidence to support both Dona Norris' asserted bases for harassment, based on Dona Norris' sexual orientation and religious beliefs." Feffer granted the City's motion as to Davis, however. Her ruling observes, "there is no substantial evidence presented to support the jury's verdict in favor of Shan Davis on his harassment cause of action."

The judge ordered the verdict for Davis be set aside, the judgment vacated and judgment entered in favor of the City. "This rarely granted motion is certainly a victory for the City and the Chief," said City Attorney Laurence Wiener. Calls to plaintiffs' attorneys were not returned at press time.

## Southeast Beverly Hills Strategic Planning Looks to Urban Design

By Laura Coleman

The Strategic Planning Committee / Southeast Task Force took up the issue of urban design at its most recent meeting this week in the effort to revitalize the southeast portion of Beverly Hills. While the series of monthly meetings on just how to enliven the area is mostly just talk at the moment, the expectation is that City planners will work to codify the forthcoming recommendations following input from the City Council in order to engender real change.

By creating a distinct design flavor within the area, the southeast has the opportunity to transform into an iconic section of the city. From aesthetics to architecture and commercial signage and green space, the most

recent task force meeting touched on a variety of elements that can define an area. While the group did not reach consensus as to what the area might come to feel like – such as a village like Larchmont or its own entertainment district – what really evoked passions was the prospect of raising the density in the area to better support businesses.

"Unless you allow for higher density building...you're not going to revive that area," suggested one attendee.

However, with little support on the part of the City to ease height restrictions or encourage Transit Oriented Development projects around the forthcoming subway portal at Wilshire and La Cienega,

(see 'SOUTHEAST' page 13)

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# COURIER CALENDAR

## CULINA CAB FEST AND SUMMER BARBECUE

Through Oct. 19

**Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills**  
300 South Doheny Dr., Los Angeles

The Culina Cab Fest winds down with a sumptuous end of summer barbecue by Pitmaster and Guest Chef Jack Arnold of Snake River Farms and Big Green Egg on Oct. 19. The menu includes a Pronto Market Barbecue Buffet showcasing traditional favorites from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Also featured is a special à la carte dinner menu from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., including specialty dishes that will showcase Snake River meats, along with a selection of specially priced California cabs, specialty cocktails, local craft beers and non-alcoholic beverages.

For reservations, call 310-860-4000 or visit [culinarrestaurant.com](http://culinarrestaurant.com).



## ITALIAN WINE TASTING AND PASTA AT VIVIANE

Oct. 19

**Avalon Hotel Beverly Hills**  
9400 W. Olympic Blvd.  
Beverly Hills

The Avalon's poolside restaurant Viviane hosts Italian wine expert Giuseppe Paternoster of IVDC Wines for a tasting of fine Italian wines and fresh pasta from Chef Michael Reed. VIP entrance includes early admission at 6:30 p.m. for light bites and bubbles, a pasta-making demonstration with Chef Reed, and tastes from Giuseppe's private portfolio. General Admission begins at 8 p.m. for a four-course pasta tasting menu with wine pairing plus dessert.

Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/theavalon-hotel-presents-italian-wine-dinner-with-pasta-tasting-menu-tickets-74911928595>.

## FFANY "SHOES ON SALE FUNDRAISER"

Through end of October  
**October Shoe Shopping Benefits Cancer Research**

The Fashion Footwear Association of New York has once again chosen Cedars-Sinai Cancer as a beneficiary of the annual QVC Presents "FFANY Shoes on Sale" fundraiser program. Shoppers can pick from more than 70,000 pairs of brand name shoes, donated shoes and accessories at sale prices-at least half off-with a minimum of 80 percent of the purchase price benefiting breast cancer research and education.

The sale is live online at [qvc.com/ffany](http://qvc.com/ffany).

## LAST CHANCE FOR ANIMALS "GLAMOROUS HOLLYWOOD NIGHT"

Oct. 19

**The Beverly Hilton**  
9876 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills

International non-profit Last Chance for Animals (LCA) will host its 35th Anniversary "Glamorous Hollywood Night" themed gala Oct. 19 at the Beverly Hilton. The event honors prominent individuals who have made a positive impact for animals around the world. This year's honorees include actress and animal advocate Kim Basinger, who will receive the "Albert Schweitzer Award". Actress, model and activist Donna D'Errico will receive the "Celebrity Activist Award." Also, Gloria Butler, music manager and wife of Black Sabbath's Geezer Butler, will receive the "Sam Simon Award," named after "The Simpsons" co-creator and devoted supporter of LCA, the late Sam Simon.

For tickets and additional information, visit: [www.LCAnimal.org/Gala](http://www.LCAnimal.org/Gala).

## STAND UP! FOR MAIN STREET

Oct. 20

**Writers Guild Theater**  
135 South Doheny Dr., Beverly Hills

The theme of Public Citizen's all-star comedy benefit is "Fighting Corporate Power, One Punch (line) at a Time." The evening of standup will raise funds for the nonprofit consumer advocacy organization founded in 1971. The line-up includes Larry Miller ("The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Pretty Woman," "10 Things I Hate About You"); John Fugelsang ("Tell Me Everything," "CSI," "Just For Laughs"); Cristela Alonso ("Cristela," "Lower Classy," "The View"); Rondell Sheridan ("Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "Comics Unleashed," "That's So Raven"); Amy Anderson ("Chop-SHTICK," "Comics Unleashed," "Modern Family"); and Matt Kirshen ("Late Night with Jimmy Fallon," "The Jim Jeffries Show," "Last Comic Standing").

For more information and tickets, visit <https://publiccitizen.salsalabs.org/sufms/index.html>.



## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Oct. 20

**SABAN Theatre**  
8440 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills  
7 p.m.

Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin will launch the Distinguished Speaker Series of Southern California. The largest and oldest of its kind, the series (which takes place in five different venues) will also include President George W. Bush, Anderson Cooper, Homeboy Industries founder Father Gregory Boyle, Neuroscientist Dr. Robert Sapolsky, and explorer and best-selling author of "The Blue Zones" Dan Buettner. Audience members will be able to interact with Fonda and Tomlin during a moderated question and answer session at the conclusion of the event. The Distinguished Speaker Series is open to the public in subscription packages only. Remaining

series packages range from \$280 for a mini-series of four speakers to \$400 for all six evenings.

Subscriptions can be purchased online at [www.speakersla.com](http://www.speakersla.com) or call 310- 546-6222.

## BHPD BLACK AND WHITE GALA

Oct. 23

**The Beverly Hilton**  
9876 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills  
6 p.m.

The Beverly Hills Police Department's annual Black and White Gala features silent and live auctions, dinner and awards ceremony. This year, three community members will also receive awards: Beny Alagem, Giacomo Drago and Jeanne S. Marks. Live auction items include Day with the SWAT Team, a Day with the K-9 Unit, and for the first time, a BHPD Scenario Simulator Party for 12, and a Day at the BHPD Range with Range Instructor for 12.

For more information, call 310-550-4551 or visit [bhpoa.org](http://bhpoa.org).

## LATE NIGHT! STANLEY KUBRICK

Oct. 25

**The Skirball Center**  
2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Skirball Center is hosting a late-night celebration of the exhibition, "Through a Different Lens: Stanley Kubrick Photographs." The event will feature after-hours access to the galleries, a DJ, food trucks and a cash bar. Afterwards, a pre-Halloween special outdoor screening of the Kubrick classic, "The Shining" is in store for the not-so-faint-of heart.

For information, visit [Skirball.org](http://skirball.org).

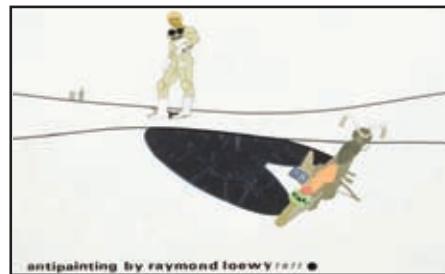
## CONCERT SERIES

Oct. 25

**The GRAMMY Museum**  
800 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles  
7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The GRAMMY Museum is launching City Sounds, a new concert series highlighting Los Angeles local music. Hosted at the Museum's Clive Davis Theater, each concert will feature several musical acts from a specific L.A. neighborhood, showcasing a different area at each concert. In honor of Filipino History Month, City Sounds will kick off featuring artists Apperson, Jessica Garcia, Ruby Ibarra, and Klassy from Historic Filipinotown.

For more information, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-sounds-historic-filipinotown-tickets-73492864135>.



## BONHAMS FALL 2019 MODERN DESIGN ART AUCTION

Oct. 27

**Bonhams Los Angeles**  
7601 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles

Renowned auctioneer Bonhams will present its fall 2019 Modern Design Art Sale featuring more than 400 lots. Pieces include mid-century artifacts, lighting and collectibles, fine art and modernist paintings, Mexican sculptures, studio pottery, French and Italian lighting, ceramics and glass pieces. Sale highlights include Tiffany Studios leaded glass windows from the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica and property from the iconic Cliff Hotel of San Francisco, including custom furniture by Philippe Starck, Salvador Dali, and Jean-Baptist Mondino. The sale will also include works by Dale Chihuly, Dieter Rams, Rene Lalique, Sam Maloof, Studio Job, and Beatrice Wood.

Following the live auction, a select number of pieces will be available online at [www.bonhams.com](http://www.bonhams.com).

## LOS ANGELES MUSEUM OF THE HOLOCAUST GALA BENEFIT DINNER

Oct. 30

**The Beverly Hilton**  
5:30 p.m. Reception  
6:30 p.m. Dinner

Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust will honor Josh Flagg, star of Bravo's hit series, "Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles," and Board member Patsy Palmer and her husband Arnold at its annual gala. Flagg is also a Board member and the grandson of Holocaust survivors. Television personality Melissa Rivers will host.

The program will include a preview, by USC Shoah Foundation Finci-Viterbi Executive Director Stephen Smith, of a Dimensions in Testimony interactive biography featuring Holocaust survivor Renee Firestone, who will also be present. The exhibit will debut in 2020 at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust.

For information, visit [lamoth.org](http://lamoth.org).

## WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS

Nov. 2

**L.A. Zoo**  
5333 Zoo Dr, Los Angeles  
7:30 a.m.

The Alzheimers Association California Southland is hosting a Walk to End Alzheimers at the L.A. Zoo. The walk will take place through the Zoo, where the animal exhibits will be open. There is no cost to participate. Funds raised will provide free, local support and care services as well as support advocacy at every level of government and research. The Alzheimer's Association is the country's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research.

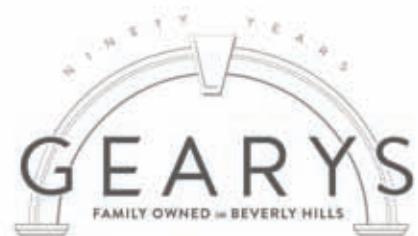
Register at the event or online at [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk).

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# NEWS

## 2019 Massry Prize Ceremony is Oct. 26 in Beverly Hills



Murray Pepper, Clive Svendsen, Vicki Reynolds, Shaul Massry

**By Laura Coleman**

With the recent announcement that the 2019 Nobel Prize in Medicine would be awarded jointly to professors William G. Kaelin Jr., Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe and Gregg L. Semenza for their discoveries of how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability, the total number of Massry Prize recipients that have gone on to win the Nobel Prize will soon be 20 – over 40 percent of all winners. The three scientists were last year named 2018 Massry Laureates.

Founded by Beverly Hills residents Meira and Shaul Massry in 1996 to recognize outstanding contributions to the field of biomedical sciences and the advancement of health, this year's Massry Prize Laureates, Professor Ryszard Kole and Dr. Stanley T. Crooke, will be feted on Saturday, Oct. 26, at a special program and presentation beginning at 9 a.m. at City Hall. The 2019 Massry Laureates, who will share a \$200,000 stipend, were instrumental in creating a new class of pharmaceutical agents, known as antisense drugs.

"This field has opened new horizons in the use of genetics in therapy. It really allows treatment of diseases which you couldn't treat before," said USC Keck School of Medicine Professor Emeritus Shaul Massry, a pioneer in the field of biomedical sciences who holds 14 honorary degrees in medicine from prestigious institutions around the globe.

By creating a new class of pharmaceutical agents to attack disease, the 2019 Massry Laureates pioneered targeting RNA molecules by creating "antisense" strands to either alter the function of the proteins they encode or eliminate the offending molecules entirely.

"Therapeutically, this may be the most exciting area over the next 10 years," predicted Massry Prize Committee member Clive Svendsen, who heads up Cedars-Sinai's Svendsen Laboratory specializing in regenerative medicine. "This technology is a tool to modify the output of any gene."

Svendsen is one of the six members of the Prize Committee who pared down this year's eight finalists to Kole and Crooke. Each year after selecting a field that is at the forefront of medical research and finding the leaders in the field, the committee is tasked with determining the prize recipients.

"It's a new era of therapeutics," Svendsen said of the antisense therapeutics, which have the potential to treat brain disease, heart disease or any type of cancer by ef-

fectively using the technology to target cells.

When the idea was first talked about 40 years ago, the scientific community was skeptical given that RNA molecules were known to be remarkably unstable. However, Kole and Crooke persevered to overcome these issues and drive the field forward.

In diseases such as Duchenne muscular dystrophy there are errors in how specific proteins are made from the RNA. Kole discovered that short segments of new RNA added to a cell could avoid these errors and produce the normal protein. He was able to take these findings from his laboratory and into clinical trials and subsequent approval of a number of drugs by the FDA.

At the same time another pioneer in this growing field, Dr. Crooke, had been working on similar approaches to using antisense oligonucleotides as drugs. Building on Kole's work and extending it to other diseases, Crooke similarly realized he needed to create a company to move forward to develop "antisense oligonucleotides" as therapeutic drugs to further create a new sector of the pharmaceutical industry. Using the technology, Crooke founded Ionis to develop antisense medicines and has been able to create an entirely new class of therapeutics.

"Drs. Kole and Crooke are both extraordinarily creative scientists and classic entrepreneurs; they are outstanding examples of scientific creativity and ingenuity clearly deserving of the 2019 Massry Foundation Prize," stated the team responsible for selecting the recipients.

Now in its 23rd year, the upcoming Massry Prize program at City Hall will include welcome speeches by USC Keck School of Medicine Dean Laura Masqueda and UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine Dean Kelsey Martin, in addition to presentations about their work by Kole and Crooke.

Three-time Beverly Hills mayor Vicki Reynolds recalled how she was approached by Dr. Massry during her second term as mayor in the 90s with the prospect of having the awards ceremony take place at Beverly Hills.

"We were delighted to do it," recalled Reynolds, who along with her husband, Murray Pepper, are on the Massry Prize Honorary Committee. "[Dr. Massry] was looking for prestige from the city and it's come to be that the city derives prestige from the prize. It was mutually meaningful."

## Employees Honored for Innovation

**By Ana Figueroa**

The City of Beverly Hills held its annual Innovations Day on Oct. 14 at the Wallis Center for the Performing Arts. "Innovations Day is the annual professional development day for our employees," City spokesperson Keith Sterling tells the Courier. "In the past, we've featured several keynote speakers, but in recent years have added the community service component to encourage giving back. This year, we also had a performance by the cast of The Groundlings Theatre," said Sterling.

The annual "Employee Excellence Awards" is part of Innovations Day and recognizes those who have contributed significantly to the organization's success. Awards are given out in three categories: Outstanding Job Performance, Bright Idea and Exemplary Customer Service. Nominations for the awards were made by city employees and evaluated by a committee. Honorees this year worked with community services such as the Beverly Hills-based pet rescue and animal hospital charity, The Amanda Foundation

as well as letter writing for Operation Gratitude.

The Courier congratulates the employees recognized in the following categories:

### OUTSTANDING JOB PERFORMANCE:

Stephanie Murillo, *Community Development Department*  
Sean Smollen, *Police Department*  
Kristin Buhagiar, *Community Services Department*  
Joe Evans, *Human Resources Department*

### BRIGHT IDEA:

Lema Kebede, *Information Technology Department*  
Lieutenant Elisabeth Albanese, *Police Department*

### EXEMPLARY CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Debby Figeni, *Public Works Department*  
Howard Hayes, *Public Works Department*  
Stephanie Murillo, *Community Development Department*



Left to Right: Ashley Ortiz, Daniel Martinez, Kirsten Rowe at the Amanda Foundation.



Left to Right: Christopher Lee, Sharmin Allidina, Falguni Desai, Raymond Ngaw at Operation Gratitude.



On Oct. 3, New York Times best-selling author Lori Gottlieb, participated in the Beverly Hills High School PTSA Fall Book Salon to a sold-out crowd. Julie Goler, BHHS Honors English teacher and private book group facilitator, moderated the event and the salon was chaired by Margaret Levy and Rebecca Javidzad.

Pictured from left to right: BHHS PTSA Co-Presidents Jeannine Ramer, Melissa Stein, Lori Gottlieb, Julie Goler, and Margaret Levy.

# NEWS

## Forum on Shared Mobility Devices at Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce

By Sandra Sims

Shared Mobility Devices were the hot topic at the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee on Oct. 10. Government Affairs Committee Chair David Mirharooni moderated the forum, which featured a discussion with representatives from several companies specializing in the shared mobility market, including Morgan Roth (Bird), Karla M. Ownwanne (Lime), Douglas Curl (Spin) and Tom Schreiber (Perch). Blair Schlechter, Vice President of Economic Development and Government Affairs, tells the Courier that the majority of the company's representatives focused their comments on the use of scooters and Perch shared that its company provides charging areas for scooters. City of Beverly Hills Public Information Officer Keith Sterling told the Courier that there is currently a ban in Beverly Hills on the use of shared mobility devices; however, there is a City study session scheduled for Oct. 29 to consider a potential pilot program.

Schlechter explained that the Committee decided to take up the issue of shared mobility devices because business owners had expressed interest in learning more about the subject matter. He stated that questions from business owners included how to handle people riding scooters on the sidewalk, how to ensure that scooters are parked in appropriate places, and how not to block pedestrian walkways. "Some of the companies have new technology that they are working on to educate people about safety," he explained. This technology includes safety

tips on company apps that users can access on phones and other smart devices.

Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Todd Johnson noted that scooters seem to be particularly prevalent in areas like Santa Monica and around UCLA. He pointed out that the safety issue is the biggest challenge that the Beverly Hills community has with these shared mobility devices. He said that companies specializing in these devices are now beginning to address some of those concerns. "It's a neat alternative for transportation," said Johnson, "If the city is set up to accommodate scooters, it would work."

Schlechter stated that the shared mobility companies talked about innovative changes that they are making with the aid of technology, such as the ability to track scooters by geographic region, record their speeds, and remotely decelerate them to ensure that riders are within the speed limits. He also shared that the companies discussed their outreach initiatives such as providing free helmets to users.

The mobile share representatives provided interesting information such as the fact that many of the scooter users are 30 years old and older. They also emphasized that scooters help to reduce traffic congestion by providing an alternative means of transportation, particularly for those with shorter distances to travel. The discussion also addressed how additional bike lanes for scooter users might contribute to safer use.



Rob Roche has been appointed Vice President, Business Development at Beverly Hills Conference & Visitors Bureau and will oversee the organization's sales efforts both domestically and internationally. Roche has over 20 years of experience working for a variety of luxury hotel brands such as: St. Regis Hotels & Resorts, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, Rosewood Hotels & Resorts, The Peninsula Beverly Hills and Belmond El Encanto.

### Obituary

Jill Berliner, Talent Manager Jane Berliner, and Photographer Alex Berliner. She was blessed with three grandkids: Sara Sigman, Bram Sigman and Lillian Berliner.

Mark Freeman was Janet's second husband and with him she gained a stepdaughter Honoria. The couple traveled widely discovering different cultures and languages and expanding their appreciation for art. It was while married to Mark that Janet attended Beverly School of Law. After passing the California Bar Exam, rather than working for fees, Janet helped people in need with Family Law, including a number of people affected by the AIDS crisis.

Janet had many cousins, nieces and nephews, both blood and "kissing." She remains "Auntie Janet" or "AJ" to those who loved her.

Janet was funny and chic. She loved horses, good grammar, a glass of scotch and literature. She passed quietly at daughter Jill's home just shy of her birthday overlooking Lake Tahoe.

**Janet Marcia Hammerman**  
11-2-32 to 10-15-19

Born in Chicago to Bernice Wolf and Joseph Hammerman, sister to Babette, June and Richard, Janet moved to Los Angeles to live with her father at age 13. She attended Beverly Hills High School where she made lifelong best friends, Gloria Shimer (nee Kopman) and Gayle Prince (nee Schlanger). While attending UCLA she met Alan Berliner. They eloped and had three children raised on South Bedford Drive in Beverly Hills: Attorney



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# THE SCENE

## amfAR Gala at Milk Studios

By Carole Dixon

The tenth annual amfAR Gala Los Angeles at MILK drew celebrities and supporters Alan Cumming, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Lea Michele, Paris Jackson, and Eva Longoria. The event paid tribute to world-renowned art dealer Larry Gagosian and Academy Award winner, founder and CEO of goop, Gwyneth Paltrow, who were presented with amfAR's Award of Courage in recognition of their commitment to charitable causes including the fight against AIDS. Paltrow commented, "I feel positive

that in our lifetime the disease will be eradicated."

Featuring Perrier-Jouët Champagne and signature Absolut Elyx Vodka cocktails, plus food from Lucques, the black-tie dinner and auction benefit culminated in a special performance by Christina Aguilera. The event raised more than \$1.6 million for amfAR's lifesaving HIV/AIDS research programs.

Dan Bucatinsky and Don Roos presented Gwyneth Paltrow with the amfAR Award of Courage, speaking about "her capacity for love, and generosity, and

courage" in all aspects of her life. In her acceptance speech, Gwyneth Paltrow shared her appreciation for receiving the honor, and said she will continue to strive to live with courage and to support causes that make the world a better place.

Others in attendance included Christine Chiu, Eva Chow, Brad Falchuk, Lukas Haas, Cheyenne Jackson, Victoria Justice, Gilles Marini, Alexander Von Furstenberg, Rumer Willis, and Parson James who performed on stage with only one day's notice.



Gwyneth Paltrow said that she was "humbled, undeserving and appreciative" of the honor.



Eva Longoria said, "We need compassionate people keeping a spotlight on the issue."



Paris Jackson and boyfriend Gabriel Glenn



Gwyneth Paltrow, Dan Bucatinsky and Don Roos.



Christina Aguilera performed her hit "Lady Marmalade."



Event Chair EJ Johnson whose father is Magic Johnson



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Michelle Stuart Highlights Extinction at Marc Selwyn Fine Art



"Extinct: Tulip" (2019) by Michelle Stuart

By Laura Coleman

You'll be hard-pressed to figure out exactly how artist Michelle Stuart creates her lumigrams, a new photographic technique she invented that looks startling like a painting. A selection of these curious and compelling new works are part of Stuart's show, "The Earth as a Map of Time," currently on display at Marc Selwyn Fine Art through Nov. 2.

"Perhaps she'll tell you," the eponymous gallery owner Marc Selwyn tells the Courier. "She won't tell me."

When later asked, Stuart, who was born in Los Angeles in 1933, immediately starts laughing. It's a question "everybody" asks her.

"It is a photographic method, but it's playing with light," she says simply. "I just

started playing, and that's what happened. Last year I was doing these experiments and I came upon this method, where you take [light] away, then you diminish it, then you accelerate it."

The result of these playful pursuits is a series of powerful botanical works presented as diptychs where something has been noticeably shifted to highlight extinction. The works have proven to be timely, although Stuart pointed out that she's been producing extinction-themed artworks for years, as have other artists and writers for decades before she began.

"I've been doing work on extinction since the beginning of the 90's, and nobody's paid any attention," she mused. "It's really something that people want to shove under the table."

But perhaps bolstered by having a U.S. president who denies that climate change is happening and the increasing recognition that the changes are progressively "dire," Stuart surmised that her work on extinction is now being viewed with a nuanced degree of respect.

"The best I can hope for is to draw attention to the climate crisis," she said.

Known for her rich and diverse practice, including site-specific earth works, frottage, drawings, paintings, sculpture and photographs, Stuart's work has always centered around her lifelong interest in mankind's relationship to the natural world. In addition to the lumigrams, the current exhibition now in Beverly Hills features several of Stuart's works on paper from the 1970's. Those works, displayed in Selwyn's main gallery, are all of rubbings of the earth, in which the landscape and paper support combine to create an image and a record of the site where they were made while revealing the subtleties and textures of the land.

"Her big contribution was she merged drawing and the landscape," Selwyn said. "In a way it's like a primitive photograph of the earth."

A pioneering figure in the Land Art movement – and one of the few women artists actively involved in making outside art when she first began working in the 1960's – Stuart's career has always centered on the landscape. Her rubbings of the earth's surface, where she would grind earth or asphalt or other natural media

onto muslin backed handmade paper, are each unique. They capture a moment in time, be it the trail from the recent jaunt of a squirrel or how the wind has scattered the sand. One of the most powerful pieces in the exhibit, "16D - Off Route 28, 1974," where the blackness of the rubbing is punctuated by misshapen white dots, presumably little rocks upon the earth, is reminiscent of the night sky. Indeed, Stuart has always been captivated by the cosmos.

"I had the land, I didn't have the moon," she said of her desire to draw the moon's surface.

Growing up in California was a profound source of inspiration for Stuart. She recalled traveling in the desert with her father, "back when you got out to nowhere pretty fast," to go hiking and being very moved by the landscape. After graduating from art school, she worked for a time as an assistant to Diego Rivera in Mexico, in his older age, helping craft murals, before moving to Europe. She eventually settled in New York, where she has spent the bulk of her adult life.

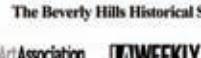
A lifelong environmentalist and avid collector of botanical specimens with an unflappable interest in the cosmos and extinction, Stuart is actively working on creating new lumigrams, in addition to a memoir. Currently, she said she is working on a large photographic piece about space and time.

"We're so lucky to have art," she said. "Art has the power to do everything."



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# COURIER CONNOISSEUR

**Ron Robinson**

**The retail legend embarks on a new beginning after 40 years at famed Fred Segal**



Ron Robinson

**By Carole Dixon**

Ron Robinson has been an integral part of the iconic Fred Segal Melrose building since 1978 when he opened the doors to his namesake business, and prior to that during a decade long stint as a salesman, buyer and vice president for Segal himself and the brand. The rest is retail history. The company flourished with the unique global home gadgets and finds to fashions and fragrance that Robinson curated and created under his talented and discerning eye during buying sprees abroad. The international creative collective was born and continues to flourish with a second stand-alone store in Santa Monica but after over 40 years, Robinson announced just this week that he was stepping down from retail brick and mortar altogether. Starting in early 2020, an online business will take over, but not before a series of unprecedented collaborations and a farewell event that you won't want to miss. The Courier sat down with Robinson on the patio of Mauro's Café behind his Melrose stores for his first interview about the sudden transition and the next phase of his journey.

**You've just made a big announcement. Tell us what this means for the future of your brand?**

My next journey in my life is going to be moving on from retail. That doesn't mean I'm retiring. It means I'm transitioning and saying farewell to my retail stores. This is my farewell tour.

This is nothing that I came up with tonight or yesterday. This decision was years in the making. The recognition we've received in this business has been fantastic. If I found the right person who wanted to buy it that would have been one thing but the leases were coming up and timing was important. It wasn't the time to sign up for another 5-10 years. They pleaded but it's just time. It's about the purpose of time. I needed to make that decision. I'm doing it my way and I wanted to go out on top. I want to make a statement and I want to be bold.

**Many people will be in shock. Do you think this is a sign of where retail is headed?**

Retail has always been challenging. I don't see this as being any different than it was before. Of course, there were dif-

ferent challenges in 2008 but I remember standing right here on the patio when the Beverly Center was opening and I was talking to Ron Herman (another pioneering retailer at Fred Segal) and we said, 'what the [expletive] are we going to do?' They are taking up a block and our business is going to go away. But here we are and it's ok. It's ok because if your mindset is losing you will lose. If your mindset is, 'how do we take that challenge and how do we work around it?' That is what I look for. I don't want to get wrapped up into that circle of what's happening with other stores that are closing. If you look at them, they are closing for other reasons, they didn't run the books right, expanded too soon, whatever. People love drama. And the hardest part for me is to separate myself from that. I built it. I had a dream I'm so fortunate my dream came true and I want to do what's next.

**What's the next chapter in your life look like now?**

Next is my life with my wife and my family. The online business will take its own pace. The Apothia will stay in all the stores we have around in the U.S. from Barney's to The Montage resort.

The apparel is transitional, men, women and kids. We used to buy for the store. We are not buying for the stores anymore or doing it that way.

We do know that Apothia always sells. Here is where the personal artistic thing stays. Stacy, my wife of 27 years, came up with an idea. When we are out traveling, and we see an awesome piece we say that we should get that and bring it in. I love doing that.

**So, it's still the Ron Robinson curated vision and eye but maybe a one off rather than a line of items?**

For now, but to be honest I have not focused on how we are going to do that. It is just as hard to unwind as it was to start the business. There will be RonRobinson.com and you can get some of your favorite things from Kilian perfume or the cool ice-cream scoops or a floating light but some of your favorites won't be there.

I can't think of much in the apparel world that we are going to carry. If I find a cool leather jacket, that might be there. But I'm not going to carry a collection.

**Is this why you wanted to have this round-table discussion at the LA Mart / The Reef this week?**

I've been going there for years and years. They currently have a lot of places where I go for home design items. There has been a transition – the California Apparel Mart has been reducing showrooms and the LA Mart is increasing showrooms.

Karen Meena [vice-president of buying] and my wife Stacy [vice-president of operations] are really responsible for a lot of what we do. Yes, I'm the director and it's my name on the door, but they do a great deal and I want to represent them as well.

I wanted them to invite students from FIDM [Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising] because they want to know how we did this. And, how can I tell you that this is a good thing to do?

My goal at this point in my life is to share the information and pay it forward as best I can.

**What is some of the advice that you are giving to younger people going**

**into retail?**

Number one is to identify your customer. Whatever you do, it has to be fun and make it so that you enjoy it. At the same time, if you're a retailer or making something and you think it should only be shaped a certain way, you may lose. You might have to adjust that shape or change a bit of what you're doing. You have to have some flexibility.

**At this time of your life, do you think of what you would have done differently?**

I've done a lot of things. I think about that answer because I've made mistakes, we all do. Those have been learning experiences. But I'm so pleased with so many things I've done. Over all I would have been bolder.

**What do you mean by bolder? In what way?**

There is a boldness to putting yourself out there. Asking for something beyond what might be available. Bold in the way of speaking about who you are. I might have been a bit hesitant to talk about what we do. I never talked about what I was responsible for or what I brought first [to the marketplace]. I just liked doing what I did and figured people would recognize it. But in this world, they don't.

**Can you give us an example?**

We never bought anything that was tested on animals. It always has to be environmentally safe. This was 35 years ago. But my assumption was that people would just know that even if I was not outspoken about it.

Then this other company comes out from the UK and their headline was 'we do not test on animals.' They did it so hard that it seemed as though others did test on animals. The customers would start asking.

**Well you are you going out with a bang now.**

We are planning in early 2020 that we will say farewell to retail in L.A. as brick and mortar stores. We are not having a sale. We are not doing this because we are bankrupt or lost our lease. As a matter of fact, we are about to have some of the biggest collaborations ever in many years.

**Tell us about some of your farewell collaborations?**

Starting Nov. 11, we are having a collaboration with Snapchat. They are launching fashion eyewear called Spectacles 3. They selected five stories in the world to be part of this launch. You can try on the glasses and try the designers all at the same time in London, Dubai,



An early image of Ron Robinson



Ron Robinson store at Fred Segal



Ron Robinson 40 year anniversary event.

Osaka and here.

We are also bringing in signed limited-edition books signed by Patti Smith and Lyn Goldsmith. Then we are bringing in pictures of the McCartney family photos. Polaroids taken by Linda McCartney, signed by Paul McCartney.

Missoni contacted us again to reinvigorate the [current] program. I went to Milan and met with Rosita Missoni who is so lovely and wonderful and after our meeting she invited me to lunch at her home. They are launching a new store in NY and Miami that we are getting them candles for. The vessel jar that we make is hand-decorated and we only make 3 out of 20. 17 are destroyed. That's what we have to do to get them right.

**You are always so active, do you think you will get bored?**

I recently had my 70th birthday party, but I feel like I'm 24 yet how can I sign up for another five or 10-year lease at 75 and say I'm still interested?

What kills me the most is I'm leaving

a facility that is so beautiful and I love it. That's part of what I have to do to be honest. And I'm leaving beautiful people, but we will have get-togethers. Those are the hard parts.

I'm never going to use the word closing or retiring. I'm still going to have the Apothia, and my website, but I'm changing my life. This is about a personal lifestyle. Of course, I want to make more money, who doesn't? The focus is about doing something I want to do because I can. I want more family time. This is my exit strategy and I want to do it so it's remembered in a positive way. I didn't do this on the fly, but, "I did it my way" to quote Frank Sinatra.

**Tell us about the final party?**

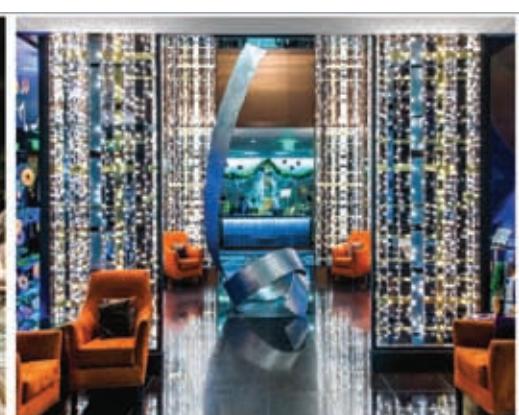
We are going to have a holiday celebration to say thank you for being a part of our journey. We are calling the event 'A Happy Ending.' So, come and have a happy ending with us. I hope you all remember it and had a good time.

**What are some of your favorite Beverly Hills Memories?**

We love Maestro's – Stacy loves the food it's always great.

We like Avra. We can't afford it, but we really love it! We can only do it once a year. We started eating at the one in New York. And we joke: did you bring enough money?

We love an easy casual place that we can enjoy like the top of Barney's at Fred's. It was beautiful just before sunset and we sat outside on the patio. Stacy had grilled salmon and I had an omelet, it was just delicious. The people there could not have been nicer or more accommodating and that makes the difference. We need more people that are good, nice and kind.



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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Wellness Spas are the New Face of Beauty in Beverly Hills

By Carole Dixon

Traditional beauty and medi-spas are slowly transforming into wellness centers where bio-hacking (manipulating your environment) is the norm and LED color light therapy is used more for injury than post-facial injections.

New to the RoxSan medical building on Roxbury and Santa Monica, AuraSpa Healing Center is an anti-aging medi-spa that encompasses a unique holistic approach to recovery and wellness through treatments such as LED Light, Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber Therapy, IV Drips and more.

In an area with a dense concentration of medi-spas, what is AuraSpa bringing to

### Turn on the Red Light

One such option that is taking center stage is the LightStim LED bed. While LED is nothing new for facials, this device looks like a high-tech tanning bed that you lie on for about 45 minutes while the light therapy goes into effect on your entire body, rather than just your face.

According to Dr. Talei, "It gives direct contact energy to the body. We know from prior research that LED has a substantial effect on chronic back pain. Using the device more and more we have noticed a greater variety of benefits, which include a decrease in inflammation, reduction of anxiety, improved healing and more rapid healing times."

And, the sporting world has taken notice of the recovery benefits of LED treatment as well. "Athletes have been

using hyperbaric oxygen, LED and cryotherapy (cold therapy) treatments to speed healing of injuries and help reduce overall body inflammation. They are so excited about these treatments that many have purchased these devices for use in their own homes," said Dr. Talei.

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Aura spa reception

the beauty and wellness landscape?

"Our spa is considered a healing center based on the elements of air, water and fire," Dr. Ben Talei, MD, FACS tells the Courier. "We use a combination of homeopathic treatments to give our patients superior forms of natural healing. We love to employ a combination of hyperbaric oxygen, infrared LED light therapy and IV hydrational therapy or hydrating skin treatment."

What they are noticing, is patients are seeking more natural treatments and homeopathic remedies overall. "Our Auraspa healing center gives them proven options that will improve body health and healing," said Dr. Talei.



Aura spa light stem

### Sign of the Times

If there was any doubt that wellness has shifted into the mainstream beauty world, the former 'red carpet' spa at the Beverly Hilton hotel has morphed into the futuristic Upgrade Labs.

Just off the palm tree-shaded pool, Upgrade Labs is a new health and fitness center offering high-tech "biohacking" experiences for the brain and body. Founded by Dave Asprey of Bulletproof, the Santa Monica based coffee and dietary supplement company, who is also known in the industry as the "Father of biohacking."

The Recovery side of the operation features a full-body cryotherapy machine where your head is also enclosed as this

will expose about 60 percent more nerve endings and in turn, jolt your immune system, lower inflammation, increase circulation plus help with sleep. "With cyro, we are simulating temperature response. You will be freezing for a few minutes but if you can tough out the cold you will get all of these benefits from it," manager Chris Heihn told the Courier.

If you don't want to submerge your entire body into a freezing cold chamber, similar benefits are achieved with localized cyro treatments that target the foot, knee or arm.

Chronic pain and inflammation seem to be the buzz ailments at the moment but how did these treatments become the must-have spa accoutrements? "A lot of it has to do with people realizing that health care and nutrition is sometimes not enough, so they are searching for alternative methods through biological responses [delivered by] technology, temperature or light therapy. Bio-hacking is anything that you can do to change your environment inside or out and see improvements," said Heihn. Other benefits

reported are mental clarity and quicker recovery time which the lab is finding the best way to save time and achieve those results quickly by using technology.

Detoxing therapies at the lab start with an Infrared sauna that heats up to 175 degrees, the Ozone steam sauna with oxygen or The Big Squeeze compression pants and jackets that stimulate blood flow and move the oxygen around in the body.

PEMF uses pulse electro-magnetic field therapy to charge your body's cells like a battery which promotes bone healing and circulation to injuries. And, they also have a red and infrared bed which clients love for lower back pain.

Popular with travelers, The Strength lab workout room has custom machines that will cut the time of your workout and maximize benefits in a short time span. For example, Smart sculpt with electromagnetic weights so you don't need to rely on gravity. "You'll exhaust the muscles much faster and it will be a much quicker workout," confirms Heihn.

Jooovv and Groovv is a vibrating plate

to increase blood flow and bone density along with the Cold HIIT and The Vasper which combines interval training with cooling and compression cuffs that can be placed on the upper arms and legs to help build up Lactic acid. This is reportedly good for testosterone and hormone response plus estrogen and progestogen balance while helping to maintaining cortisol levels, or the stress hormone (the thing that makes your belly bulge.)

Other tricks include what looks like a good old-fashioned exercise bike but it allows you to "sprint" in intervals of 40 seconds that will be equivalent to a 45 min jog. The Cheat Machine actually tricks the muscles into exhaustion giving your body a week's worth of exercise in 10-12 minutes.

Not just for frequent travelers, locals can also take advantage of the monthly memberships. Starting at \$500 for unlimited cryotherapy and up to \$3,500 for a daily pass including a dedicated biohacker tech (aka personal trainer.) These experts can measure progress on cellular and physical level and come up with a game plan for recovery from jet-lag to a night on the town or weight loss. Individual treatments are also available at \$175 each from a facial to a freezing or sweat session.

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**COMMERCE**

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will make it a misdemeanor to import into the state for commercial purpose, or to possess with intent to sell, parts of an iguana, skink, caiman, hippopotamus, or a Teju, Ring, or Nile Lizard. This law prevents the use of these species for fashion retail items such as belts, wallets or shoes/boots.

Similarly, a number of Assembly Bills failed to pass, but nonetheless will have an impact on retailers in the City. They include:

Assembly Bill 1356, which would have required a certain amount of cannabis businesses for every liquor business.

AB 1561, also cited by Schlechter, would have extended the sale of alligator and crocodile skins. Because the bill failed to pass, the sale of these skins will end as of January 2020.



Blair Schlechter



Todd Johnson

AB 516 would have also had a significant impact on Beverly Hills retailers. The bill would have limited the ability of cities to tow illegally parked vehicles.

Schlechter tells the Courier that during Government Affairs meetings, the committee generally discusses issues impacting business owners in Beverly Hills such as propositions on the ballots, new project developments in Beverly Hills and updates on Metro construction. Johnson noted that the Metro construction is one of the hottest topics before the committee presently. The construction has the biggest impact on retailers with storefronts in Beverly Hills because of the "foot traffic" that is impeded.

"It's about the ease and unease of customers getting to their restaurant or retail stores," explained Johnson.

Johnson also noted that there are two

big Chamber of Commerce events coming up this year. The first is the 2019 Best of Beverly Hills Golden Palm Awards taking place at the Montage Beverly Hills on Nov. 19.

"It's like the Academy Awards for businesses," said Johnson.

In December the Chamber will host the State of Luxury – Power Panel Breakfast Series at the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills. Additional information about both events can be found on the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce website: <https://www.beverlyhillschamber.com>.

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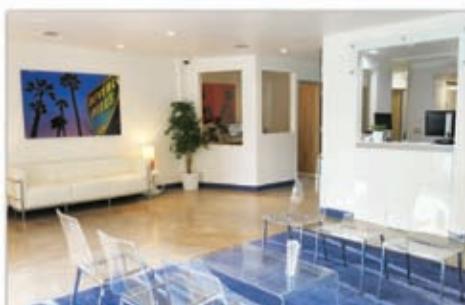
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# REAL ESTATE

## Beverly Hills Planning Commission Considers Trousdale View Restoration Permit

By Sandra Sims

The Trousdale Estates View Restoration Ordinance is in the news after an intense discussion at the Beverly Hills Planning Commission on Oct. 10. Property owner Allen Yadgari, who lives at 570 Chalette Dr., submitted an application to the Planning Commission requesting a Trousdale View Restoration Permit to allow removal of five trees and pruning of two trees at 560 Chalette Dr., a neighboring property owned by Afrahim Soleiman and Mahvas/Limasol Trust. Yadgari also requested removal of nine trees and pruning of nine trees located at 565 Chalette Dr., a property owned by Louise Horovitz.

Prior to the hearing, the Commission took a bus tour of the properties in question. Yadgari's property at 570 Chalette Dr. includes a single-family residence built in 1978 on a lot of approximately 19,179 square feet. According to the City's records, the level pad of the neighboring property at 560 Chalette Dr. (west and immediately adjacent to Yadgari's residence) is approximately 10 feet below the level pad of Yadgari's property. City records indicate that its primary structure has a maximum height of 13.3 feet.

The other property at 565 Chalette Dr. is located southwest and across from Yadgari's residence. It has a level pad that is approximately 20 feet below the level pad of the Yadgari property. According to Planning Division staff field measurements, the primary structure on the property at 565 Chalette Dr. has a maximum height of 11.3

feet. Yadgari contends that the foliage growth on both neighboring properties has exceeded the safe harbor barrier and should be trimmed and/or removed.

### Trousdale View Restoration Pre-Application Steps

Trousdale's View Restoration Ordinance (Ord. 11-0-2616, eff. 1-6-2012) outlines the procedures for submitting and processing discretionary View Restoration Permit applications. The Ordinance encourages Trousdale Estates property owners to first make efforts to address and resolve issues relating to view disruption from foliage growth without proceeding to hearing. Upon request by a property owner to apply for view restoration, the following pre-application steps are initiated: 1) an initial outreach to the foliage owner/neighbor; and 2) delivery of a City-issued mediation letter which includes an offer to meet with the foliage owner and a mediator. The affidavits provided by property owner Yadgari stated that neighboring property owners at 560 and 565 Chalette Dr. failed to respond to the Notice of Initial Neighbor Outreach (Step One) or the subsequent mediation offer (Step Two). Yadgari was granted the right to apply for a View Restoration Permit due to failure on the part of the foliage owners to respond to pre-application outreach and mediation offers.

### Planning Commission Public Comment

Property owner Yadgari and his representatives provided public comment at



the hearing, requesting that all trees within the protected view area comply with the safe harbor barrier and that any trees that exceed that boundary be pruned and/or removed. Yadgari stated that he would like to have a view of the L.A. Basin. He also stated that his wife offered to pay for planting of new trees or pruning, and the foliage owners refused.

Speaking on behalf of his grandmother and property owner at 565 Chalette Dr., David Horovitz alleged during the hearing that Yadgari had unlawfully trespassed on the Horovitz property to attempt to trim her trees. He also mentioned a pending lawsuit regarding the matter. Horovitz stated a willingness to prune some of the trees, but not to remove them completely. Horovitz submitted previous correspondence with a landscaping company to confirm that pruning of foliage on his grandmother's property will take place on Oct. 28. He stated during the hearing a

willingness to mediate to try to resolve the issue with the Yadgari. Yadgari, however, expressed doubts that negotiations with his neighbors would result in a resolution of the matter. The owners of 560 Chalette Dr. did not appear for public comment at the hearing.

The Commissioners did not reach a decision of the matter at the hearing. Rather, they continued it until Oct. 24, to allow the parties to develop a mutually agreeable plan. Gohlich told the Courier that most cases under the Ordinance are resolved informally. One or two cases each year do go before the Planning Commission for a full public hearing.

The Commissioners stressed to the parties the importance of neighbors communicating with each other to try to resolve issues regarding tree pruning and removal before Oct. 24. As of press time the Courier understands that substantial progress has been made to resolve this matter.

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## SOUTHEAST

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set to come online in 2023, a deeper discussion on increased density is currently moot.

Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene highlighted seven elements that most successful areas have: things for all ages; comfort; activity; a sense of enclosure; a comfortable temperature and protection from the elements; a sense of surprise, play or wonder; and places to linger.

While no one in the room wanted to create another Rodeo Drive – arguably Beverly Hills' most iconic street – there was nary a voice of dissent about the desire to create a memorable neighborhood. Senior planner Timothea Tway said that by simply regulating signage, an area could change its character. For example, she said that by requiring all signs to look similar via a template, which the city can require businesses to use – be they cutesy, neon or historic – an area like Robertson could quickly start to feel like a pedestrian oriented village.

"I think it could become another Larchmont, if it's done well," one resident opined about the stretch of Robertson, which already possesses a distinctly quaint urban feel. "It has all the possibilities."

Similarly, requiring a specific type of signage on Wilshire – or even encouraging ground floor commercial use – could swiftly change the way buildings and sidewalks interface.

"You want to be able to get out of the station and say, 'I'm in Beverly Hills,'" Tway suggested.

Of course, if the area is dormant, as are many swaths along Wilshire now, businesses will be hard-pressed to survive with quasi zero foot traffic. But with revitalization, comes the prospect of encouraging more spillage from business into public space.

"You can have the nicest designed building, but if no one's shopping there or working there, it's all for nothing," noted one resident who highlighted the importance of activating the area.

"We want to make it walkable, we want to make it pedestrian friendly, how do we do that?" queried another attendee.

While discussions on building design may not immediately contribute to an active environment, they are a necessary first step. And the city does have a lot of power at its disposal to do things like require private developers to create small public spaces in new developments.

Of course, changing the urban design is just one of a multiplicity of avenues the city can take to create a more pedestrian friendly area. In fact, the hour-long strategic meetings, which are held on the second Monday of the month and highlight specific areas of concern, are intended to bring about changes that will encourage new businesses to open, augment safety and entice visitors to walk around an area that has long been considered to have yet to achieve its potential. Next month's meeting is slated to discuss arts and culture.

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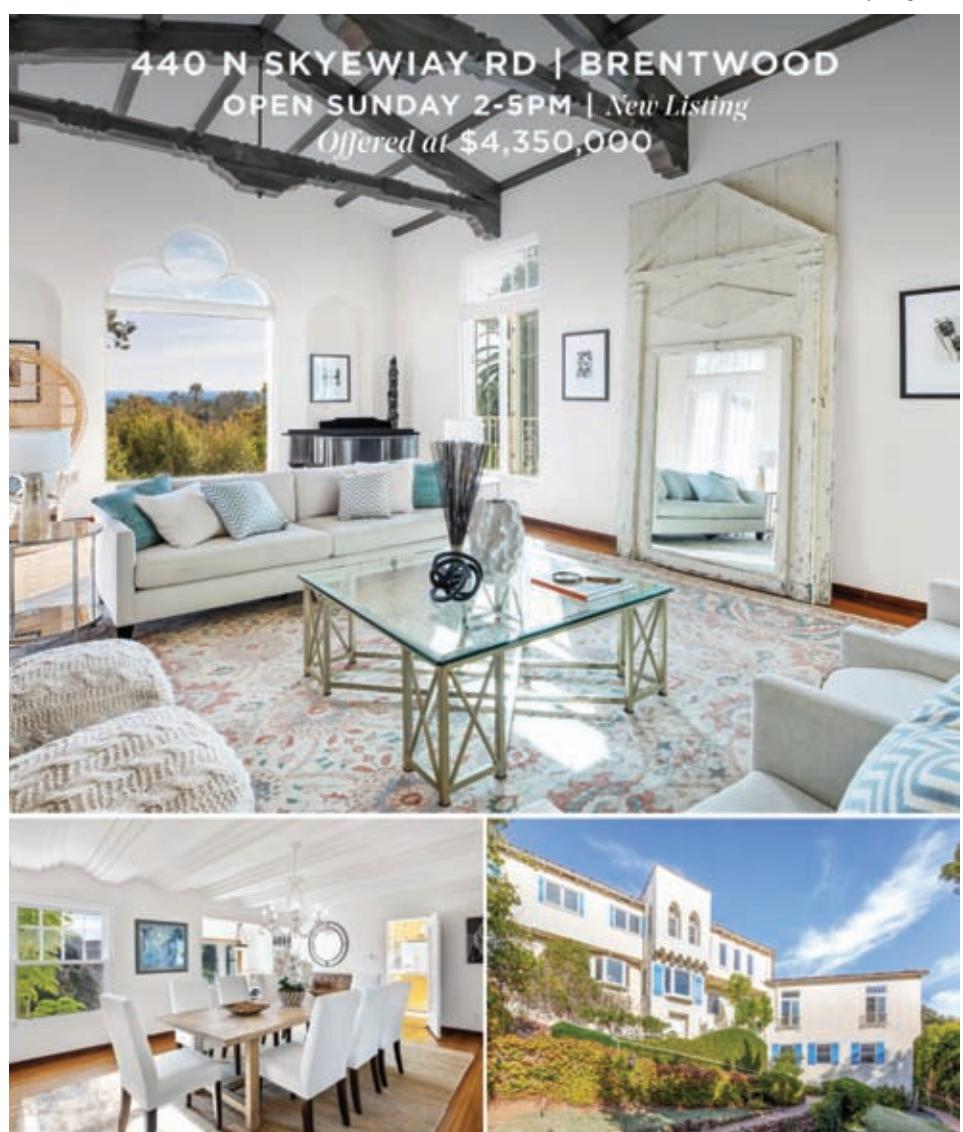


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# SCHOOL SECTION



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## CALENDAR EVENTS

### October 18, 2019

Hawthorne School - Fall Harvest Festival  
2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### October 22, 2019

Hawthorne PTA Meeting 8:30 a.m.

### October 22, 2019

Grades TK - 5 Parent Conferences /TK- K  
Dismissal at 1:00 p.m. & Grades 1-5  
Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

### October 23, 2019

K-12 Staff Development Day -  
Pupil Free Day

### October 24, 2019

Grades TK - 5 Parent Conferences /TK- K  
Dismissal at 1:00 p.m. & Grades 1-5  
Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

### October 25, 2019

Grades TK - 5 Parent Conferences /TK- K  
Dismissal at 1:00 p.m. & Grades 1-5  
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Horace Mann Purple Pride Friday

Horace Mann Tent-or-Treat - Movie Night  
at 5:30 p.m.

### October 26, 2019

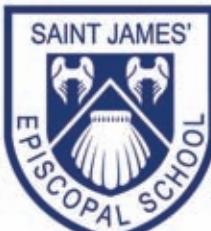
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**Reservoir 4B Piping Upgrades** Now through April 30, 2020  
The City will be performing Reservoir 4B piping upgrades, which include replacing existing piping and appurtenances through open excavation within access alley. The scope includes tree removal that are within trench limits. Fire hydrant flushing will be occurring in various locations from Santa Monica Blvd. down to Wilshire Blvd.

**Street and Alley Improvements** Now through October 1, 2020  
Various street and alley improvements are underway, which include the rehabilitation of 12 miles of roadway and seven miles of alleys. The improvements mainly consist of asphalt and concrete paving, sidewalk/curb and gutter spot repairs.

**New Organics Waste Program** Now through December 2019  
As part of the City's new organics waste program, the City will be providing green waste containers for multi-family residential buildings to dispose green waste. Commercial customers will get a site visit and a green waste container for their organic waste. Businesses and multi-family properties of five units or more that generate 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week will be required to recycle its organic waste. Organic waste includes items like food scraps and landscape waste. This is part of the City's ongoing efforts in working with residents and businesses towards achieving the State's sustainability goal and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

**Phase One - Citywide Traffic Signal Upgrades** Now through November 2019  
The City is currently undergoing Phase One of the Citywide Traffic Signal Upgrades. This project involves the installation of new traffic signal controllers, detection systems, closed circuit television (CCTV), emergency vehicle preemption, etc. at 41 locations throughout the City. The project locations are focused on areas affected by Metro.

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**Wilshire/Rodeo Station Box Construction Continues**  
Piling activities to create the support for the Wilshire/Rodeo Station box will continue through May 2020.\* During piling, a rig is used to drill 100-ft deep holes, then a crane places a steel beam into each hole.

**TRAFFIC ALERT**  
Two lanes will be open in each direction on Wilshire Bl during construction.

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## BHUSD Board of Education Honors Students at its Board Meeting

The BHUSD Board of Education recognized Semifinalists and Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship program during its meeting on Oct. 15.



From Left: Board President Noah Margo, National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalist Christina Hyeunjeong, and Superintendent, Dr. Bregy.



From Left: Board President Noah Margo, and Commended Students for top PSAT score Tohar Zamir, Brandon Shabani, Seena Khoshbin, Benjamin Gabayan, Joseph Gluckman, Adrienne Hasson, along with Superintendent, Dr. Bregy. (Students absent, but still Commended: Emily Zhang, Alex McDermott, Michelle Klein, Charles Levy, Louis Chung, Adrian Lo, Malea Hayles)



BHUSD celebrated its annual leadership dinner on Oct. 11. Attendees included PTA Presidents, BHUSD School Board, Administrators, and Cabinet.



Horace Mann third graders at the 2019 annual Multicultural Week. Principal Craig Bugbee told the Courier, "We are grateful to our PTA and parents that create this week-long experience to celebrate the diversity of our community through cultural and traditional art, craft, performance, and food." From left to right: Jeremy Saltzman, Gabe Irwin, Sammy Golshan, Julian Shams, Joshua Azizollahi, Joelle Ndiaye, Noah Paul

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**NANCY HUNT-COFFEY**  
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roles before being named its Director of Libraries.

"A lot of what librarians do is they interact with patrons [and] frequently when you have someone who comes in, they have an information need, but they don't always know how that translates into the resource that they're looking for," she described. "A lot of times you end up talking with people and then you take all that input and within a few minutes, you're supposed to come up with a resource that meets that need. I think it's an incredible training ground for someone that's in a position like this. A lot of what I do is connecting the dots, people with the information they need."

City Manager George Chavez described her as "deeply committed to public service and to Beverly Hills."

"Her years of experience leading the complex Community Services Department have prepared her well for the strategic work that lies ahead," he told the Courier. "She is a terrific partner with a passion for public service and I am thrilled to have her by my side."

Hunt-Coffey's calm demeanor and drive to be helpful no doubt influenced her career path with the City. However, her path has not been entirely smooth — she was recently named as a defendant in a lawsuit brought by a former employee accusing her of age discrimination.

As Hunt-Coffey's role as Assistant Director expanded and her responsibilities grew, she eventually became the Director

of Community Services in 2016 where she was responsible for leading the City's Recreation and Parks, Library, Human Services and Administrative Support divisions.

"I quite frankly thought I'd reached the pinnacle of my career as community services director," she said.

She counts "being allowed to create great, beautiful, meaningful spaces for the community" as her greatest accomplishment with the City thus far. From leading the Beverly Gardens Park renovation project to helping build the new Roxbury Community Center and the new Children's Library, to helping with the fine art installations around the City, Hunt-Coffey is deeply gratified by what she has been able to accomplish.

Throughout her tenure with the City, Hunt-Coffey has gotten to know areas of the City deeply and is now learning about the breadth of the City and its operations on a much more profound scope. Under Chavez' direction, she has oversight over Community Services, Public Works, IT and Community Development, in addition to overseeing staff working on economic development and legislation. She also closely monitors legislation that can impact Beverly Hills, such as affordable housing, pension costs and pension reform.

She is currently helping spearhead the La Cienega master planning process, which the City Council is expected to weigh in on at its upcoming meeting on Tuesday.

"So far it has been a great process gathering public feedback and trying to turn that feedback into reality and trying to

design something that truly the community has said they want," she described.

Another larger project Hunt-Coffey is currently involved with is "Beverly Hills Fiber," wherein the City will provide high-speed broadband fiber services to residents and businesses.

"There's always been this dream for decades of having such high-speed internet that you could do all kinds of things from the home," she described, highlighting telemedicine, where doctors and patients can have interactive sessions. She adds that the service would enhance the City's ability to draw high-tech professionals who can work from home.

Ensuring that Beverly Hills remains a full-service city for a population of 35,000 residents — a number which swells to 250,000 people on a daily basis — is no small task. With 747 full-time employees and 378 part-time employees, the City of Beverly Hills has an extraordinarily high ratio of employees to residents.

"I'm constantly blown away by the services and the range of things that are available to people in this community," she said.

From the "little things" like an outstanding City-run farmer's market where City employees have the ability to verify that the produce is truly organic to the amazing service offered by the Beverly Hills Fire and Police departments, Hunt-Coffey emphasized how extraordinary the City is.

Of course, there's constant change and the City strives to adapt to those changes. There is no shortage of important issues and projects confronting the City in its near future. Among those issues are an increase in the City's homeless population along the transportation corridor; two new subway stops and the

impact they will have on the large retailers struggling along Wilshire Boulevard; the One Beverly Hills mixed-use project; and the possible new luxury hotel by LVMH in the former Brooks Brothers space on Rodeo Drive.

One of the most "interesting facts" Hunt-Coffey said she didn't know before she started working here is that 60 percent of housing stock is multifamily, and more recently, that the last census found that the better part of 10 percent of residents are living at or below poverty line and that the better part of 20 percent of single parent households are living at or below the poverty line.

"I think it's important to recognize that the perception that a lot of people have of Beverly Hills of being the lives of the rich and famous is true to a certain degree, but there is also another portion of our community that struggles, and I think a lot of folks are here because they're looking for better lives for their kids," she said.

"My favorite thing about Beverly Hills is the people," added Hunt-Coffey, who lives within walking distance to her office together with her husband and two children. "People here are really interesting and involved and smart and they keep you on your toes. It may be conflicting views, but they're dedicated to what they feel is the best for the community. It's like a small town. People are really involved and they really care."

She adds: "I think you can't overemphasize kindness as a foundation of civilized society and that's what public service is all about at the end of the day. It's about serving people. It's helping people rise up and meet people's needs so they can go do their good work. Because it does have a ripple effect."



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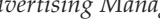
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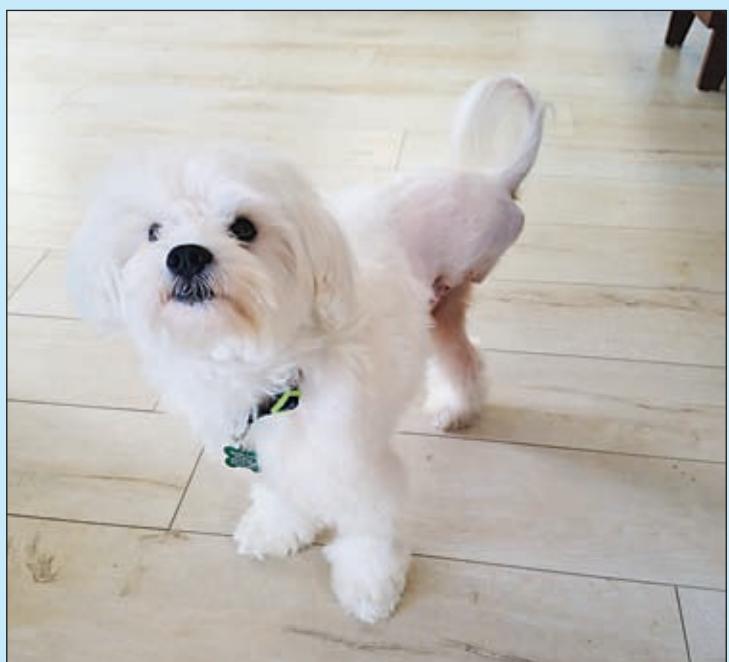
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
for the  
**DRILLING OF LA CIENEGA WELL NO. 1**  
within the City of  
**LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**BIDS** - Sealed proposals for **DRILLING OF LA CIENEGA WELL NO. 1** within the City of Los Angeles, California, will be received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, **Nov. 14th, 2019** at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Beverly Hills, located in Room 290 at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on the above-mentioned date in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall and award of the contract will be made during a subsequent meeting of the City Council.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING** - A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **Oct. 30th, 2019 at 10:30 AM at 1945 S La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA**. This is the project location. Parking is available on site through the La Cienega Boulevard entrance.

**SCOPE OF THE WORK** - The contract work to be performed under these specifications shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements and supplies necessary for or appurtenant to DRILLING OF LA CIENEGA WELL NO. 1 at 1956 Chariton St within the City of Los Angeles, California in accordance with the Project Specifications.

In general terms, the contract work for this project shall consist of the following items of work:

ITEM NO.	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
	1 LS	Mobilization/Demobilization
460	LF	Noise Control
3A.	1 LS	Discharge in compliance with NPDES permit
3B.	1 LS	Optional: VOC treatment using the granular activated carbon (GAC) adsorption system.
4.	100 LF	Conductor Casing
5.	400 LF	Pilot Hole Drilling
6.	1 LS	Downhole Geophysical Surveying
7A.	3 EA	Three (3) isolated aquifer zone tests in the pilot borehole
7B.	3 EA	Laboratory testing of three (3) samples
8.	380 LF	Pilot Hole Ream
9.	1 LS	Caliper and Deviation (Magnetic) Surveys
10.	267 LF	Blank well casing, including cellar pipe with end cap.
11.	195 LF	Flu-Flo Louvers with 0.050-inch slot openings.
12.	518 LF	Accessory Tubes
13.	285 LF	Gravel Pack
14.	190 LF	Inter-Annular and Cement Annular Seals
15.	1 LS	Gyroscopic Alignment Testing
16.	40 HR	Standby Time
17.	100 HR	Mechanical Well Development
18.	130 GAL	Chemical Well Development - Chlorine Solution
19.	20 GAL	Chemical Well Development - Polymer Dispersant Solution
20.	1 LS	Three (3) Color Video Surveys
21.	1 LS	Temporary Test Pump
22.	100 HR	Pumping Development
23.	60 HR	Pumping Tests
24.	1 LS	Optional: Dynamic Flow Meter Survey
25A.	3 Depth Zone	Optional: Depth specific sampling in as many as three (3) samples per depth zone
25B.	3 EA	Optional: Laboratory testing of three (3) samples
26.	1 LS	Optional: Static Flow Meter Survey
27.	1 LS	Disinfection of Well
28.	500 LF	Abandonment & Destruction

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form may be inspected and downloaded from the City's webpage (<http://www.beverlyhills.org/tags/bids/>). Then click on the link "[Click Here for Public Works Department Solicitations](#)".

**City contact: Tristan Malabanan at [tmalabanan@beverlyhills.org](mailto:tmalabanan@beverlyhills.org) or 310-285-2512.**

**ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE** - The preliminary cost of construction of this Work has been prepared and the said estimate is **\$920,000.**

**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).

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
OF BULK SALE  
(Division 6 of the  
Commercial Code)  
Escrow No. 62750-TL

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described  
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: LA TROPEZIENNE WH LLC, 8703 SANTA MONICA BLVD., WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:  
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: 310 WEHO LLC, 1222 E GRAND AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, LEASE AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT of that certain business located at: 8703 SANTA MONICA BLVD., WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: LA TROPEZIENNE

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is NOVEMBER 5, 2019 at the office of: UNITED ESCROW CO, 3440 WILSHIRE BLVD, #600, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010, Escrow No. 62750-TL, Escrow Officer: TOPANGA LEE

(8) Claims may be filed with SAME as "7" above.  
(9) The last day for filing claims is: NOVEMBER 4, 2019.

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: .

Dated: OCTOBER 8, 2019  
BUYER: 310 WEHO LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
LA2384942 BEVERLY HILLS COURIER 10/18/19

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019256418** The following is/are doing business as:

1) OLNT OPT 2) FREQUENCE JUIVE MAGAZINE  
9595 Wilshire Blvd. #502, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; RB & CB Enterprises LLC 9595 Wilshire Blvd. #502, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: Cyril Bonnan, CEO: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September 24, 2019; Published: September 27, October 04, 11, 18, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019256417** The following is/are doing business as: CANON HILLS CLOSINGS, A NON-INDEPENDENT BROKER ESCROW

439 N. Canon Dr. #300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; Forward Beverly Hills, Inc. 439 N. Canon Dr. #300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: David Bailey, President:

Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September 24, 2019; Published: September 27, October 04, 11, 18, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019256420** The following is/are doing business as:

1) BENMO SUPPLY  
2) R & D CONSULTING  
6646 Colgate Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90048; Benmo LLC 6646 Colgate Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90048; The business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: Roy Benmoshe, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September 24, 2019; Published: September 27, October 04, 11, 18, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019256510** The following is/are doing business as:

HAIR MOVES  
2926 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90403; Hair Moves, LLC 2926 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90403; The business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: Lindsay Tara Platt, Manager: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September 24, 2019; Published: September 27, October 04, 11, 18, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019253993** The following is/are doing business as:

1) SMILE DESIGN SPECIALIST  
2) SMILE DESIGN SPECIALISTS  
3) SDS  
8631 W. 3rd Street #1010-E, Los Angeles, CA 90048; Raanan Dental Group Cedars Inc. 8631 W. 3rd Street #1010-E, Los Angeles, CA 90048; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: Justin Raanan, President: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 15, 2019; Published: October 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019273293** The following is/are doing business as:

1) SMILE DESIGN SPECIALIST  
2) SMILE DESIGN SPECIALISTS  
3) SDS  
8631 W. 3rd Street #1010-E, Los Angeles, CA 90048; Raanan Dental Group Cedars Inc. 8631 W. 3rd Street #1010-E, Los Angeles, CA 90048; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: Justin Raanan, President: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 15, 2019; Published: October 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019273220** The following is/are doing business as:

1) ZIMARA DESIGNS 2) ZIMARA DESIGN  
606 N. Larchmont Blvd. #204, Los Angeles, CA 90004; Wendy Marsten Guzin 606 N. Larchmont Blvd. #204, Los Angeles, CA 90004; Barbara Marsten 606 N. Larchmont Blvd. #204, Los Angeles, CA 90004; The business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: Wendy Marsten Guzin, Partner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 15, 2019; Published: October 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019270315** The following is/are doing business as:

DAVID J. BAILEY DBA 4949 LAUREL CANYON  
4943-4949 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Valley Village, CA 91607; David J. Bailey 439 N. Canon Dr. Suite #300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: David J. Bailey, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 09, 2019; Published: October 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019270313** The following is/are doing business as:

DAVID J. BAILEY DBA VISTA STREET APARTMENTS  
1124-1126 N. Vista St., Los Angeles, CA 90046; David J. Bailey 439 N. Canon Dr. Suite #300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: Wendy Marsten Guzin, Partner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 15, 2019; Published: October 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019265941** The following is/are doing business as:

SKYLINE JEWELRY  
901 Edmore Place, Los Angeles, CA 91532; Geraldine Pingul 901 Edmore Place, Los Angeles, CA 91532; Rodrigo Pingul Jr 901 Edmore Place, Los Angeles, CA 91532; The business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: Geraldine Pingul, Partner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 04, 2019; Published: October 11, 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

**Penhaskashi, CEO:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 15, 2019; Published: October 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019273216** The following is/are doing business as:

MOTOWN GIRL GRANOLA  
2131 Century Park Lane #401, Los Angeles, CA 90067; Susan Goldinger 2131 Century Park Lane #401, Los Angeles, CA 90067; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: Susan Goldinger, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 15, 2019; Published: October 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019256510** The following is/are doing business as:

DAVID J. BAILEY DBA HAY-WORTH APARTMENTS  
1440-1450 N. Hayworth Ave., West Hollywood, CA 90046; David J. Bailey 439 N. Canon Dr. Suite #300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: June 1998: David J. Bailey, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 09, 2019; Published: October 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019270315** The following is/are doing business as:

DAVID J. BAILEY DBA 4949 LAUREL CANYON  
4943-4949 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Valley Village, CA 91607; David J. Bailey 439 N. Canon Dr. Suite #300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: December 2006: David J. Bailey, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 09, 2019; Published: October 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019270313** The following is/are doing business as:

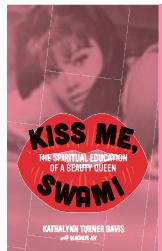
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1124-1126 N. Vista St., Los Angeles, CA 90046; David J. Bailey 439 N. Canon Dr. Suite #300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: David J. Bailey, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 09, 2019; Published: October 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2019273218** The following is/are doing business as:

BRANDEJA ENTERPRISES  
9546 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035; Roxanne Debby Jasper 9546 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: May 1981: Roxanne Debby Jasper, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 15, 2019; Published: October 18, 25, November 01, 08, 2019 LACC N/C

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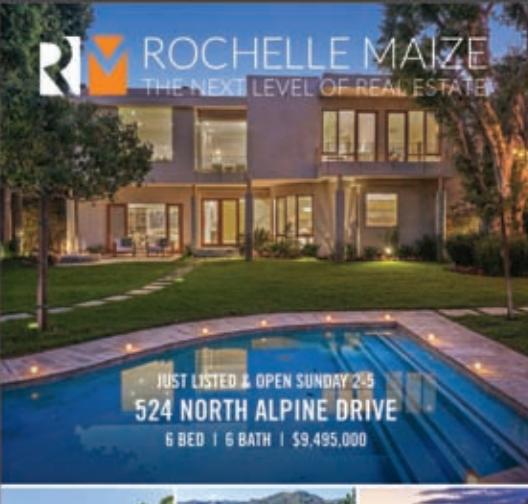
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# VOICES FROM THE COURIER COMMUNITY

## OPINION

When Americans speak about antisemitism today, they usually reference the brutal attacks targeting synagogues in Pittsburgh and Poway, the seemingly endless sightings of swastikas, and the spread of anti-Jewish stereotypes across social media. A recent experience at American Jewish University (AJU), where I am president, suggests that we also need to pay much more attention to how bigotry has seeped deeply into the everyday lived experience of so many in our society.

Growing security concerns drove AJU to construct a fence around our campus this year, diverting hundreds of thousands of dollars from our core missions of teaching and scholarship in order to make our visitors, faculty and staff feel safer.

Since automobile traffic is now controlled at the entrance gate, we distributed parking passes to our employees, which read, "American Jewish University." Almost immediately, several employees approached the Administration to say that they were afraid to have a sticker that had the word "Jewish" on their car. They felt that identifying themselves or their employer as Jewish would or could put them in jeopardy. Perhaps their car would be vandalized. Perhaps they would be targeted by bigots. Some outright refused to use the decal.

It is not, of course, that my colleagues are embarrassed by their employer or, for those who are Jewish, their faith. We make important contributions to Jewish communal life and teach programs that educate future rabbis, educators, and others about the tradition. Every day, faculty and staff go beyond their job descriptions because they feel, whether or not they are Jews, that they are aligned with the mission of the school, which is rooted in Jewish values.

They are, however, afraid because of a seemingly inexorable increase in antisemitism in our society, which drove hate incidents targeting Jews on college campuses to rise by 89 percent in 2017

compared with the year before, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

What to do in such a situation? AJU has an institutional responsibility to fight against bigotry of all forms, but also to make our colleagues feel safe. We decided to issue new stickers that do not display our institutional name.

Admittedly, this felt like a victory for the anti-Semites. Fear about antisemitism, and undoubtedly about other forms of prejudice, has become so widespread that we are now doing the bigots' work: changing the way we live because we are worried that we might be targeted. Are we any better than those Jews living in European cities who must remove their kippot to feel safe walking down the street?

The fight against the antisemitism of today and other forms of bigotry cannot be the sole responsibility of national organizations like the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee. They can propose good laws and fight against bad policies, highlight bigoted statements by individuals as unacceptable, and pressure technology companies to do better in regulating the hatred that routinely appears on their platforms. However, these organizations are too far removed to make individuals feel safer about what is on their windshield.

Everyday bigotry must be fought with everyday resistance. While we will change our parking passes, our university sign on Mulholland Drive proudly displays our name, and we fly the flag of Israel next to the flag of the United States. At AJU, we are openly rededicating ourselves to becoming a portal for Jewish belonging so that all members of the faith and others who are aligned with us can learn, and practice, and pray together. That is the best antidote to fear.

I am leaving the original sticker on. I am not going to do the bigots work and I will continue to walk, and drive, as a free American.

- Jeffrey Herbst, President of American Jewish University



On October 8, I conducted a social justice symposium at The Buckley School titled "A Conversation About Law Enforcement: Interactions & Experiences from the Community." I am currently a senior at The Buckley School and a Beverly Hills Police Explorer. I decided to conduct a symposium in order to share my experiences and interactions with law enforcement and hopefully impact my school in a positive way that gives them a new outlook on the situation. I wanted to provide them with the tools to make an informed decision for themselves and this was the perfect opportunity to do so. In the months leading up to the symposium, I interviewed Beverly Hills Police Department Chief Sandra Spagnoli, Officer Jesse Perez, and Detective Ubaldo Mendoza. Interviewing the officers and receiving their stories helped set the stage for me to oversee a successful conversation and gave me many necessary tools for my presentation. For the symposium, I formed a panel with a wide spectrum of beliefs and ideas to ensure that all sides were touched upon and so that everyone felt represented.

The Officers on the panel shared their law enforcement. These experiences allowed many officers to develop a new diverse and inclusive perspective around their job. Although I am around law enforcement on a monthly basis and have a great perception of them, I still have been taught to act carefully around them as to not cause a sit-

uation to unnecessarily escalate. The same is true for many other people of color. This conversation has been termed "The Talk" and is now seen as a necessity for most young people of color. Panelists spoke specifically of this conversation, shared stories of receiving it, and told of why it is a necessity. Educating my school regarding this issue was very important to me and I believe that it would humanize the officers and start to bridge the gap between law enforcement and community. The panel provided an informative, honest, and balanced discussion. Members shared their personal experience and how that shaped their views of law enforcement. The role of personal experience was essential to the success of the symposium. Speaking from one's own experience and not of what is viewed or portrayed by the media is much more effective when attempting to capture an audience. During the symposium, I shared two videos: The first was a video regarding the Rodney King case of 1992 and the second was a video of the New York police officers being doused in water by civilians. After showing both videos, I did not share an opinion to not influence the crowd and invited the audience to form and share their own thoughts. I also posed an audience question asking what a world without law enforcement would look like. Through this question, many people voiced that police are essential to the function of society and small changes to the way they operate can be very beneficial. The way to bridge the gap between law enforcement and community is to respect everyone's experiences and see every situation from multiple perspectives in order to bring about equity, and through community outreach and engagement, which has become increasingly important for police departments around America.

- Aaron Nazarian



## ASTROLOGY

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). If it's difficult to find things to appreciate in those around you, then you might be in the wrong crowd. There is no good reason you shouldn't be around people whose qualities you admire.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Get some altitude; you'll learn a lot when you go where the view is. Once you see a problem from the top, you'll know how to solve it. But you can't do it from there. You have to go back down and solve it on the ground.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Life is messy. So when you embrace life, don't be surprised when you come away with a few stains on your shirt. This is just evidence that life embraced you back.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Those who act the most confident may be the most insecure. The truly secure don't usually see the point in drawing attention to themselves, as they're too busy just doing what comes naturally.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A secret is a powerful thing that, like all powerful things, has an impact. Keep it to yourself with a sparkle in your eye and its impact is charismatic. Keep it to yourself with shame and its impact is a gravitational pull on your spirit.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Instead of trying to force yourself to be nicer, find more reasons to be cheerful. And when you succumb to negativity, you'll find reasons to be there, too.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get in the mix however you can — as a volunteer, an intern or just as an unqualified person doing a job for free. Even if you mess up a lot, you'll be better off than you would be paying for a class or experience.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Focus your attention on the one area of your life that, if changed, would favorably touch every other area of your life. Tonight will be a particularly fantastic time for introspection and planning.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know what you want, and you've already committed, but when it's time to actually put this in motion, your brain will object with the most interesting excuses. Don't give it the chance. Act first; think later.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A sentimental mood makes the passage of time a little blurry. And, if so inclined, you'll find that you can move fluidly to a feeling you had in the distant past.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though you feel it's not as important to air your feelings as it is to reconcile them within yourself, much will depend on your company. Only your nearest and dearest will get the full picture and even then, only in small doses.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Repairs will be necessary. Don't waste time with amateurs including yourself. Likely, this is beyond your scope of expertise, and you probably don't have the tools to do it the right way. Use the best professional you can afford.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 18). Twice this solar year, you'll be on the receiving end of an expansive gesture from the universe — a prize, or money in the mailbox. Even so, it's small treats along the way that make you happiest. Highlights include delightful social plans, a game you stumble into and time in gorgeous scenery. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 15, 9, 37 and 11.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Cancer moon glows with Libra's solar love light this weekend to form a glad union for this couple. What these signs have in common is excellent taste and a respectful approach to partnership. Libra motivates Cancer to get out in the world to connect, as one person can't be the end-all-be-all for another. Cancer helps Libra appreciate the sanctity of home, which will become a temple to their love.

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