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Beverly Hills Community Weighs in on Wilshire/Rodeo Station North Portal

by NF Mendoza

The issue of the proposed North Portal location for the Metro Purple Line Wilshire/Rodeo Station continues to lead local agendas. At the City Council Study Session on Oct. 29, the Council reviewed three potential locations for the site. The meeting was, in reality, a discussion of which of the three possible sites (or all) should be subject to an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which would then determine the actual location of the future North Portal.

"I think we're all in agreement that there needs to be a North Portal," Mayor John A. Mirisch said, after the public and other councilmembers weighed in. "We don't want to have passengers filtering out into the south part of town. That's clear. The question

is, where do we put it?

Construction in the area and the burden on local businesses has long been a concern, and this meeting proved no different, as business person after business person approached the council with pleas to not consider any proposition that involves the permanent closing off of Canon and Wilshire Boulevard.

One of the proposals entails the full, permanent closure of North Canon Drive at Wilshire Boulevard to allow for construction of a pedestrian plaza and/or cul-de-sac.

Actually, each of the proposed portals is a "half portal," characterized by one up-going escalator, stairs going down, and an elevator (see 'NORTH PORTAL' page 12)

Ringo Starr's 'Peace and Love' Sculpture Dedication is Saturday in Beverly Hills

By Laura Coleman

While it's been over a half-century since the Beatles let the world know that "All You Need Is Love" with their hit song recorded in 1967, the message resonates no less profoundly today. Tomorrow, Beverly Hills resident and onetime drummer for the Beatles Ringo Starr will have his manifestation of "Peace and Love," namely the hand gesture he adopted in 1969, unveiled in the form of a 1,500-pound polished stainless steel sculpture in Beverly Gardens Park.

"This donation of 'Peace and Love' by Ringo Starr is another reminder of what we stand for, and what we aspire to be," said Mayor John Mirisch, who will join a throng of City leaders and residents at the park for the Nov. 2 unveiling ceremony. "The City is so proud to accept this beautiful sculpture from a true icon and proud Beverly Hills resident."

The eight-foot-tall replica of Starr's hand displaying the national hand sign for peace is a gift from Starr to the City. Starr and his wife, Barbara Bach, have been Beverly Hills residents since 1992.

Originally slated to be installed on the grounds of City Hall, the placement of this iconic homage to peace met with some community opposition once it became



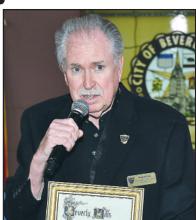
GIVE PEACE A CHANCE—Ringo Starr's "Peace and Love" sculpture is slated to be unwrapped at a public ceremony on Saturday at Beverly Gardens Park.

known that it would be at the corner of Rexford Drive and Santa Monica Boulevard. In anticipation of tomorrow's unveiling, the sculpture is now wrapped in white within a temporary orange enclosure in Beverly Gardens Park between Crescent Drive and Canon Drive.

The legendary musician, also known as Sir Richard Starkey, is expected to attend the public unveiling along with his wife, Lady Starkey.

City Council Honors Volunteerism, Eyes Inclusionary Housing Strategy





STEPPING UP—The Beverly Hills City Council honored Ray and Donna Flade with the Kindness Recognition and Sharmin Allidina with the 2019 Embrace Civility Award at Tuesday's City Council meeting. Pictured: Sharmin Allidina and Ray Flade. (Not pictured: Donna Flade, who was home suffering from sciatica.) *Photos by Vince Bucci Photography*

By Laura Coleman

The Beverly Hills City Council took up an array of issues at Tuesday's City Council meeting. Following a duo of community recognitions, the Council swiftly voted in favor of multiple agendized items with no discussion. After, the Council spent roughly two hours discussing its forthcoming affordable housing strategy.

Below is a brief round-up of some of the highlights at Tuesday's City Council meeting:

Model Behavior

The City recognized longtime residents Ray and Donna Flade with its newly established "Kindness Recognition" for their bounty of acts of kindness within the community. Said Mayor John Mirisch: "Ray and Donna care deeply about our community and have always offered their help whenever needed." Thanks to their extraordinary efforts to protect the welfare of local animals, over the course of the past 20 years, Mirisch said that the Flades had rescued hundreds of cats or kittens, and not once had an animal been put to sleep. Both of the Flades, who count two sons and five grandchildren, are members of the first graduating class of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and are currently involved in Beverly Hills CPR. "The City is a wonderful place to live and we've made it as good as we can get it for now," said Ray Flade.

The City named newly employed Beverly Hills Procurement Specialist Sharmin Allidina, who joined the City's finance division four months ago, as the 2019 Embrace Civility Award winner. Allidina is the eighth recipient of this annual award created by the Human Relations Commission to honor the "unsung heroes" of the community who act as role models of positive behavior. Born in Pakistan, following a

six-year stint in Canada, Allidina immigrated to the United States earlier this year. She volunteers weekly at her community center, at Best Buddies and as a Census Goodwill Ambassador. "I feel the need to contribute to my community to make it my own," Allidina said. "I hope that I can continue to make a difference in our community," she added. Earlier this week, the Commission unveiled a newly minted plaque at City Hall where all recipients of the award are listed. Fired Up To Help

Beverly Hills Fire Chief Greg Barton provided the Council with an update on his department's efforts to help in the recent slate of fires. The Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) sent two battalion chiefs and an engine company to help in Sylmar's Saddle Ridge Fire on Oct. 10 where the team spent 48 hours straight working to help combat the fire. On Oct. 21, BHPD sent a battalion chief and an engine company to help with the Palisades Fire. And on Oct. 24, the department sent a battalion chief and an engine company to help with the Tick Fire in Canyon County, where the team worked to help for 48 hours straight before taking a brief rest period and driving up to help with the Kincaid Fire in Sonoma County. The team continues to help combat the Kincaid Fire.

Following the update, Chief Barton reminded Beverly Hills residents about the importance of brush clearance. "We do brush inspections every year," he said, "but the thing is, it's a year-round responsibility and what we're asking is the community to help us so we can help them. By clearing the brush and protecting your structure, that's the best way for a structure to survive and it allows the fire fighters

(see 'CITY COUNCIL' page 19)

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City of West Hollywood Seismic Retrofit Resource Fair

The City of Beverly Hills invites property owners of soft-story buildings to attend the upcoming City of West Hollywood Seismic Retrofit Resource Fair. The event will provide a range of resources for seismic retrofitting in order to adhere to mandatory strengthening requirements for certain types of existing buildings.

The event is free and open to the public. No RSVP is required - please drop in!

DATE: Saturday, November 2, 2019

TIME: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

PLACE: Plummer Park - Great Hall

7377 Santa Monica Blvd West Hollywood, CA 90046

Staff members and experts including structural engineers, contractors, and more, will be on-hand to answer questions and offer technical knowledge.

City of Beverly Hills staff members will have a table at the event and property owners are encouraged to attend to ask questions and meet with a variety of design professionals and manufacturers specialized in seismic retrofit work.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information about the programs:

City of Beverly Hills:

www.beverlyhills.org/seismicretrofit Email: retrofit@beverlyhills.org

Arlen Eskandari, Sr. Plan Review Engineer − Tel. 310-285-1113

Or Community Development Hotline (310) 285-1141

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES & CHARGES.

The proposed resolution will increase certain fees and service charges that are charged to the public for the various activities and services as set forth in the schedule. In some cases fees are proposed for adjustment by 3.6% based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for November 2018 to reflect the increase in the City's costs. In most cases, new fees are proposed to be established or existing fees to be adjusted to reflect a more equitable distribution of costs, or a change in service level per our recent comprehensive user fee study. Most fees would become effective on February 1, 2020.

Copies of the proposed Resolution are available for review or purchase in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 290, 455 N. Rexford Drive, and in the Finance Department, 3rd Floor, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Any interested person may attend the meeting and be heard. Written comments may also be submitted and should be addressed to the City Council, c/o City Clerk, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210. The comments should be received prior to the hearing date. If you need more information, please contact **Ani Keshishian at (310) 285-2406.**

Please note that if you challenge the Council's action in regard to this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

HUMA AHMED City Clerk





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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.,** in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; will hold a public hearing to consider adopting:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE; AND THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, 2018 EDITION; INCLUDING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS; REVISING WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS; AND AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE

The Ordinance will adopt by reference the 2019 California Building Standards Code (excluding the Administrative Code), also known as Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), including the following:

- \bullet 2019 California Building Code CCR Title 24 Part 2
- 2019 California Residential Code CCR Title 24 Part 2.5
- 2019 California Electrical Code CCR Title 24 Part 3
- 2019 California Mechanical Code CCR Title 24 Part 4
- 2019 California Plumbing Code CCR Title 24, Part 5
- 2019 California Energy Code CCR Title 24 Part 6
- 2019 California Historical Building Code CCR Title 24 Part 8
- 2019 California Fire Code CCR Title 24 Part 9
- 2019 California Existing Building Code CCR Title 24 Part 10
- 2019 California Green Building Standards Code CCR Title 24 Part 11
- 2019 California Referenced Standards Code CCR Title 24 Part 12

The 2019 edition of the California Building Standards Code as adopted by the California Building Standards Commission (Commission) and published in the California Code of Regulations, is effective on January 1, 2020. The Health and Safety Code allows local jurisdictions to amend the State building standards based on findings of local geologic, climatic, or topographic conditions. In addition, all local amendments to building standards must be more restrictive than the State codes and filed with the Commission to be enforceable.

The proposed Ordinance adopts by reference (1) the 2019 California Building Standards Code (excluding the Administrative Code), including amendments, (2) the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code, and (3) administrative provisions for the administration and enforcement of these codes. All proposed amendments to State building standards provide for a higher order of structural safety, fire safety, occupant safety, and environmental sustainability. As required by state law, all proposed local amendments to building standards are justified with appropriate findings based on local geologic, climatic, and/ or topographic conditions.

The Council conducted a first reading and introduced the Ordinance on October 29, 2019, and set the public hearing for November 19, 2019, as required by law.

All interested persons are invited to attend and speak on this matter. Written comments may also be submitted and should be addressed to the City Council, c/o City Clerk, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 and should be received prior to the public hearing.

Please remember, if you challenge the Council's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else has raised at the hearing before the City Council or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the hearing.

If there are any questions regarding the matters contained in this notice, please contact **Jesse De Anda at 310.285.1172**. Copies of the proposed Ordinance, the Beverly Hills Municipal Code and 2019 California Building Standards Code are available for public review and inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk Office located at 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, Second Floor, Beverly Hills, California.

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COURIER CALENDAR

WALK TO END **ALZHEIMER'S LOS ANGELES**

Nov. 2 **Los Angeles Zoo** 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles 6 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. The Alzheimer's Association provides free, easy-to-use tools and staff support to help participants reach their fundraising goals. Enjoy booths, activities and a walk through the Zoo for this worthy cause.

To register, visit alz.org/walk.



CAP UCLA PRESENTS **AARON NEVILLE DUO**

Nov. 2 Royce Hall, UCLA 10745 Dickson Ct., Los Angeles

Grammy Award-winning R&B and soul singer Aaron Neville performs with keyboard player Michael Goods for this evening showcasing "the other side of Aaron." Neville is also well-known for music with his three siblings, The Neville Brothers. Their 1989 album, "Yellow Moon," earned the brothers their first Grammy for Best Pop Instrumental Performance. Selections include songs from his five decade-long career.

For more information, contact 310-825-2101 or cap.ucla.edu.

SAG-AFTRA FOUNDATION 4TH ANNUAL PATRON OF THE ARTISTS AWARDS

Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts 9300 N. Santa Monica Blvd. **Beverly Hills** 7:30 p.m.

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation's Patron of the Artists Awards honors entertainment industry leaders who have played major roles in supporting the careers of performing artists. The benefit also honors two performing artists for their philanthropy. This year the Foundation will honor Greg Berlanti and Ava DuVernay with "Patron of the Artists Awards" and Jennifer Aniston and Mark Ruffalo with "Artists Inspiration Awards." Previous "Patron of the Artists Award" honorees include Spike Lee, Jeffrey Katzenberg, Ted Sarandos, Kathryn Bielow, Judd Apatow, Lee Daniels, Megan Ellison and Rob Marshall. Previous "Artists Inspiration Award" honorees include Lady

Gaga, Harrison Ford, Kate Winslet, Lionel Richie and Leonardo DiCaprio.

The 4th Annual Patron of the Artists Awards will include several incredible musical performances by award-winning recording artists, and will be followed by an outdoor after-party catered by Wolfgang Puck.

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation's Patron of the Artists Awards is an annual fundraiser that benefits its vital emergency assistance and free educational programs for SAG-AFTRA artists, as well as its Emmy® nominated children's literacy program Storyline Online® that features actors who read to over 10 million children worldwide every month.

http://sagaftra.foundation/fundraisers/ patron-of-the-artists/details/.



THE BROAD STAGE "HAWAIIAN OHANA"

Nov. 9 The Eil and Edythe Broad Stage 1310 11th St., Santa Monica

The Broad Stage in Santa Monica presents an Hawaiian 'Ohana with Hālau Hula Keali'i o Nālani and The Daniel Ho Trio as part of their Family Performances. The island-style collaboration of music and dance features multi-GRAMMY Award winner Daniel Ho and acclaimed kumu hula, Keali'i Ceballos.

Based on their original musical, "Pineapple Mango," this program shares Hawaiian and English language songs and the traditions of hula dance. Daniel, Keali'i and friends will make you feel at home as they share stories of Hawai'i, 'ohana (family) and food! After the performance, stay for some homespun creative fun on the plaza with activities inspired by Hawaiian Ohana and The Broad Stage seasonal theme: HOME.

For information and tickets, contact 310-434-3200 or visit www.the broadstage.org.

WILDAID'S "A NIGHT IN AFRICA"

Nov. 9 The Beverly Wilshire Hotel 9500 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills 6 p.m.

gala fundraiser to celebrate progress in protecting endangered species and marine habitats. Join WildAid to celebrate Africa's incredible wildlife heritage and learn what you can do to mobilize public support for conservation. This year the gala will tion, visit https://mywsfb.org/ honor WildAid's Wildlife Champions event/29th-annual-5k-hunger-walk/ Lupita Nyong'o and Fiddi Angermeyer.

For information and tickets, visit https:// wildaid.org.



THE BROAD STAGE For information and tickets, visit "AN EVENING WITH RITA **MORENO**"

Nov. 9 The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage 1310 11th St., Santa Monica

The Emmy, GRAMMY, Oscar and Tonywinning legend is one of the busiest stars in show business. In her Broad Stage debut, Moreno presents an evening of favorites from the American Songbook, Broadway classics, including Sunset Boulevard, Swing, Jazz sections and a collection of stories from a remarkable career still going strong after eight decades.

Currently, Moreno stars as Abuelita Lydia Riera on Netflix's "One Day at a Time." She recently wrapped filming on the upcoming "West Side Story" film remake. On Broadway, Moreno appeared in such productions as "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," "The Odd Couple" (the female version), and "The Ritz," for which she received a 1975 Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Play. Lin-Manuel Miranda and Norman Lear announced earlier this year that they will executive produce a documentary, which will follow the life and career of Rita Moreno and will include interviews from Whoopi Goldberg, Chita Rivera, Gloria Esteban and more.

For tickets, contact 310-434-3200 or visit www.the broadstage.org.

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK 29TH ANNUAL HUNGER **WALK**

Nov. 10 Santa Monica Ocean View Park 2701 Barnard Way, Santa Monica 12 p.m.

Help raise funds and awareness at the 5K Hunger walk to end hunger. Live entertainment, family fun zone, and beach bash following the walk.

Westside Food Bank provides food for over 108,000 people in West Los Angeles County every year.

Participation in the Hunger Walk is free, Each year WildAid hosts a star-studded though registration is required. Children of all ages, including those in strollers, are welcome! Dogs are also welcome, as long as they are on-leash.

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SONIA DE LOS SANTOS Nov. 10

Wallis Annenberg Center for the **Performing Arts** 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd. **Beverly Hills** 2 p.m.

The acclaimed children's music artist, Sonia De Los Santos, makes her debt at The Wallis' Bram Goldsmith Theater with "La Golondrina: A Musical Journey." This family-friendly bilingual concert will reflect De Los Santos' experiences growing up in Mexico and moving to another country.

Tickets ranging from \$25 to \$35 may be purchased by calling 310-746-4000 or visiting TheWallis.org/Sonia.

2019 GIRLS INC. LOS **ANGELES CELEBRATION** LUNCHEON

Nov. 13 The Beverly Hilton 9876 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills Reception: 11:15 a.m. Luncheon: 12 p.m.

Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, through direct service and advocacy. This year's celebration luncheon honorees are Layne Eskridge, Creative Executive Apple TV; Sharon Klein, Executive Vice President, Casting & Talent Disney Television Studios and FX Entertainment; Tracy McMillan Television Writer, Author, Relationship Expert; and Sarah Schechter President Berlanti Productions.

For information, contact amarkowitz@ girlsinc.org or 212-509-2000 ext. 261.

ALZHEIMER'S LOS ANGELES VISIONARY WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Nov. 15 1 Hotel West Hollywood 8490 West Sunset Blvd. West Hollywood 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Visionary Women's Luncheon honors those who have made a difference with the Breaking Boundaries Award for innovative, creative, or groundbreaking efforts related to Alzheimer's advocacy, care, or research; and the Caring Hearts Award for unsung heroes whose efforts bring comfort and inspire others. The luncheon includes a pop-up boutique shopping experience.

Tickets are \$175 and are available at AlzheimersLA.org/women4ALZ.

BOLD Holidays 2019 Will Feature New Art and Activities



BOLD Holidays Photo courtesy of Beverly Hills Conference & Visitors Bureau

By Sandra Sims

The third annual Beverly Hills Open Later Days (BOLD) kicks off with the Holiday Lighting Celebration along Rodeo Drive on Nov. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. BOLD is presented by the City of Beverly Hills in partnership with the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Beverly Hills Conference & Visitors Bureau, and the Rodeo Drive Committee. The festivities are free and open to the public and will take place every Friday and Saturday from

Nov. 15 to Dec. 21.

BOLD Holidays unveils new artwork this year designed by WRAPPED Studios, drawn from the work of its co-founder and renowned Los Angeles artist Chuck Arnoldi. The Courier reached out to WRAPPED Studios to find out what was the inspiration for the new design. Ryland Arnoldi, Co-Founder of WRAPPED Studios responded, "Soaked in sunshine and filled with cheer, the holiday season in Southern California is unlike anywhere else. This

unique holiday experience was our inspiration for the artwork we created for the BOLD Holidays and Rodeo Drive Holiday Lighting celebrations." He added, "The lush strokes and saturated colors of the artwork reflect this Southern Californian holiday spirit, and we hope to convey its magic with our imagery."

Also new this year is the first Beverly Hills interactive photography pop-up experience produced by The Scenario Studio, a company that has catered exclusive parties for celebrities such as Katy Perry, Chrissy Teigen, and John Legend. Attendees will be invited to experience a variety of professional photography sets designed by world-renowned photographer and set designer John Ganun, complete with professional lighting, props, and costumes. Guests will also be invited to experience Ganun's signature "Upside Down" room along with a selection of scenes created specifically for BOLD Holidays.

Visitors to the opening night celebration will experience live music from DJ Corylive!, Jazz ensemble The Cufflink Crooners, and impromptu music, dancers, and acrobatics at popular crosswalks of Rodeo Drive. Tony, Emmy and Golden Globe award-nominated TV actor and Broadway performer Matthew Morrison is set to headline the event with a special performance of holiday songs and a sneak peek from his upcoming 2020 album of

classic Disney covers.

Beverly Hills Mayor John Mirisch and fellow City Council members will illuminate the length of Rodeo Drive and its palm trees with holiday lights before the fireworks finale. Mayor Mirisch stated, "On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, considered the world's most iconic luxury and fashion destination, we are excited to engage with artists and creatives to bring the holidays to life for our visitors from around the globe. Describing the event, he added, "This immersive new program of art and entertainment will enhance the magic of the holidays for all our visitors and for the international luxury brands who call Rodeo Drive home."

BOLD Holidays festivities will continue across the City with holiday light displays; curated art walks; family visits with Santa Claus at The Paley Center for Media; and entertainment with Mrs. Claus aboard the Jolley Trolley. In addition, the grand lighting of the One World Wish Tree will take place between Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards and will include a performance by DJ Michelle Pesce.

The BOLD Information table located on Rodeo Drive will provide resources on how to contribute to a variety of charitable organizations. Visitors can also learn more about the upcoming events at *lovebeverlyhills.com/boldbh*.

Beverly Hills Board of Education Discuss Financial Literacy and Community Service

By Sandra Sims

The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education meeting on Oct. 29 was full of robust discussions and debates about school curriculum and computer access for all BHUSD students. Particularly interesting was a proposal by Board President Noah Margo to institute a financial literacy curriculum for Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) students. He also asked fellow board members to consider requiring BHHS students to participate in community service sites, such as homeless shelters and soup kitchens in order to "instill a sense of humanity" as a learned skill along with traditional academic instruction.

President Margo recommended that financial literacy should be a semester course for BHHS freshman commencing in 2024. He explained that financial literacy is an important curriculum because across the nation, many students are not being taught at home how to manage their finances resulting in future issues such as college students with credit card debt. Margo stressed the importance of high school students learning about such topics as budgeting, understanding the Federal Reserve System, credit card use, and how to maintain checking/savings accounts as part of "real world" life skills experience. Board members recognized the importance of financial literacy and considered various options of making the course an elective, requirement for graduation, or an online course. Margo stated that it would be "a disservice to students" not to offer the curriculum and suggested that high school seniors demonstrate that they know how to manage their finances before they graduate. It was ultimately determined to have BHUSD staff look into the feasibility of the options and report back with a presentation regarding the financial literacy curriculum options.

The Board members also considered President's Margo's proposal to require high school students to get involved in community service. Board members agreed that such activities would make students more "compassionate and wellrounded" and seemed consistent with the BHUSD Positive Behavior initiative; however, they expressed concerns that too many course requirements may cause more stress and anxiety for students especially since some students may pursue alternative pathways to college that would not require extensive course study. The option of having the community service as a one day field trip experience rather than a full curriculum was also posed in order to expose students to the world outside their communities. Margo stated that students should "spend a little more time thinking about other people" in order to make a positive difference in their communities.

Another hot topic that was discussed to be further explored at another meeting, was the effort to obtain more laptops for high school students to create a 1:1 ratio of students to laptops. The Board considered options such as redistributing the laptops that the elementary students have to the high school students and in turn giving the elementary students devices with fewer bandwidth that would be less expensive to replace.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12.

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After seven years of volunteering to help raise funds to restore Beverly Gardens Park, Friends of Beverly Gardens Park co-chairs Annette Saleh, Deborah Frank and Franny Rennie were honored by the Beverly Hills Recreation and Parks Commission. The honor came in tandem with a recent project accolade by the California Preservation Foundation for the multi-year rehabilitation. The 1.9-mile linear park runs along Santa Monica Boulevard from the Wilshire Electric Fountain at Wilshire to the Doheny Fountain at Doheny. The multi-million dollar restoration was ignited with a large donation by Steve Gordon and continued with his efforts to foster the Friends of Beverly Gardens Park. "We were so inspired by someone who on his own decided the park needed restoration. He wanted to inspire residents to be involved in the restoration of the park," said Friends co-chair Franny Rennie. Pictured (from left): Julian Javor, Judie Fenton, Susan Mishler, Annette Saleh, Deborah Frank, Alissa Roston and Amie Sherry.

Public Invited to a Lecture on Art and Memory in Berlin on Nov. 10

The City of Beverly Hills, Mayor John Mirisch and the City Council are inviting the public to a complimentary lecture on "Art and Memory in Berlin" presented by Professors Renata Stih and Dr. Frieder Schnock on Nov. 10. The lecture will take place at 4 p.m. in the Municipal Gallery at Beverly Hills City Hall, 455 Rexford Dr., Beverly Hills. Tickets are complimentary, but reservations are necessary.

Professor Renata Stih and Professor Dr. Frieder Schnock are Berlin-based visual artists, exploring how memory functions in the social sphere and how it is reflected symbolically in urban spaces.

In this lecture, Stih and Schnock will reflect on how their idea of art in public spaces affects everyday life through their art projects, focusing on their decentralized memorial Orte des Erinnerns / Places of Remembrance in Berlin – Schonenberg (1993).

To make reservations, visit www.beverlyhills.org/bhrec, Special Events. The City recommends that those interested in attending RSVP soon, as seating is limited. Parking is available in the Civic Center parking structure, adjacent to the library on Rexford Drive. For more information, call 310-285-6850.





Half a century ago this week, Leonard Kleinrock, distinguished professor of computer science at the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering and his team sent the first message over the Arpanet. In doing so, they transformed his mathematical theory of packet switching into what would become the modern Internet. On Oct. 29, Professor Kleinrock and an illustrious panel of technologists reflected on that day and the future of our connected world at "Internet 50 From Founders to Futurists" at UCLA. Pictured above are Prof. Leonard Kleinrock and panelist Eric Schmidt, former CEO of Google and Alphabet, Inc.



On Oct. 27 the Friends of Greystone hosted a Halloween-themed dessert buffet followed by a spooktacular musical performance from The Other Reindeer Scarolers, a novelty ensemble that sang Halloween and Christmas Carol "scarodies" in terrifyingly good fourpart harmony. Pictured along with Friends of Greystone Board Members, from left to right in the Doheny Greystone Mansion's Grand Living Room: Rene Ruiz, Colleen Keene, Gay Parrish, Vera Lugo, Joshua Munnell and Les Traub.



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Rebels With a Cause Gala

By Carole Dixon

The fourth annual Rebels With A Cause Gala raised \$12.1 million in support of the lifesaving research led by Dr. David B. Agus, MD, Founding Director and CEO of the Lawrence J. Ellison Institute of Transformative Medicine of USC.

Held on Oct. 24 at The Water Garden in Santa Monica, the evening honored Larry Ellison, Co-Founder, Executive Chairman and Chief Technology Officer of Oracle for his generous support through the years, with a standing ovation. Lynne and Marc Benioff hosted the gala, while James Corden emceed with live performances from David Foster with Pia Toscano and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and up-close magical acts by David Blaine.

Notable guests included Ashton Kutcher, Sara Foster, Barry Manilow, Lorna Luft, Elisabeth Shue, Linda Ramone, Mitchell Hoog, Jai Rodriguez, and more.

Ellison was celebrated with the first-ever Rebels With A Cause Award, designed by Chopard. Prior to honoring Ellison, Dr. Agus praised his friend, stating "[He's] one of the most amazing people I've ever met. Every day I thank him for his love for discourse to push for knowledge and truth. I thank him for allowing me to learn from him. Cancer continues to affect us all and we're obligated to think outside of the box. '

Slated to open later this year, the Lawrence J. Ellison Institute for Transformative Medicine of USC's new state-of-the-art facility is located at 12414 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles.



Ashton Kutcher and Dr. David Agus



Barry Manilow and Lorna Luft



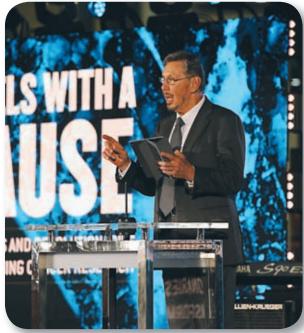
(L) David Blaine with (R) Ashton Kutcher



David Foster performs



Emcee James Corden



Larry Ellison accepting his award



Linda Ramone and J.D. King



Red Hot Chili Peppers performing

Beverly Hills High School "By Your Side" Is a Bridge-Builder Set to Expand



Ethan Artal and Madison Heller Photo by Jocelyn Arias

By Sandra Sims

The mission of Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) clubs is to help students foster a sense of community with each other. The By Your Side Club (BYS) extends that concept. Club president Madison Heller tells the Courier that BYS was created as a venue to unite students with and without special education needs, as well as encourage companionship and friendship.

"BYS has made an indelible impact on me and promotes a culture of acceptance to everyone who participates," said Heller, a BHHS junior.

BYS was founded in 2014 at BHHS by Jonathan Artal, who is currently a sophomore at Stanford University. "By Your Side was born out of my experiences with my younger brother Ethan, who has Downs Syndrome. Growing up by his side, I became pretty intimately aware of the struggles students with special needs can face; struggles in feeling accepted, feeling as though they have friends, and feeling as though their school or community has a place for them. I founded By Your Side to fill that void for students. to help them develop friendships and confidence while deconstructing stigmas surrounding disability," Artal told the Courier.

He added, "It's been meaningful to see how many students have emerged from the program having found friends and community and a space where they felt at home. It's also been powerful to hear from students without special needs, those who were able to relate across differences and find value in their peers regardless of disability."

Because of the success of BYS at the high school level, the club has expanded to Beverly Vista Middle School. Special Education staff member Phyllis Funchis-Brown is the club's official sponsor. Heller is actively involved in BYS at both campuses.

BHHS Special Education

teachers Kathy Khorramian and Elizabeth Schwab are both impressed with Heller's commitment.

"Madison joined By Your Side Club as a freshman. She met with the students at the first meeting and started to notice them coming into my class and would come in at passing periods and nutrition break to hang out with them," said Schwab. "She loved the students and spending time with them and they all loved her. I suggested to her coming back next year as a teacher's assistant for the classroom and she did. The students all love having a peer they can talk with and give high fives to in the hallway. Madison acts as a great positive example to the students," she added.

For Heller, the most rewarding part of BYS is making new friendships that extend beyond the weekly lunch meetings. She explained that while the Special Education students gain confidence and feel more included and accepted, the general education students in turn gain profound respect and genuine compassion for a population they might not otherwise have the opportunity to interact with.

"Students learn to appreciate that every person, regardless of their abilities or disabilities,

has joy, warmth, humor and empathy as well as challenges to overcome," she noted.

During the BYS lunch meetings, students naturally form small groups and begin conversations in a relaxed environment. Throughout the year, BYS also participates in various "bridge" events and outings that give the special needs students opportunities to bond with other student groups on campus. In February, BYS will partner with the BHHS Dance Company for the second annual BYS Dance Day. "In April, a citrus packing house, Classic Harvest, is slated to collaborate with us for a fun-filled, citrus-inspired event at Roxbury Park," said Heller.

Heller and Artal plan to continue expanding BYS locally and nationally. After graduation, Heller hopes to continue supporting the Special Education community. "I may ultimately forge a path as an advocate for the Special Education community, while running my family's farms. My grandfather is a citrus grower in the Central Valley and I've spent considerable time helping him. The time spent with my special needs friends and on the ranches have given me a sense of mission," she said.

Artal added, "Moving forward, I'm excited to be working with faculty at Stanford and with a great team of peers to further develop By Your Side. As we expand it to schools across the country, I'm hopeful that more and more students will benefit from the program."

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Beverly Hills Staple Crustacean Unveils Da Lat Rose



Chef Helene "Mama" An

By Carole Dixon

The setting and presentations are extraordinary, just like the An family story, and now you can dine your way through Chef Helene An's most personal journey.

If you have spent any time dining in the Beverly Hills area, you will know that Crustacean has become a local institution. Founder and Chef Helene (Mama) An is often referred to as the "mother of fusion cuisine" and her signature garlic noodles are a favorite dish of everyone from George Clooney to Leonardo DiCaprio.

The brand-new concept Da Lat Rose has actually been a passion project of the seasoned chef for quite some time but this new culinary experience is not another multi-course tasting menu. This is a gastronomic-biography of Chef An's dramatic life events as a Vietnamese refugee to her rise in the California culinary world.

"When I came to America, I never



The interior dining room of Da Lat Rose.

thought I could open a restaurant like beer and beer-based bottles cocktails. and encourage others to tell their stories." bag with a straw.

Located via a private side entrance, Bedford Drive.

that hold the venue's signature micro-brew up as refugees in America.

this," Chef An told the Courier. "For the The snacks in this section feature grilled past few years I thought a lot about future razor clams, bamboo rice and spot prawns generations and my grandchildren. This is that you dip into a candle that is actually for them and to share our culture with our lemongrass garlic butter with bird eye chili guests over the years. Now that I think the salt – just be careful of the burning wick. public is ready, I want to share my dream. Different authentically crafted drinks are My family and I want to do something that also presented such as the Limeade with a honors what we went through to get here rice vodka concoction served in a plastic

While Crustacean has long been held in upon reaching the top of the stairs above high regard as the pinnacle of Vietnamese her famed Crustacean restaurant, the bar fusion, the chef's beginnings were fraught area is like entering a secret drinking den with struggles after being born into an off the Old Quarter in Hanoi and not off aristocratic family just outside of Hanoi. The menu and sequence of dishes starts The bar name pays homage to Vietnam's with her birth in 1944, and course-bytraditional neighborhood beer hubs called course you will take a historic tour of Bia Hoi. Even the chic décor was sourced how Vietnamese people were affected by in Vietnam such as the tables inspired by World War II, the Rise of Communism and street food vendors with hidden drawers the Vietnam War, and ultimately ending

> While the subject matter might be serious, the environment in the lounge is social and buzzy with historic images projected in black and white just over the bar that is meant to set up the anticipation for the next stop "down the street"

> Once the more casual portion of your evening is complete, you will be led by a host over a special air bridge to enter the elegant main dining room that seats 40. Custom built rickshaw-inspired carts are attached to dining tables and conical (Asian rice) hat is also part of the décor.

> The 12-course tasting menu features those famous garlic noodles but now they are topped with Santa Barbara sea urchin and a 24k gold leaf called "The American Dream." Yes, the food is incredible but each dish represents a different stage of Chef An's life and her rags to riches ascent in America. The presentation and detail in each serving vessel is extraordinary such as the hand-carved custom wood statue holding a single bite of King crab topped with Royal Keluga caviar called "The Union" which represents the chef's marriage.

> As for Chef An's favorite dish, "Of course the garlic noodles because it means so much to mine and my family's survival. But on this menu, I really like the Pork Cheek Tit Kho. Tit Kho is a traditional, humbled, home celebration dish for my family so [Executive] Chef Tony and I collaborated on this to make something truly unique."

> This is one of the most interesting and inspiring experiences happening in Los Angeles at the moment and not just for the food. For each course, your servers will honor the Vietnamese tradition of storytelling with an oral introduction on the background and inspiration for the dish.

> "This project is so personal because we crafted everything to be symbolic of the journey," she said. "While it is my

gastro-biography, it truly represents so much more of the life, art and culture from my homeland. It shares the stories of other people who also went through what I did and celebrates what they brought to this country. All of the elements of the restaurant from the design to the dishes to the cocktail all tell the story and we are all very excited for people to come along on this journey with us."

As a young girl, Helene An and her family were forced to evacuate Hanoi and lived as peasant farmers, until the French helped them back to royalty status. When she was 11-years-of-age, the Communists took over leading them to seek refuge in Saigon before eventually settling in Da Lat. This is where Helene attended finishing school and mastered French and home-entertaining etiquette; her weekends were spent living with Buddhist monks and learning their cuisine. In the mid-to-late 1950s Helene married a wealthy man and the pair had three daughters - Hannah, Elizabeth, and Monique. The family had three chefs, French, Vietnamese and Chinese, who exposed Helene to their individual cuisines.

During the Fall of Saigon in 1975, the Ans fled the country and settled in San Francisco - all living together in a one-bedroom apartment above a deli. Within the first year, Helene quickly learned English and received her CPA and was an accountant by day and ran the deli at night. The deli eventually became Thanh Long restaurant where she began to create and perfect the famous Dungeness crab and garlic noddle dishes that would one day be lauded at Crustacean in Beverly Hills.

Chef An's story magnifies the plight of Vietnamese-Americans to adapt in their new land and serves as a prism through which the Vietnamese-American Diaspora can be better understood. In her 40-plus-year career, she was first to introduce Vietnamese flavors to mainstream America, forever changing their palates with cuisine that honors both cultures.

To celebrate her culinary contributions, Chef An was recently presented with the Pioneer Award in Culinary Arts by the Smithsonian Institute in their firstever Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center celebration.

Four generations of An women have kept the family business running for over 40 years with Chef An at the helm and her daughter Elizabeth as CEO. With a desire to further Vietnamese traditions and heritage, as well as the Asian Diaspora as a whole as her legacy, Chef An will continue to oversee the culinary direction of the An Family projects and shift her focus to mentoring talented chefs who share her mission. Alongside her granddaughter, the family plans to create a fund to invest in chefs who celebrate ethnicity in America.

For more information:

If you would like to experience this incredible evening at Bar Bia Hoi and Da Lat Rose, there will be one seating on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. and two seatings at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The high-end Vietnamese tasting also encompasses an eight-seat chef counter and a private room for 18. The tasting price is \$225 per person and opens to the public on Nov. 6, 2019. Longtime Crustacean Executive Chef Tony Nguyen will be taking over the concept after one year and adding his own twists.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Make-up Maven "Valerie" Reopens in Beverly Hills

By Carole Dixon

Be warned if you visit the spacious new make-up mecca Valerie on Beverly Drive that the eponymous and bubbly owner just might change your look. "When I talk to people, I'm doing their face," confirms Valerie Sarnelle.

Not that anyone would mind. This is, after all, one of the original stand-alone product stores for make-up junkies in the entire city, long before Sephora was born. Sarnelle's loyal following over the past four decades includes an array of famous faces.

There is the story about a visit by regular client Celine Dion, who "bought one of every single color and every single powder and then she built a closet in her Las Vegas dressing room just for my make-up," Sarnelle tells the Courier. "She loves make-up and does a lot of it herself. She is really good at it. We were on the phone the other day talking about lip gloss," Sarnelle adds.

Chatting with an iconic singer about a shiny lip may be an ordinary occurrence for Sarnelle. But what truly sets her apart, besides personalized service and her unmatched expertise, are her one-onone custom make-up blends.

Her tried and true best seller is the waterproof two-toned Secret Weapon Foundation palate. "I made my first one because Pamela Anderson was using it and they wanted something where she could walk into the water (on "Bay Watch") and it wouldn't melt. "It's creamy and it seals so it's a good base for coverage," she says.

Even with the loyal client base, one

wonders why Sarnelle reopened across the corner from Sephora. The glamorous, petite blonde is not worried. "Competition is good. People go into Sephora but they don't do custom blend foundation and we do. When you walk into Sephora, you're going to get a different girl every time who doesn't have my experience and years behind it. Through the years I've done just about everyone," she notes.

Sarnelle's clients range in age from 21 to 80, and she finds that no one looks their age these days. "I find myself saying, 'You're 60? Wow!' Bette Midler is another longtime client. "She will come in and say 'get me my kit' and go through the drawers and make her own stuff." Terri Hatcher, Heather Locklear, and Felicity Huffman are also fans.

Success for Sarnelle didn't happen overnight. "I was always in Beverly Hills. When I started, in the 1970s, I worked on Brighton Way at Chester's Place. It was a tiny little salon, and everybody went there from the Charlie's Angels to Glenn Frey. Chester did Rona Barrett and that is how he got all the celebrities," says Sarnelle.

What followed was her first solo venture at 350 North Canon across from Giuseppe Franco in 1984 where she remained for 10 years. She moved to Canon and Little Santa Monica in 1984. "My business doubled when I moved to that store," she notes

While the corner location was an amazing store-front with large windows facing the street, it also had its troubles. "It changed. There used to be the post office with all this great parking and Jimmy

Choo across the street. It was glamorous," she recalls.

But then three cars went through the glass window (at different times.) The last straw was when a car careened into the fire hydrant and flooded the store. It was time to find a new home. (Now the entire Art Deco corner building is under development by real estate entrepreneur Kurt Rappaport.)

"To rebuild your business after you were flooded is hard." After a year of restructuring and redevelopment, Valerie found her new home next to Ladurée on Beverly Drive and couldn't be happier in the new space. The all-white elegant salon atmosphere now features an upstairs where lash perms, waxing, and facials are available. The company now has a skincare line created by Dermalogica Labs.

"This is a huge business. A lot of women don't wear that much make-up but they do use skin-care. That's how you build your business in a different area," she says.

Sarnelle is also stepping up her game by adding spray tanning to the mix. "Jimmy Coco is going to teach us. It's always best to learn from the best," she notes.

As far as current trends, "Right now, it's the pink and purple eye but my clients don't like crazy colors they want the neutrals. I don't do garish make-up. They want individual lashes, lots of glow on the face and we have highlighter-contour sticks that sell really well."

And, for what to avoid, Valerie is not a fan of the eyelash extension craze. "They are ruining your lashes. Do a strip or individuals." She also recommends focusing

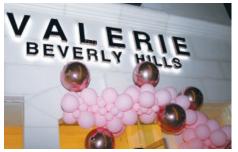
on eyebrows and eye contouring.

A far greater sin in her book is to "watch YouTube videos with crazy people, then run out and buy everything. It doesn't matter how many followers you have but how many clients you have. You should go to a [professional] person," says Sarnelle.

She adds:

"This is something I love and want to continue doing. I'm here to stay and I'm not going anywhere."





Thai Night celebrates its 11th year at the American Film.

The Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP), Ministry of Commerce, Royal Thai Government will host Thai Night on Friday, November 8th, 2019

The Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP) organized the first Thai Night 11 years ago, and it has become a key event in the international promotion and marketing of Thailand's film industry.

Her Royal Highness Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya Sirivadhana Barnavadi will preside over Thai Night 2019 at the American Film Market, which this year celebrates 'Thai Brilliance'. Her Royal Highness' support of the film industry has greatly assisted in its development over the past decade.

As the Asian market for film content has grown, Thailand has benefitted as a production industry, a location for international production and as a regional hub of post-production, animation and VFX.

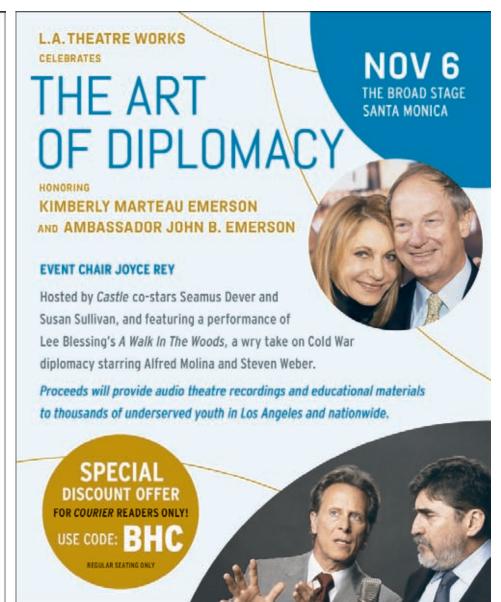
Mr. Somdet Susomboon, Inspector General, Acting Director General Department of International Trade Promotion, Ministry of Commerce noted that "Thailand's facilities, skills and talents have advanced significantly over the last decade and the Ministry of Commerce is proud to present their achievements in the international market. The opportunities for the industry have never been stronger, and it is therefore fitting that Thai Night should welcome more guests than ever before."

Thai Night is known not only for its incredible hospitality but is also a valuable way of learning about the latest talents to emerge from Thailand onto the world film scene. It also offers a chance to meet Thai film-makers and representatives of the Thai film industry including distributors, production service companies and production facilities.

Thai Night is organized by the DITP as a component of its ongoing program of support and promotion of Thailand's film industry at international events.

In addition to the Thai Night, the DITP will also support eight companies representing Thailand's film and animation industries. They will be attending the American Film Market, and will be presenting their work at Thai Night.

For more information, please contact: ent@ditp.go.th



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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Simms/Mann Institute "Think Tank" Talks Health and Wellness at the Wallis in Beverly Hills



Simms/Mann "Think Tank" at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

By Sandra Sims

The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts hosted the Sixth Annual Simms/Mann Institute "Think Tank" on Oct. 28, bringing together a diverse group of physicians, psychologists, educators, and other childcare professionals. The program began with an introduction by Simms/Mann Institute Founder and President Victoria Mann Simms, PhD. who introduced the program's theme of "Rituals, Routines & Body Rhythms: The Simple and Profound Impacts of When

We Eat, Sleep, and Play for Health Across the Lifespan. "

The interdisciplinary "Think Tank" addressed topics such as sleep, nutrition, mindfulness, and music as they relate to the overall health of children and their families. The fires that erupted that day near the Getty Center were also discussed as one of the featured presenters, Susan Kaiser Greenland, was evacuated from her home earlier that day. In spite of her circumstances, Greenland showed up ready to discuss mindfulness. Presentations also

covered health issues related to the ever increasing obesity and diabetes epidemics, as well as with anxiety, which Dr. Mann Simms described as the leading mental health issue among American youth.

"The goal of our think tank has always been to translate cutting edge brain science into everyday practice," she noted. Circadian Body Rhythms: Sleeping, Eating and Exercise

Dr. Mann Simms discussed the three circadian body rhythms: sleeping, eating, and exercise

"Our complex and over stimulating lifestyle significantly contributes to the enormous physical and psychological stress on families and children," she said.

Disruptions to the natural rhythms can create insomnia, obesity, anxiety as well as attention and learning issues. Dr. Satchin Panda, professor at the Salk Institute in La Jolla and author of "The Circadian Code" continued the discussion by elaborating on the connection between sleep and eating patterns. "When your eyes are open, your mouths are open," said Dr. Panda. He explained that the circadian clock regulates behavior, physiology, and metabolism. For example, about one-third of adults get approximately five hours of sleep as opposed to the recommended eight hours or more and are more likely to eat randomly throughout the day, which could cause obesity. Dr. Panda recommended "time restricted eating" where one eats during certain times of the day and stops eating two to three hours before going to bed. Dr. Panda noted that a blue light sensor in the eyes may affect our sleep-wake cycle and bright screens on television, phones, or other smart devices negatively impact one's ability to sleep. He also explained how lack of sleep can lead to other health issues such as depression. Additionally, Dr. Panda shared a new app that is part of his research which can be used to track food intake, exercise, and sleep to better understand body rhythms. Those who are interested can visit mycircadianclock.org for additional information.

The Importance of Routines for Children

Speakers Dr. Jodi Mindell, Associate Director of the Sleep Center at the Children's Hospital, and Dr. Wendy Slusser, Associate Provost at UCLA, emphasized the importance of sleeping and eating routines for children to promote health benefits. Both Drs. Mindell and Slusser also agreed that children should have limited screen time for television and smart devices.

According to Dr. Mindell, "Sleep is a window into what is happening in a child's life ... if a child is not sleeping well, it's an indication often that something else is going on." She explained that sleep patterns may be 1) medically related (e.g., sleep apnea, sleep walking), 2) behaviorally based (e.g., caffeine, screen time), or 3) related to other things that affect the child such as anxiety, household chaos, and possibly neighborhood safety. Dr. Mindell recommended that parents have a bedtime routine chart that includes specific time for tasks that signal that it is time to get ready to sleep and help children to self-regulate. She stated that the model for bedtime routines should include nutrition (e.g., heathy snacks), hygiene (e.g., brushing teeth, bathing), and parent-child

bonding during activities such as story time. She also pointed out the importance of establishing culturally responsive routines. For example, she stated that in India and other places, taking a bath at night may not be considered culturally appropriate. Dr. Mindell explained that the bedtime routines help children sleep longer and better.

Dr. Slusser discussed the importance of children having a routine for nap time, TV/screen time, family meal time, and exercise. It's important to incorporate a routine or ritual around family meal times such as each person sharing something he or she is grateful for before beginning a meal. Recognizing that children need to eat more fruits and vegetables and drink fewer sugary beverages, Dr. Slusser said that traditions are important for building long term positive eating behaviors. She also stated that walking five times a week for 30 minutes is a good exercise routine for children and that parent training in sleeping, exercising and eating techniques have reduced incidents of pediatric obesity.

Stress and mindfulness awareness

The presentations also included a unique approach to stress relief by Jill Heinerth, inductee in the inaugural class of the Women Diver's Hall of Fame. Heinerth explained how cave breathing can be used for regulating emotions for stress relief.

Presenter Susan Kaiser Greenland, a leader in mindfulness and meditation for children, also spoke about regulating emotions. She shared an example of a snow globe as a good analogy for what happens when people are stressed and anxious. She explained that the snow represented stress and described mindfulness in terms of the settling of the snow when one can see more clearly. "Mindfulness is not about perfection; it's about being present," said Greenland.

Benefits of music on brain development and social behavioral skills

Dr. Assal Habibi, Assistant Research Professor of Psychology at the Brain and Creativity Institute at USC, shared the results of a study where children who learned how to play musical instruments developed better cognitive and social/emotional behavior skills than children who were not exposed to learning how to play musical instruments. Dr. Habibi pointed out that this study represents why it is important to fund music courses in schools Unfortunately, these programs are typically the first to be discontinued due to lack of funding.

Award Presentations

The Simms/Mann "Think Tank" event also included presentations of the Whole Child Award which were created in 2015 to honor the work of those who have made a significant impact on the health and wellness of child development. This year's recipients included the Visionary Leadership award to Samuel J. Meisels, Founding Executive Director, Buffett Early Childhood Institute at the University of Nebraska (Visionary Leadership award); David Schonfeld, MD, Director of National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement (Medicine award); and Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, PhD, The Debra and Stanley Lefkowitz Distinguished Faculty Fellow at Temple University and Senior Fellow at Brookings Institution (Community Education Award).



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COURIER COLUMNIST Eva Ritvo, MD on Sleep



Dr. Eva Ritvo is a psychiatrist with more than 25 years' experience practicing in Miami Beach. She is the author of "Bekindr-The Transformative Power of Kindness" and the founder of the Bekindr Global Initiative, a movement to bring more kindness in the world. She is the co-author of "The Beauty Prescription" and "The Concise Guide to Marriage and Family Therapy." She is also the co-founder of the Bold Beauty Project, a nonprofit that pairs women with disabilities with award-winning photographers creating art exhibitions to raise awareness.

Dr. Ritvo is the former Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center and the former Vice Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami. She's a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatry Association and a member of the American College of Psychiatrists. Dr. Ritvo received her undergraduate and medical degrees from UCLA, and psychiatry residency training at Weill Cornell Medicine.

Hello Beverly Hills. A few months ago, I invited Courier readers to Bekindr. Now, with fall upon us and days beginning to get shorter, it seems like a great time to slow down a bit. We all need to reflect on

the choices we are making and how they are impacting our health, well-being, and the future we are creating for ourselves. The quality of our lives depends so much on the decisions we make and the paths we choose.

I often hear my patients say, "I feel so lucky." But after practicing for over 25 years, I am convinced that "luck" has very little to do with the quality of our lives. I have seen people in very challenging situations who are remarkably empowered with a strong sense of purpose and well-being. I have also seen the flip side of that coin. Many people who seem to have it all, in fact, feel quite unsatisfied. I am convinced that we can all make choices that improve how we feel. We are living in an extraordinary time filled with so much information and so many opportunities to improve our lives. Those committed to feeling better can obtain high levels of satisfaction. But like anything in life, it takes effort.

I have spent the last 18 months traveling around the U.S. and speaking to different groups about kindness. In my travels, one recurring theme has become clear. Most people are aware that they need to be kinder to themselves. We are living in very demanding times. In general, we are on information overload and many of us feel overwhelmed, stressed out, burnt out, and sometimes even numb. If we want to improve our lives and the lives of those around us, we must engage in better self-care. Like they say on an airplane, put the oxygen mask on yourself first.

When it comes to feeling our best, high quality sleep is essential. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine says 37 percent of workers are sleep deprived. As we age, the quality of our sleep declines and about half of older people report having some insomnia. According to the Center for Disease Control, 70 million Americans have sleep problems such as sleep apnea, restless leg syndrome, narcolepsy, or other

disorders. If you think you have an undiagnosed or undertreated sleep disorder, make sure you talk to your doctor.

If you are short changing yourself on sleep in order to keep up with life's demands, you might want to give that a second thought. Sleep deprivation leads to increased accidents and multiple medical illnesses including possibly Alzheimer's disease and weight gain. Let's start being kinder to ourselves by improving our quality of sleep and making every effort to get the recommended seven-to-eight hours that most adults need.

Tips for better sleep:

Turn off all electronic devices at least an hour before bedtime. Some experts recommend an hour and a half or even two hours. Switch to reading on paper to help wind down.

Listen to soft music, guided meditation or sounds of nature to help you relax and fall asleep. Apps such as Headspace and Calm also provide assistance.

Go to sleep and wake up at the same time, as much as possible. Some people find it helpful to set an alarm to know when to start getting ready for bed until the new habit becomes ingrained.

Use the bed only for the three S's: sleeping, sex and sickness. Don't train your brain that your bed is for lying around. Our brains love patterns so make sure you are giving yours ones you want to keep.

If you haven't fallen asleep after 20 minutes, get up and move to another location. Return to bed when you think you are ready to fall asleep. You don't want to get used to lying in bed awake. Remember the three S's.

Avoid caffeine after 3 p.m. Older adults may need to stop caffeine even earlier. Remember that chocolate is also a source of caffeine and can disrupt sleep so skipping the chocolate cake or coffee ice cream at night may make you feel better the next day.

Use little or no alcohol before bed.

Alcohol may help you fall asleep, but it prevents you from entering the deep stages of sleep, so waking up and poor sleep quality are common after drinking.

Make your room conducive for sleep by making it dark and cooler. Experts say around 67 degrees is best, but it may be too cool for those of us used to California temperatures. Experiment to find the best sleep temperature for yourself.

Take a warm bath or shower shortly before bedtime. The heat releases a powerful chemical called Oxytocin that helps us sleep. A few drops of lavender essential oil in the water may serve as a calming agent. A 2018 study published in "Holistic Nursing Practice" confirms lavender's effect on sleep. Snuggling in a warm blanket or cuddling up with a loved one or pet has a similar effect.

Some like to have warm, non-caffeinated tea before bed. Chamomile tea seems to help the most. Rituals and routines also remind the brain it's time to sleep so consider making any of these changes part of your daily habits.

Many of us find it hard to stop the ruminating. A good plan is to sit down with a pen and paper at least a half hour before bedtime and write a "To Do List" for the next day. After it's on paper, try to focus on a relaxing activity before getting into bed and train your brain to stop the "hamster wheeling".

A weighted blanket can help maintain the quality of sleep throughout the night and prevent premature awakenings.

Avoid over the counter sleep remedies and prescription medication for extended periods of time unless supervised by your doctor.

If these techniques don't work, talk with your doctor about other options. Generally, when we are better rested, we can make better choices throughout our day. We are calmer and happier. Better sleep can help set us on a path to make sure we are living our best lives.

Shared Mobility Takes Center Stage Once Again

By NF Mendoza

Should Beverly Hills join adjacent cities in welcoming shared mobility devices?

Beverly Hills' kibosh on shared mobility vehicles ends soon, on Jan. 17, 2020. What does this mean? Basically, it's up for consideration again. The matter was set for the City Council's Adjourned Study Session on Oct. 29 but was postponed. An ordinance is set to be presented at the City Council Meeting on Nov. 19.

The Growth of Shared Mobility

Anyone who ventures beyond the Beverly Hills boundaries is likely to encounter many wheeled machines; shared mobility devices are popular in Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Culver City and Los Angeles. Santa Monica and Los Angeles have both scooters and dockless e-bikes, Culver City said to Bird and Lime scooters (but so far "no" to dockless e-bikes), and West Hollywood is pending on dockless e-bikes, but has said "no" to scooters. While Santa Monica has four companies operating: Jump (250 scooters, 500 bikes), Lyft (250 scooters, 500 bikes), Bird (750 scooters) and Lime (750 scooters); Los Angeles has eight different companies comprising a whopping 32,620 vehicles in its shared mobility program (that's up to 3,000 devices per company, but disadvantaged communities

may be allowed more.)

A City Council and Traffic and Parking Commission Liaison Committee (Liaison Committee) considered recommendations to receive presentations from shared mobility vendors on their strategies for operating shared mobility devices in the City. The Liaison Committee included Vice Mayor Friedman, Councilmember Wunderlich, Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC) Chair Solnit and Vice Chair Manaster.

At present, the following options are currently available for City Council consideration:

- 1. Continue with the prohibition of shared mobility devices in the City while the industry continues to evolve;
- 2. Modify the municipal code to only allow shared mobility devices to traverse the City along the North Santa Monica Boulevard bike lanes;
- 3. Release a Request for Proposal (REP) for a pilot shared mobility program; and
- 4. Negotiate a limited term operating agreement with a specific shared mobility vendor(s) rather than an REP. If a pilot shared mobility program is considered, the liaison staff will work with the TPC to develop operational guidelines for shared mobility devices prior to issuing an REP.

Local jurisdictions take varying approaches towards regulations of shared mobility ranging from developing pilot programs and parking requirements (i.e., Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Culver City, San Francisco) to banning the devices (e.g., Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Palm Springs).

Injury Rates

Injuries, especially pertaining to e-scooters, are a major source of concern. A UCLA study of injuries associated with e-scooters between September 2017 and August 2018 made a number of interesting findings. Namely, that "helmet use was low and a significant subset of injuries occurred in patients younger than 18 years old." Of the 249 people examined, 228 (92%) of those injured were riders, and 21 (8%) were non-riders who were hit by an e-scooter or tripped over an e-scooter.

The Austin Public Health Department (APH), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), conducted a study of injuries involving dockless e-bikes and injuries associated with standing electric scooter use.

Studies identified 192 individuals (160 confirmed and 32 probable cases) with e-scooter-related injuries from September 5 through November 30, 2018. Of the 192 individuals, 190 were riding an e-scooter

at the time of their injury and two were non-riders. The researchers calculated that there were 20 individuals injured per 100,000 e-scooter trips taken during the study period. Of the 190 injured e-scooter riders, 48% sustained head injuries (15% experienced traumatic brain injuries) and 35% sustained a bone fracture(s). Only one of the 190 riders wore a helmet.

One point to note is that cities neighboring Beverly Hills that currently have shared mobility pilot programs require vendors to implement education and safety outreach. Spin, Bird and Lime propose to offer safety/education campaigns and offer helmet giveaway programs to encourage Beverly Hills riders to wear helmets.

The Liaison Committee has recommended the opportunity for three vendors to provide a short presentation of how each would structure a program for the City. Spin, Bird, and Lime have submitted presentations that describe how each would incorporate their brand of shared mobility device to the City.

Additionally, neighboring cities with shared mobility pilot programs require shared mobility companies to provide appropriate real-time usage data (e.g., trip origin, duration, parking verification)

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to meet the ADA requirements. A full portal features elevators both going up and going down.

Background Studies

The three potential portal alternatives have already been the subject of extensive studies and opportunities for public participation. On Sept. 19, a public scoping meeting included an open house, a presentation and public commentary.

Forty-two individuals provided comments from Sept. 5 to Oct. 7. Four agencies sent formal letters in response to the Notice of Preparation (NOP), and 21 members of the public provided comments during the scoping period, before or after the meeting.

The public comments varied insofar as support or opposition to a North Portal.

The most requested amenity for the station was a public restroom. On that topic, the Mayor had this to say during the Study Session:

"As for the issue of restrooms, well, you think you want it there so that you won't use the businesses. But, it's not a straightforward thing. There are reasons they [portals] don't have restrooms. There are security risks involved."

The restroom issue aside, the public weighed in on other features on their "wish list" for the portal during the comment period. Those features include infrastructure for bikes, Uber/Lyft drop-off areas, parking structures, security, and finally, a visitor center, first-last mile shuttle buses and first-last mile bike share.

Residents, business owners and interested stakeholders also expressed the importance of design and of ensuring that the station is iconic and accessible for disabled, elderly, children as well as bike riders.

At the Study Session, Mirisch noted the essential question: "Where is the right location?" He added, "I'm not going to support any thing that clearly all the businesses are opposed to, because also it's the uncertainty ... they're going to lose potential tenants, just because it's on the table. They're already suffering because of the closure [current construc-

no closing down of Canon.

tion obstructions]." He added that it is actually "best to have

four portals, at each corner, so people for Beverly Drive as the better option. North Beverly is the better option, with

don't have to cross the street" and that the issue came up in initial conversations with Metro. He noted that the Council has a consensus for now that there will be no permanent shutdown of Canon, and he emphasized his strong preference **MOBILITY**

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that is compatible with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Mobility Data Specification (MDS). MDS provides data standards that would allow different municipalities to compare and analyze mobility data. The data will also be useful for enforcement and monitoring purposes.

Spin, Bird, and Lime each propose geofencing to prohibit users from riding in specific areas of the City. Geofencing uses Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to define specific boundaries. The three shared mobility companies have currently geofenced the Beverly Hills City boundaries to deter users from riding in Beverly Hills. For instance, Bird and Lime users are unable to end their rides within Beverly Hills City limits. Spin slows e-scooters in Beverly Hills down to a halt and requires users to park outside of the City. Geofencing is a rapidly-developing technology, and improvements to the accuracy of geofencing at a micro level are underway.

Next Steps

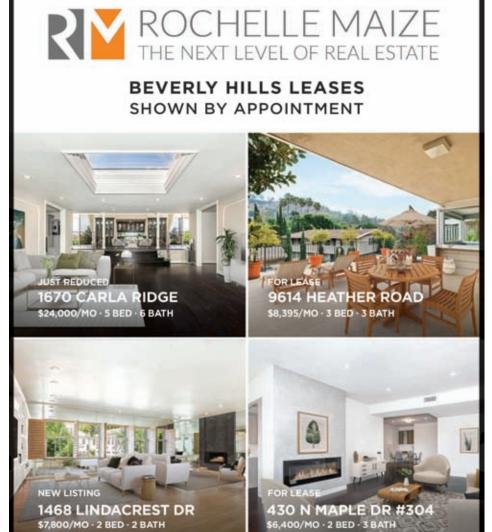
If the City Council decides to pursue a shared mobility pilot program, staff will engage the TPC and include City departments (e.g., Police, Fire, City Attorney, Public Works, Community Services) to develop operational guidelines and issue an RFP. Potential guidelines would include requiring a vendor(s) to specify where devices can and cannot operate and/or park, and requiring a vendor(s) to provide appropriate liability insurance, an education/outreach plan, data sharing, reporting procedures, and revenue sharing methodologies.



Arthritis Foundation Award - Adrienne Rubin of Beverly Hills shown with husband Stan receiving the Jane Wyman Humanitarian Award from the L.A. Arthritis Foundation for being the 2019 top fundraiser. The charitable event drew a full house on Oct. 27 at the Skirball Cultural Center. Photo by John Dlugolecki.



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Motoring Accessories, Exotic Rare Auto **Purveyor and Influential Car Collector Passes Away**



Andy Cohen, noted car collector and co-founder of pioneering luxury and sports car accessories catalog company and retail store Beverly Hills Motoring Accessories passed away Oct. 19 at his home in Malibu, California due to heart attack complications.

Cohen, 73, was well known in collector car circles for over 50 years. In 1975, he and friend im DeFrank founded Beverly Hills Motoring Accessories (BHMA), converting an old auto parts store on Robertson Blvd. in Beverly Hills. Success of this firstever upscale car accessories boutique led to the launch of what would become a celebrated worldwide mail order automotive catalog, counting well known celebrities and VIPs among its clientele.

The business ultimately grew to regularly print one million catalogues annually. BHMA also established itself as a trend-setting resource for holiday gift-givers.

Andy Cohen's lifelong love affair with all-things-automotive began at an early age, as an avid reader of car magazines in his native New York. Years later, while on a visit to Los Angeles with his parents, he became infatuated with the California lifestyle, with its beautiful beaches, incredible

weather, sounds of the "Beach Boys" and, of course, abundance of hot rods and collector cars. He ultimately relocated to Los Angeles, becoming west coast sales representative for his father's restaurant tablecloth business.

In addition to his flourishing retail and mail-order business, Cohen, along with fellow Southern California collectors, established the Beverly Hills Car Show, a charity event held annually at Beverly Hills High School. Showcasing Southern California's most treasured collector cars perused by tens or thousands of guests, the event ultimately evolved into the Rodeo Drive Concours D 'Elegance, held on Father's Day at the luxury world's most celebrated venue.

Cohen also owned a Beverly Hills-based auto business that sold and brokered the world's most sought-after exotics and hyper cars. Cohen is survived by his three children; sons Chad and Kevin, and daughter Chaya. The car world has lost a great friend, but he leaves a legacy of fun for the open road.



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Andy Cohen, Co-Founder of Beverly Hills | Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust Hosts Gala Dinner in Beverly Hills

The Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust honored 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 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, on Oct. 30. Melissa Rivers hosted the

In addition to starring on the Bravo show, Flagg is a successful luxury real estate agent, having completed more than one billion dollars in residential real estate sales in the past decade. The grandson of Holocaust survivors and a board member at Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, Josh lives with his husband, Bobby, in Beverly Hills.

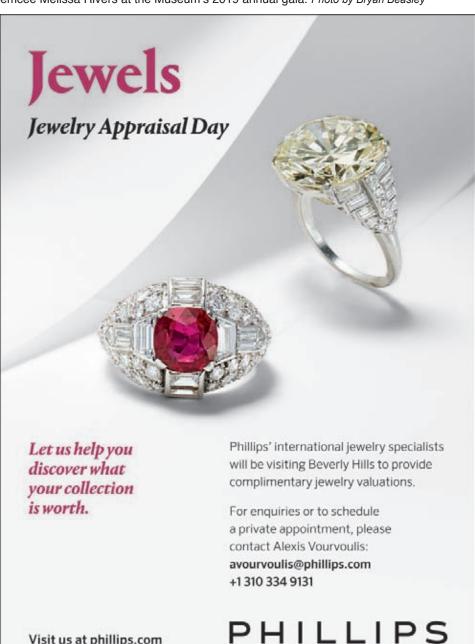
Patsy Palmer holds a Ph.D. in Child Psychology and is a docent at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and a docent and board member at Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. Arnold Palmer was an institutional stockbroker with Sutro and Co. for over 50 years and continues to work with individual clients.

Awards were presented by Carrie Brillstein and Ada Horwich. State senators Ben Allen and Henry Stern spoke about the California Legislative Jewish Caucus' advocacy in securing a \$6 million state budget allocation for the Museum's expansion project.

The gala was attended by more than 750 people, including 60 Holocaust survivors. It featured a special preview of a Dimensions in Testimony interactive biography featuring Holocaust survivor Renee Firestone. The exhibit will debut at Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust in 2020. Dimensions in Testimony enables people to ask questions that prompt realtime responses from pre-recorded video interviews with Holocaust survivors and other witnesses to genocide.



From left to right: Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust Board Chair Michele Gold, honorees Arnold Palmer, Patsy Palmer and Josh Flagg, Museum CEO Beth Kean, and emcee Melissa Rivers at the Museum's 2019 annual gala. Photo by Bryan Beasley



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Woofstock 90210 Returns to "Wiggly Field" at Roxbury Park in Beverly Hills

Calling all pet lovers! Woofstock 90210 is returning for the 11th year, and it promises to be a furr-tastic extravaganza for two and four-legged attendees.

Woofstock 90210 takes place Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Roxbury Park's "Wiggly Field," 471 S. Roxbury Dr., Beverly Hills.

Sponsored by the City of Beverly Hills Community Services Department and an array of pet-loving individuals and entities, the day-long festival will offer not only fun but serve a worthy purpose, as well. Pets in need of a home will be available for adoption through the DoVE Project, the Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles Rescue, Los Angeles Department of Animal Services and Moon Cat Café.

Festivities will also include a pet parade (costumes optional), pet talent contest, entertainment, food trucks and 35 pet-related goods and services vendors covering every pet category from food and supplies to pet spas and grooming, daycare, fitness, walking services, and more.

Attendees will also receive a discount (and opportunity to win free tickets) for the California Science Center's popular exhibit, "Dogs! A Science Tail Exhibition"

Free parking for Woofstock 90210 is available at Beverly Hills High School with pet-friendly shuttles to the park from 10:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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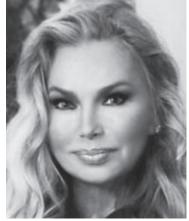
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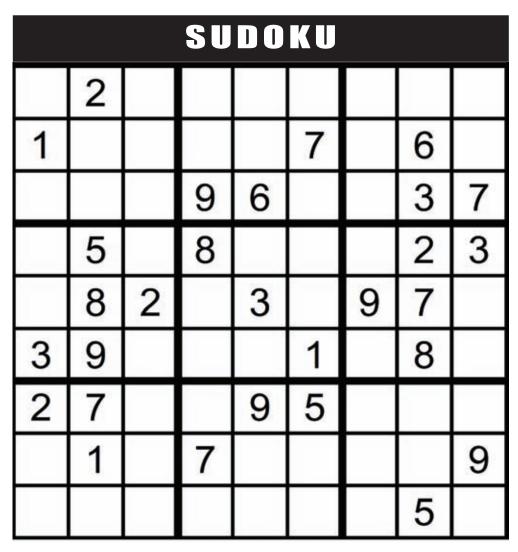
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THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Natan Last, 29, is a student at Columbia University working on a master's in public policy. He has been a frequent crossword contributor to The Times since 2007, when he was 16. For this puzzle's theme, Natan says, "I wrote a computer program to help me find words that [] once you []." You'll know what goes in the blanks once you've finished it. — W.S.

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Quorum and Actions of the Commission

Notwithstanding section 2-2-107 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of this code, to

constitute a quorum of the Commission, the following six commissioners must be pres-

CITY COUNCIL

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to put themselves between the fire and your structure to help try to save it." Following an inspection this past summer, Barton said that almost 98 percent of structures inspected North of Sunset passed inspection, which he called "outstanding."

Residents are invited to attend next Thursday's upcoming community meeting on the City's Urban Forest Management Plan from 6-7:30 p.m., Nov. 7, at City Hall.

Changing The Plan

The Council unanimously voted to approve amending the Beverly Hills Municipal Code with respect to the assignment of Planning Agency functions. The ordinance, which received zero Council discussion on Tuesday evening, designated the City Council as the planning agency for the purposes of reviewing acquisitions and dispositions of real property for conformity with the City's General Plan. The City staff report stated that the change "could help to streamline real property transactions."

Before the vote, Planning Commissioner Lori Greene Gordon approached the Council to express her "concern" with the consent item. "I really do think that you should think twice before you take the responsibility of vetting [something] being in accordance with the General Plan out of the hands of the Planning Commission and putting it into your own hands," she said.

The City report, prepared by Policy and Management Analyst Logan Phillippo, stated: "The purpose of the general plan conformance review is to ensure that consideration is given to the policies and goals of a jurisdiction's general plan when real estate is bought or sold by a government agency. This is meant as a safeguard to prevent jurisdictions from purchasing property that may be in a location, or have characteristics that make it a poor investment of public funds, or disposing of property that could be of future use to the jurisdiction."

The policy change shifts the purview of ensuring compliance with the General Plan from the Planning Commission to the City Council.

"Because of the often fast-paced nature of real estate transactions, the City has limited ability to quickly act when a suitable property becomes available. The Ordinance would streamline City processes by allowing City Council to conduct review of future real property acquisitions (or dispositions) concurrently with approval of purchase and sale agreements," stated the City report.

Commissioner Reappointments

The Council unanimously approved reappointing three commissioners for a second term of four years each through Dec. 31, 2023. Peter I. Ostroff was reappointed to the Planning Commission; Charles Alpert was reappointed to the Public Works Commission; and Judie Fenton was reappointed to the Recreation

and Parks Commission.

A Study Session staff report was presented to the City Council on Oct. 22 in anticipation of this week's vote.

Plugging the Beverly Hills Oil Well

The City Council voted to continue forward in support of its declaration that the public interest and necessity requires certain work be performed without competitive bidding when it comes to managing how the City's final oil well site is mitigated. The City is managing the project on behalf of the Beverly Hills Unified School District to properly secure and plug 19 oil wells located on district property adjacent to the high school. "The project's objectives are to ensure the long-term well-being and safety of the high school and surrounding areas and to properly plug all oil wells located at the site," the staff report states.

The City has agreed to pay a maximum of \$11 million to help plug the oil wells and remediate the site. Current estimates peg the total project cost north of \$35 million.

Affordable Housing

The Council continued its nascent policy discussion on an affordable housing strategy on Tuesday. In the coming decade, Beverly Hills will be required to build hundreds of new housing units as mandated by State Housing Law. In anticipation, the City is taking proactive steps to ensure the creation of affordable housing units. There are currently around 100 such units in the City.

"I would argue we don't need more luxury housing. We do need more affordable housing," stated Mayor John Mirisch.

Following an initial report by Keyser Marston Associates, Inc. entitled "Summary: Affordable Housing Development Process," the Council engaged in thoughtful commentary with the aim of moving forward in crafting an effective Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

"Clearly we have an affordability problem," said Councilman Bob Wunderlich.

"Clearly, we're not going to resolve anything tonight," added Councilman Julian Gold. "It seems to me a very artificial construct in order to achieve a certain goal."

From requiring developers of new luxury housing to pay an "in-lieu" fee instead of building an affordable housing unit or two to adopting an affordable housing linkage fee, the Council is still in the initial stages of determining just what the ordinance will look like in order to ensure that its policy decision isn't overly onerous so as to discourage developers from building in the City.

"Luxury housing creates an additional need for new affordable housing," said Mayor Mirisch. "If we don't charge enough to actually cover the additional need created by market rate housing, not only will we be failing to address the problem as a whole, we'll actually be digging a hole by allowing market rate housing."

BEVERLY HILLS

FIGHTING THE FIRE-Beverly Hills Fire fighters continue to help with efforts to combat the Kincaid Fire. Pictured (from left): Engineer Matt Gwaltney, Captain Derek Sandeman and Firefighter Sean Guiney.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 19-0-2788

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING SECTION 2-2-501 OF ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 2 OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AT LARGE MEMBERS OF THE RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby amends Section 2-2-501 of Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION

2-2-501. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.

There is hereby established the Rent Stabilization Commission.

Appointment and Qualifications. The Commission shall be composed of six (6) members and three (3) alternates appointed by the City Council, all of whom shall be residents of the City. Applicants for membership on the Commission shall submit an application to the City. The application shall include a statement under penalty of perjury of the applicant's interests and dealings in multi-family residential real property including, but not limited to, ownership, trusteeship, sale, or management, including investment in or in association with partnerships, corporations, companies, joint ventures, and syndicates engaged in the ownership, rental, sale, or management of multi-family residential real property during the three years immediately prior to the date of submission of the applicant's application to the City. This documentation shall be made available to the public.

B. Composition. The Commission shall be comprised of two landlords, as defined in Chapters 5 and 6 of Title 4 of this code, who own one or more residential rental properties within the City; two tenants, and two members who are not tenants, managers of an apartment building, and each of whom does not directly control or have a financial interest of 5% or more in a multi-family residential rental property (apartment building) either within or outside of the City ("at large member"). One of the three alternates shall be a landlord, <u>as defined in Chapters 5 and</u> 6 of Title 4 of this code, who owns one or more residential rental properties in the City one alternate shall be a tenant, and one alternate shall not be a tenant, manager of an apartment building, and does not directly control or have a financial interest of 5% or more in a multi-family residential rental property (apartment building) either within or outside of the City ("at large alternate"). The landlord alternate shall serve in place of the landlord members of the Commission; the tenant alternate shall serve in place of the tenant members, and the at large alternate shall serve in place of the at large members. Members of the Commission shall have the duties and functions set forth in this Article and in Chapters 5 and 6 of Title 4 of this code with respect to rent stabilization.

C. Term of Office. Commission Members shall serve terms of four years. Commission member terms shall be staggered. Therefore, one landlord member, one tenant member, and one at large member of the initially appointed commissioners and the landlord alternate, the tenant alternate and the at large alternate shall be appointed for an initial term of four years. The other three Commissioners shall be appointed for an initial term of two years. Each Commissioner and alternate shall thereafter have the opportunity for reappointment to an additional four-year term. An appointment to fill a vacancy on the Commission shall be for the period of the unexpired term.

D. Secretary of the Commission. The Deputy Director of Rent Stabilization shall act as the Secretary of the Commission. The Secretary shall attend Commission meetings and keep a record of the proceedings and transactions of the Commission, specifying the names of the Commissioners in attendance at each meeting and the ayes and noes upon all roll calls. The Secretary shall, among other duties, post and publish all orders,

resolutions, and notices which the Commission shall order to be posted and published.

ent: two commissioners who are the landlord members or the landlord alternate; two who are tenant members or the tenant alternate, and two who are the at large members or the at large alternate. The powers conferred upon the Commission shall be exercised by resolution or motion adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Commission and recorded in the minutes with the ayes and noes. If one or more alternates are present at a meeting but are not serving in the place of an absent commissioner, the alternate(s) may participate in the Commission's discussions about policy issues but shall not be entitled to cast a vote.

Section 2. CEQA. This ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), which is the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and CEQA does not apply where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that the amendments to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to refine the criteria for the at-large members of the Rent Stabilization Commission will not cause a significant effect on the environment. In addition, the amendments to Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code are not a project that is subject to the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(2) and (b)(5).

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Severability.</u> If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be considered a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the city within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and the city Clerk's certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this city.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

<u>Section 6.</u> <u>Certification</u>. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance.

Adopted: October 22, 2019 Effective: November 22, 2019

JOHN A. MIRISCH Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, California

HUMA AHMED (SEAL) City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: LAURENCE S. WIENER City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT GEORGE CHAVEZ City Manager

VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Wunderlich, Gold, Bosse, Friedman and Mayor Mirisch NOES: None CARRIED

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).

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 19-O-2789

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY LANGUAGE RELATED TO SETBACKS AND OPEN AIR DINING ON ROBERTSON BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. On July 11, 2019, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing after which it adopted Resolution No. 1889 recommending that the City Council amend portions of Title 10 (Planning and Zoning) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to modify language regarding setbacks and open air dining on Robertson Boulevard in the City of Beverly Hills (collectively, the "Amendments"). On September 17, 2019, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing, received public testimony, and thereafter introduced this Ordinance.

Section 2. This Ordinance and the Amendments were assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. There is no possibility that the proposed Amendments, which are not related to any specific development proposal, may have a significant effect on the environment because the modifications clarify the applicability of existing City regulations regarding the minor land use activity of outdoor seating on the Robertson Boulevard sidewalk and clarify the applicability of setback requirements on properties with frontage on Robertson Boulevard. Therefore the City Council finds that the Amendments are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question would have a significant effect on the environment. In addition, the Amendments represent minor changes to land use limitations, and would therefore qualify as exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15305 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Section 3. The Amendments are consistent with the objectives, principles, and standards of the General Plan. General Plan Goal "LU 3 – Managed Change" calls for orderly and well-planned change to the community that provides for the needs of existing and future residents and business, effective and equitable provision of public services, and makes efficient use of land and infrastructure. Amending the zoning code to clarify language and bring language in-line with current practices will contribute to creating orderly change to the community by providing clear rules to regulate change to the community by providing clear rules to regulate land use. Additionally, periodic modifications to the code will contribute to the provision of effective public services in that accurate and understandable land use rules will be available for the use in the community. General Plan Policy "LU 16.11 – Community Engagement" encourages engaging all segments of the community in planning decisions. It calls for the maintenance and enhancement of the public involvement process to assure transparency and enable the public to be well informed. Amending the code periodically to address inconsistencies ensures that the code is legible and accurate, which enhances the ability of the public to understand regulations that govern development projects. Finally, Land Use Policy "LU 2.8 – Pedestrian-Active Streets" calls for businesses in business districts to actively engage the street. Clarifying regulations related to open air dining will help facilitate the process of establishing businesses that actively engage the street and contribute to an active pedestrian environment.

Section 4. The City Council hereby amends Section 10-3-2755 of Article 27 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows with all other provisions in Section 10-3-2755 remaining in effect without

"ROBERTSON BOULEVARD AND THIRD STREET SETBACKS: Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to erect, construct, establish, alter, or enlarge, or cause to be erected, constructed, established, altered, or enlarged, any building, constructed, established, altered, or enlarged, any building, constructed or improvement with ten feet (10) of the property structure or improvement within ten feet (10') of the property line along either side of that public street known and designated as Robertson Boulevard or within five feet (5') of the property line along either side of Third Street.

Exceptions to this section shall include:

- A. The portion of Third Street located in the C-5 or public service zone as otherwise provided in article 20 and article 20.3 of this chapter.
- B. Properties that have dedicated at least ten feet of property, measured perpendicular to the public right-of-way, along the public street known as Robertson Boulevard to the City for public sidewalk purposes.
- C. Open air dining areas may be established on Robertson Boulevard within the required ten foot setback pursuant to the regulations set forth in 10-3-3502."
- Section 5. The City Council hereby amends subsection B of Section 10-3-2730 of Article 27 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows with all other provisions in Section 10-3-2730 remaining in effect without amendment:
- "B. The aggregate amount of required parking space for each type of use shall be not less than the following:

Type of Use	Required Spaces
Hotels Theaters, auditoriums, and public assembly areas with fixed seats, including, but not limited to, churches and schools above the	1 space per rentable room or unit 1 space per 4 seats
elementary level 3. Elementary schools and childcare uses other than family daycare homes	1 space per classroom
He will assembly areas without fixed seats Eating and bar facilities in which the total dining and bar area located on the site of the	1 space per 28 square feet of such area 1 space per 350 square feet of floor area
facility is less than 1,000 square feet 6. Eating and bar facilities located on the north side of Santa Monica Boulevard (south roadway), between Canon Drive and Wilshire Boulevard if the total dining and bar area of the facility does not exceed 1,000 square feet and the total dining and bar area at the site does not exceed 2,000 square feet	1 space per 350 square feet of floor area
7. Open air dining on public property and on privately owned portions of the Robertson Boulevard sidewalk	No additional parking required
8. Open air dining on private property	Parking shall be provided as required for indoor dining pursuant to this section except that the planning commission may establish parking requirements for open air dining areas that are different than those set forth in this section if the planning commission determines that the open air dining area will generate a need for parking different than the amount of parking required by this section or the planning commission determines that parking demand will be met by means other than those
Eating and bar facilities not governed by subsections B5 through B7 of this section To Commercial uses not otherwise specified.	means specified in this section I space per 45 square feet of dining and bar floor area for the first 9,000 square feet of such area and 1 space per 65 square feet of dining and bar floor area in excess of 9,000 square feet. However, 25 percent of the spaces required to be provided for a building or structure by subsections B1 and B10 of this section may also be applied toward the requirements of this subsection. 1 space per 350 square feet of floor area
in this section 11. Medical offices as defined in section 10- 3-100 of this chapter, including all areas devoted to administrative or reception purposes	I space per 200 square feet of floor area; provided buildings constructed before December 6, 1989, that received building permits before December 16, 2005, to restripe parking areas to increase the number of parking spaces and permit additional medical floor area in the building, shall maintain on site free validated valet parking for all medical patrons and maintain posted signage in the parking garage and in or adjacent to all medical offices indicating the availability of free validated valet parking for medical office patrons as required by the zoning code at the time such projects were permitted. Any building area converted to medical use on or after December 16, 2005, which relies on a valid restripe permit shall also comply with the above requirements
12. Manufacturing uses 13. Warehouse uses	1 space per 500 square feet of floor area 1 space per 1,500 square feet of floor area
14. Exercise club 15. Private training centers	I space per 100 square feet of floor area. I space per 200 square feet of floor area. Provided, however, that if a private training center of more than 2,000 square feet of floor area is located in a building which has at least I parking space per 350 square feet of floor area, then the planning commission, as part of the issuance of a conditional use permit, may reduce the amount of required parking for a private training center to an amount no less than I parking space per 350 square feet of floor area. The planning commission shall not, however, approve any reduction in the required parking unless the planning commission determines that such reduction will not unreasonably burden the parking supply of the building
16. Medical laboratories as defined under section 10-3-100 of this chapter	I space per 200 square feet of floor area. Buildings constructed on or after July 1, 1999, may provide parking for medical laboratory uses at a ratio that is less than 1 space per 200 square feet of floor area upon the granting of a minor accommodation pursuant to the minor accommodation requirements set forth in this subsection and provided the parking ratio for the building is at least I space per 350 square feet of floor area. Buildings constructed before July 1, 1999, which have an existing parking ratio that satisfies the city's parking requirements in effect on February 21, 1961, may satisfy the 1 space per 200 square feet of floor area requirement for any new medical laboratory use by any combination of tandem and compact spaces and restriping provided an onsite parking attendant is present at all times during which access to the site is permitted. Any building constructed before July 1, 1999, which has an existing parking ratio that satisfies the city's parking requirements in effect on February 21, 1961, but cannot satisfy the 1 space per 200 square feet of floor area requirement as provided by this subsection may convert commercial space to medical laboratory space upon the granting of a minor accommodation prequirements set forth in this
a. Minor Accommodation:	subsection Where specified reduced parking for medical laboratory uses may be authorized under this subsection through the granting of a minor accommodation, the director of planning and community development may, pursuant to the provisions of article 36 of this chapter, permit such reduced parking provided the director of planning and community development finds that the number of parking spaces in the building has been maximized to the extent feasible and that the proposed reduction in parking will not have a significant adverse effect on traffic and parking in the area due to any of the following:

Section 6. The City Council hereby amends subsection A of Section 10-3-3502 of Article 35 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows with all other provisions in Section 10-3-3502 remaining in effect without amendment:

10-3-3502: OPEN AIR DINING IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Any open air dining area proposed to be located in the public right of way, or on privately owned portions of the Robertson Boulevard sidewalk, shall comply with all of the following requirements:
- 1. A minimum distance of not less than a five foot (5') wide pedestrian travel aisle shall be maintained on the public right of way at all times; to assure the required pedestrian travel aisle, all open air dining areas shall be set back a minimum of five feet (5') from the edge of the curb and any fixed sidewalk obstruction including, without limitation, curb lines, tree wells, street trees, parking meters, water hydrants, light poles, utility equipment boxes, newspaper racks and bus benches.
- 2. Umbrellas located in the open air dining area shall have a minimum seven foot (7") clearance from the ground to the lowest element of the umbrella and shall be located completely within the open air dining areas permitted boundaries.
- 3. Portable heaters shall be located a minimum of three feet (3') from any combustible material and shall be located completely within the open air dining areas permitted
- 4. Unless a permanent structure is approved pursuant to the permit, all fixtures and furniture used in an open air dining area shall be removed from the public right of way and stored out of public view during nonbusiness hours. At the discretion of the reviewing authority, open air dining areas with more than twelve (12) chairs may be required to provide a permanent barrier delineating the usable open air dining area from the remaining area of the public right of way.
- 5. Areas used for outdoor dining shall not extend beyond the building frontage for the associated restaurant
- 6. The material and design of the furniture and barrier, if any, shall be reviewed and approved pursuant to section 10-3-3007 of this chapter prior to installation.
- 7. If located on publicly owned property, an encroachment permit allowing establishment of an open air dining area must be obtained from the public works department in a form satisfactory to the city attorney.
- 8. Areas used for open air dining in the public right of way and on the privately owned portions of the Robertson Boulevard sidewalk shall comply with all applicable provisions of the building code, including, but not limited to, maintaining proper building egress and ingress at all times, observing maximum scatters capacities providing proper observing maximum seating capacities, providing proper circulation, and providing appropriate access to persons with

Section 7. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect.

<u>Section 8.</u> <u>Publication</u>. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause this Ordinance and her certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

Adopted: October 22, 2019 Effective: November 22, 2019

JOHN A. MIRISCH

Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills

(1) The size or configuration of the building or portion thereof housing the proposed medical

(2) The number and size of the loading areas

(3) The nature and number of deliveries for the proposed medical laboratory;

(4) The proximity of the proposed medical oratory to schools and parks;

(5) The proximity of the proposed medical laboratory to neighboring residential areas;

commercial operations in the vicinity of the proposed medical laboratory;

proposed medical laboratory Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this subsection B16, under no circumstances shall a building located within 100 feet of a public

school or active park be permitted to provide parking at a ratio of less than 1 regular stall

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(7) The hours of the operation for the

b. General Prohibition

HUMA AHMED (SEAL) City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: LAURENCE S. WIENER City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT: GEORGE CHAVEZ City Manager

SUSAN HEALY KEENE, AICP Director of Community Development

AYES: Councilmembers Wunderlich, Gold, Bosse, Friedman and Mayor Mirisch NOES: None **CARRIED**

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 19-O-2791

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10-3-1528 PERTAINING TO THE OCCUPANCY PRIORITY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS BUILT IN THE CITY PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL DENSITY BONUS REGULATIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. On October 12, 2017, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing after which it adopted Resolution No. 1824, recommending that the City Council amend portions of Title 10 (Planning and Zoning) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to refine the occupancy priority list for affordable housing units built in the City pursuant to the City's Density Bonus regulations (collectively, the "Amendments"). On September 10, 2019, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing, received public testimony, and directed staff to incorporate certain revisions. The Ordinance was thereafter introduced on September 17, 2019.

Section 2. This Ordinance and the Amendments were assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Énvironmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. The adoption and implementation of the Ordinance represents minor changes in land use limitations and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption and implementation of the Ordinance could have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, the City Council finds that the Ordinance is eligible for a class 5 categorical exemption for minor changes in land use limitations pursuant to Section 15305 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and the Ordinance is exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Section 3. The Amendments are consistent with the objectives, principles, and standards of the General Plan. General Plan Policy H3 "Fair Housing and Special Needs Residents" calls for the promotion of equal housing opportunities for all residents including Beverly Hills' special needs populations. Included in this Goal is Policy H3.2 "Senior Housing" that calls for support of a provision of a variety of housing options for seniors to foster independence and the ability of seniors to remain in the community as they age.

<u>Section 4.</u> The City Council hereby amends Section 10-3-1528 of Article 15.2 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

"10-3-1528: OCCUPANCY PRIORITY:

Occupancy priority for eligible units shall conform to the following eight tiers.

A. Tier 1 - Senior Tenants Displaced from the Project Site: First priority shall go to income qualified households in which at least one member is a senior (62 years and older) and that have been or will be required to vacate existing dwelling units on the site of development so that an owner or developer may perform any construction, renovation or addition pursuant to a density bonus permit If the number of qualified applicants in this tier exceeds the number of available units. then the order in which the units are offered to Tier 1 applicants shall be based on the period of time that the longest tenured member of the household resided at the project site, from longest to shortest, and a lottery shall be held within this tier to determine the order in which the units are offered to any Tier 1 applicants having the same period of residency at the project site.

Tier 2 - Tenants With Beverly Hills Unified School District Students Displaced from the Project Site: Second priority shall go to income qualified households that include as part of the household a legal quardian of one or more students currently enrolled in and attending the Beverly Hills Unified School District in grade 10 or lower, and that have been or will be required to vacate existing dwelling units on the site of development so that an owner or developer may perform any construction, renovation or addition pursuant to a density bonus permit. If the number of qualified applicants in this tier exceeds the number of available units, the order in which the units are offered to Tier 2 applicants shall be based on the period of time that the longest tenured member of the household resided at the project site, from longest to shortest, and a lottery shall be held within this tier to determine the order in which the units are offered to any Tier 2 applicants having the same period of residency at the project site.

C. Tier 3 –Tenants Displaced from the Project Site: Third priority shall go to income qualified households that have been or will be required to vacate existing dwelling units on the site of development so that an owner or developer may perform any construction, renovation or addition pursuant to a density bonus permit. If the number of qualified applicants in this tier exceeds the number of available units the order in which the units are offered to Tier 3 applicants shall be based on the period of time that longest tenured member of the household resided at the project site, from longest to shortest, and a lottery shall be held within this tier to determine the order in which the units are offered to Tier 3 applicants having the same period of residency at the project site.

D. Tier 4 – Displaced Senior Households: Fourth priority shall go to income qualified households in which at least one member is a senior (62 years and older) and that have or will be displaced or evicted from a multi-family building in the City other than the project site for the purpose of redevelopment if either: (1) the multi-family building was demolished for redevelopment within the two years immediately preceding the date on which applications for the affordable housing units are due or (2) the multi-family property to be redeveloped has received all entitlements, excluding building permits, and such redevelopment all residents to vacate the site, provided that such entitlements, or subsequent entitle-ments remain valid and have not expired on the date the applications for the affordable housing units are due. If the number of qualified applicants in this tier exceed the number of available units, the order in which the units are offered to Tier 4 applicants shall be based on the period of time that the longest tenured members of the household resided at the multi-family building to be redeveloped, from longest to shortest, and a lottery shall be held within this tier to determine the order in which the units are offered to the Tier 4 applicants having the same period of residency at the project site.

Tier 5 - Displaced Tenants With Beverly Hills Unified School District Students: Fifth priority shall go to income qualified households that include as part of the household a legal guardian of one or more stu-dents currently enrolled in and attending the Beverly Hills Unified School District in grade 10 or lower, and that have or will be displaced or evicted from a multi-family building in the City other than the project site for the purpose of redevelopment if either: (1) multi-family building was demolished ror redevelopment within the two years immediately preceding the date on which applications for the effective and the complete of the effective and the complete of the effective of the effectiv applications for the affordable housing units are due or (2) the multi-family property to be redeveloped has received all entitlements, excluding building permits, and such redevelopment requires all residents to vacate the site, provided that such entitlements, or subsequent entitlements, remain valid and have not expired on the date the applications for the affordable housing units are due. If the number of qualified applicants in this tier exceed the number of available units, the order in which the units are offered to Tier 5 applicants shall be based on the period of time that the longest tenured member of the household resided at the multi-family building to be redeveloped, from longest to shortest, and a lottery shall be held within this tier to determine the order in which the units are offered to the Tier 5 applicants having the same period of residency at the project site.

Tier 6 - Displaced Households: Sixth priority shall go to income qualified households displaced from a multi-family building in the City that have or will be displaced or evicted from a multi-family building in the City other than the project site for the purpose of redevelopment if either (1) the multi-family building was demolished for redevelopment within the two years immediately preceding the date on which applications for the affordable housing units are due or (2) the multi-family property to be redeveloped has received all entitlements, excluding building permits, and such redevelopment requires all residents to vacate the site, provided that such entitlements, or subsequent entitlements, remain valid and have not expired on the date the applications for the affordable housing units are due. If the number of qualified applicants in this tier exceed the number of available units. the order in which the units are offered to Tier

6 applicants shall be based on the period of time that the longest tenured member of the household resided at the multi-family building to be redeveloped, from longest to shortest, and a lottery shall be held within this tier to determine the order in which the units are offered to the Tier 6 applicants having the same period of residency at the project site.

G. Tier 7 – Senior Households: Income qualified households with at least one member who is a senior (62 years and older). If the number of qualified applicants in this tier exceeds the number of available units, then a lottery shall be held within this tier to determine the order in which the units are offered to the Tier 7 applicants.

H. Tier 8 – Other Income Qualified Households: Income qualified households that do not meet the requirements of Tiers 1-7. If the number of qualified applicants in this tier exceeds the number of available units, then a lottery shall be held within this tier to determine the order in which the units are offered to the Tier 8 applicants.

I. Exceptions:

1. In the event that a density bonus is granted for specific tenants pursuant to State Density Bonus Law (California Government Code § 65915 (b)(1)(E)) then the tiered list provided in this section shall not be used to fill the affordable housing units.

2. In the implementation of these priorities, the City shall in no way discriminate against any person or family due to disability."

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause this Ordinance and his certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

Adopted: October 22, 2019 Effective: November 22, 2019

JOHN A. MIRISCH Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST: HUMA AHMED (SEAL) City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: LAURENCE S. WIENER City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT: GEORGE CHAVEZ City Manager

SUSAN HEALY KEENE Director of Community Development

AYES: Councilmembers Wunderlich, Gold, Bosse, Friedman and Mayor Mirisch NOES: None CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 19-O-2790

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RESCIND THE 1,000 ROOM LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF HOTEL ROOMS THAT CAN BE APPROVED IN THE CITY AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 1984

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> On July 25, 2019, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing after which it adopted Resolution No. 1891 recommending that the City Council

amend portions of Title 10 (Planning and Zoning) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to eliminate the cap on the number of hotel rooms that can be approved in the City of Beverly Hills after November 1, 1984 (collectively, the "Amendments"). On September 17, 2019, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing, received public testimony, and thereafter introduced this Ordinance.

This Ordinance and the Section 2. Amendments were assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. There is no possibility that the proposed Amendments, which are not related to any specific development proposal, may have a significant effect on the environment because the modifications do not enable any physical changes in the environment. Therefore the City Council finds that the Amendments are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question would have a significant effect on the environment. In addition, the Amendments represent minor changes to land use limitations. Therefore, the City Council finds the Project exempt from further review under CEQA pursuant to Section 15305 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations as a Class 5 categorical exemption (minor alteration in land use limitations).

Section 3. The Amendments are consistent with the objectives, principles, and standards of the General Plan. The Economic Sustainability Plan contains a number of goals and policies that address the maintenance of the City's economic base including Goal ES 1 "Sustainable Economic Base," which contains policies ES 1.3 and ES 1.4, that call for the identification of opportunities to expand the City's tax base as well as the encouragement of luxury tourism and hoteling within the City. Goal ES 2 "Market Position" calls for a strong economic base to ensure that the City continues to serve as a center for high-end luxury lodging. The elimination of the hotel cap will remove an existing barrier to the development of additional hotels in the City.

Section 4. The City Council hereby rescinds Section 10-3-2869 of Article 28 of Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code, which shall be of no further force or effect.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect.

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VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Wunderlich, Gold, Bosse, Friedman and Mayor Mirisch NOES: None

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VOICES FROM THE COURIER COMMUNITY

A Message to Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills, you have a problem—several,

First, at least 21 current and former employees have filed lawsuits or complaints in the last few years accusing your police chief of making racist, homophobic, and anti-Semitic remarks, denying them promotions, and engaging in other retaliation, harassment, and discrimination.

Twenty-one is a lot. That means nearly 10 percent of your police department's employees have filed lawsuits or complaints against the chief.

Second, the range of alleged misconduct is startling and all of it must be fully investigated because those who enforce our laws must abide by them, too. When a law enforcement agency and its leadership are accused of discrimination, it raises troubling questions about their commitment to applying the law in an even-handed way.

Based on our many years of work investigating agencies like the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, we know it all starts at the top. The actions of those at the helm set the tone; they must establish the proper expectations and lead by example. Former L.A. Sheriff Lee Baca dismissed allegations of deputy brutality, so his undersheriffs did, too.

Accordingly, a major concern here is that a culture of harassment and discrimination against officers in the department will translate to how they interact with the public. Under the Racial & Identity Profiling Act of 2015, which the ACLU helped sponsor, Beverly Hills Police Department will have to start collecting information on every stop they make starting January 1, 2020: who they stop, when, where, why, and what happens on the stop – do they pull people out of a car? Draw guns? Conduct a frisk or a search? This information will bring transparency to what police do and how they treat people in the field. If the Department wants to pro-actively address concerns about discrimination, it can start collecting and reporting this data early—to show the public they have nothing to hide and to help identify and address any problems

Third, Beverly Hills response to date has been more focused on public relations than accountability—the city reportedly hired a crisis management firm at one point—and its strategy has been to deny, deny, deny, and blame so-called "disgruntled" employees who oppose Chief Spagnoli's reforms.

Fourth, this strategy has taken some serious hits and has become less and less tenable. One of the lawsuits already resulted in a \$2.3 million payout.

Mark Rosen, a Beverly Hills captain, claimed he was stripped of his responsibilities and rank because of his age and religion. In his legal filings, Rosen said he was marginalized after he heard Chief Spagnoli make offensive remarks about Jews, Catholics, and lesbians.

The city has suggested that its insurance company forced it to settle. As a lawyer, I can say that doesn't make much sense. The insurance company can't order the city to settle. And, even if it recommended settlement, the insurance company wouldn't settle—let alone for that amount—unless there was the very real possibility of losing at trial

and paying even more.

As if that weren't bad enough, four employees suing the city over their treatment by Chief Spagnoli were awarded \$1.1 million in damages by a jury

It is interesting to see the city tout that the jury didn't make a finding of discrimination, when the jury did find that the chief's actions rose to the level of harassment and retaliation. The city is splitting the issue very finely—too finely. The jury found liability based on the chief's offensive remarks. That's all that matters.

Indeed, the employees testified that Chief Spagnoli made disparaging comments about Catholics, Jews, and Latinos, and the jury awarded Lt. Renato Moreno \$350,000 in damages, while Lts. Shan Davis and Michael Foxen and civilian employee Dona Norris, the BHPD's public safety communications and evidence manager, were each awarded \$250,000. (One of these quarter million dollar awards has since been overturned on appeal.)

The city also settled yet another lawsuit for \$300,000 – this one brought by civilian employee Clark Fogg charging age discrimination by Chief Spagnoli. And, most recently, the city settled lawsuits with three employees over allegations of retaliation and being passed over for promotions by Chief Spagnoli. Officer Anne Marie Lunsman, former senior management analyst Tania Schwartz, and Sgt. Scott Dibble settled for nearly \$1 million in damages and attorney fees.

How many more plaintiffs need to secure settlements or win jury verdicts before the mayor and councilmembers stop burying their heads in

Beverly Hills residents and taxpayers deserve transparent and accountable government. State law requires transparency in public government and the availability of government documents through the California Public Records Act. The ACLU Foundation of Southern California has made a comprehensive request for documents to ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, this critical public business is carried out in public view.

What we have found so far raises concern about whether the department consistently requires its employees to follow policy and takes corrective action when they fail to do so. Ultimately, this raises the question how committed the department and, by extension, the city are to preventing unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Your mayor and councilmembers can't hope to answer that question by writing off every employee filing a complaint as disgruntled. Instead of making excuses and deflecting blame, they should take ownership of their choices—the actions they chose to take and the ones they failed to take. Demand that they act responsibly and do all they can to uncover and address any wrongdoing in the police department.

-By Hector Villagra

Hector Villagra is the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 1). One of your cosmic talents is a sensitivity to the pain of others. You could make money alleviating it. With a deft combination of risky and sensible moves, you'll create future stability for you and yours. The important part is that you trust yourself and don't let anything get in the way of acting on your intuition. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 39, 45, 16 and 22.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your present will play out according to how you see your past. It's never too late to change that story. Of course, the facts will remain, but what they mean to you can always change to better support you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Suffering is caused by overidentifying with some part of your experience. This could come in the form of clinging too tightly to a role or letting an activity define you. Try to see yourself as separate from what you are

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have certain expectations of yourself. Love yourself whether or not you reach them. The more unconditional love you give, the more you'll attract. And unconditional love is high-octane spiritual power.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Part of being proud of what you do is showing it in its best light. It's worthwhile to put time, thought, effort and money into the presentation because this helps others understand both the work and you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People should know when they're happy, but somehow they don't always. That's why it's so important to notice it, point to it, talk about it, exclaim it, dance it, or just whisper it to yourself. Life is mighty fine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's uncomfortable to know that someone has given more than they intended to give you. Maybe they didn't know it would take so long or cost so much. Regardless, you would do the same in those circumstances, so just relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you give a recommendation and the other person doesn't take it, does that feel like a slight? A disappointment? This is why you need to take your own advice. It's a self-respect and self-love thing.

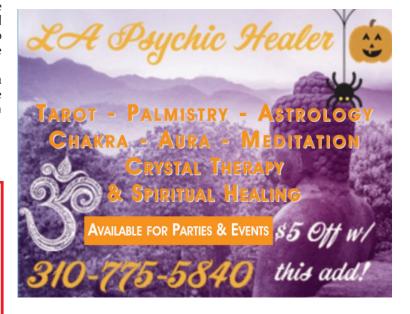
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It does seem you have to unlearn in order to learn today, to clear before you can build, to change the water before you can clean, to drop your beef with someone before you can love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Silence will be the social skill you'll find most useful. It's not that other people will think you've misspoken or said too much; it's just that you might, and your re-play of conversation could trigger unnecessary self-criticism.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To force things is not only ineffective; it's a bad look. Take a breath. To let the true value of a thing show itself to you, all you have to do is stand by and wait for it to emerge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's tempting to go on as if nothing happened. However, even just a half-hour spent processing the past will make a world of difference. Think of it as a spiritual stretch to keep you limber and open to life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People tend to ask you the wrong questions because they want to be close to you and they're not sure how. Decide what you'd like them to have asked and then answer that way regardless of what they really asked.



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