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### Two Presidents in Beverly Hills on One Historic Day **BY ANA FIGUEROA**

In one historic day, both U.S. President Donald Trump and Israeli President Reuven Rivlin attended events in Beverly Hills on Feb. 18. Trump's approximately four-hour foray into Beverly Hills included meetings with the LA 2028 Olympic Committee and a fundraiser at the Montage Beverly Hills. A colorful array of banners (both pro and anti-Trump) lined

the President's motorcade route into the City from the Santa Monica airport. Closer to the hotel, the flurry of street closures and heavy security presence did not discourage a number of bystanders from letting their views be heard. Many wore red shirts and MAGA hats, waving signs of support. The Courier observed a few of them engaged in



President of Israel Reuven Rivlin (center) accepts a key to the City from Mayor John Mirisch on Feb. 18 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Beverly Hills. Also pictured (from left): Councilman Julian Gold, Vice Mayor Lester Friedman, Council members Lili Bosse and Robert Wunderlich, and Israeli Consul-General Hillel Newman. See interview on page 5.

#### spirited discussions with Trump protestors.

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In his meetings with the LA 2028 Olympic Committee, President Trump expressed his support for the games. He signed a document that confirmed that the 2028 Games, which will take place at venues throughout Los Angeles, have the government's full backing.

After the Olympics Committee meeting, Trump chatted privately with supporters before attending a fundraising dinner.

Earlier in the afternoon, the Beverly Hills Mayor and City Council members presented President Rivlin with a key to the City. The event took place at the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills.

Afterwards, President Rivlin was honored with a UCLA Israel Studies Award from the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for Israel Studies. The award was presented by UCLA Chancellor Gene Block during an evening ceremony at the Chancellor's residence. The Chancellor was joined in the award presentation by Soraya Nazarian and Sharon Nazarian, chair of the center's Advisory Board.

"UCLA is proud to have numerous relationships with Israeli educational and cultural institutions and we are honored to have President Rivlin visit our campus," said Chancellor Block.

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### Dershowitz, Shrum Talk Politics of Impeachment at Saban

#### BY LAURA COLEMAN

President's Day 2020 proved a fertile political ground in Beverly Hills when professors Alan Dershowitz and Robert Shrum went headto-head on the politics of impeachment at the Saban Theatre.

Moderated by Rabbi David Baron and former 9th Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski, the evening debate on Feb. 17 was particularly lively. The two professors traded a bevy of onstage digs, both characterizing the other as a McCarthyist at one point, while the audience, many wearing pro-Trump items, enthusiastically voiced their support for Dershowitz, a Harvard Law School professor, emeritus, and disdain for Shrum, a USC professor of Political Science and director for the Center for the Political Future.

A self-described "liberal democrat," Dershowitz has spent his legal career representing some of the nation's most notorious individuals, including O.J. Simpson, Jeffrey

Epstein and Harvey Weinstein. Most recently he made headlines as a member of President Donald Trump's impeachment defense team.

"My job is to represent the most despised, the most unpopular, the people who have very great difficulty getting a lawyer," Dershowitz told the audience, who filled practically every available seat in the first floor of the Saban Theatre. "I'm trying to defend the Constitutional rights of all Americans,"

Put on by the Republican Jewish Coalition, the vast majority of those in attendance were quick to applaud and cheer at almost any positive mention of Trump, and conversely, offer a profusion of boos for liberal points of view or the mention of democrats, like former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton or Rep. Adam Schiff. (Dershowitz continues on page 22)

### **Beverly Hills Opposes UN's** Anti-Semitic 'Blacklist'

#### BY LAURA COLEMAN

The City of Beverly Hills once again took the lead in opposing anti-Semitic behavior, this time going up against the United Nations (UN). Led by Mayor John Mirisch and Councilman Julian Gold, on Feb. 18 the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution opposing a "blacklist" published by the UN on Feb. 12 of companies that conduct business in Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

"How this blacklist is meant to function in the international community [is] mainly targeting Israel and undermining U.S. foreign policy," explained Israeli-American Civic Action Network (ICAN) Chief Advocacy Officer Dillon Hosier.

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### **Courier Calendar**

NOW – MARCH 1 ARTISAN LA Gifted 1145 S. Beverly Dr., Los Angeles

Gifted, a pop-up shop with unique gifts, is hosting Artisan LA with exhibits, sales and workshops. Upcoming workshops include paper cutting (Feb. 21), artisanal chocolate and wine tasting (Feb. 22), stamp making (Feb. 23), succulent planting (Feb. 26), and embroidery on paper (Feb. 27). For information, contact 424-502-1001 or www.giftedla.com.

FEB. 22 CATHERINE RUSSELL The Broad Stage 1310 11th St., Santa Monica 7 p.m. Pre-Show Talk; 7:30 p.m. Show

The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage is proud to present GRAMMY Award-winning vocalist Catherine Russell. Russell moved from singing backup to icons such as Paul Simon and David Bowie into the spotlight. The vocal dynamo dazzles her audiences, interpreting jazz favorites and forgotten blues treasures with soul, humor and stunning range. A pre-show talk will take place with Santa Monica College faculty member Dr. Lesa Terry. Tickets are available by calling 310- 434-3200, at the box office or online at https://www. thebroadstage.org/.



FEB. 23 FIRE DRILL FRIDAYS: JANE FONDA, LAURA FLANDERS & JANET VALENZUELA Hammer Museum 10899 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 4 p.m.

Join actor and activist Jane Fonda, broadcast journalist Laura Flanders and community organizer Janet Valenzuela to discuss the future of environmental justice. Fonda's activism has spanned decades and included fights for civil, women's and environmental rights. Free tickets are required and available at the box office one hour before the program. https://hammer.ucla.edu/programsevents/2020/fire-drill-fridays-jane-fondalaura-flanders-janet-valenzuela

#### FEB. 23

"THE IMPOSSIBLE MEDICAL SCHOOL: WARSAW GHETTO '43," A TALK WITH DR. LEO GORDON Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust 100 The Grove Dr., Los Angeles

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

4 p.m.

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard,** in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, will hold a public hearing to consider:

THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS 2019 ANNUAL REPORT ON GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

The Annual Report is a summary of progress made in accomplishing the identified programs in the City's General Plan including progress made in accomplishing the housing programs identified in the City's Housing Element.

At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all comments. 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. The comments should be received prior to the hearing date.

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

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Timothea Tway, Senior Planner**, Community Development Department, at (**310**) **285-1122** or **ttway@beverlyhills.org.** The case file is on file at the Community Development Department and can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210.

HUMA AHMED City Clerk

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Beverly Hills will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special assistance, please call (310) 285-2400 (voice) or (310) 285-6881 (TTY). Providing at least forty-eight (48) hours advance notice will help to ensure availability of services. City Hall, including the Council Chamber and Room 280A, is wheelchair accessible. The City Hall Council Chamber and Room 280A are also equipped with audio equipment for the hearing impaired.

Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust presents "The Impossible Medical School: Warsaw Ghetto '43," a compelling talk with Dr. Leo Gordon. Under dangerous conditions, physicians created a clandestine medical school within the walls of the Warsaw Ghetto. Dr. Gordon, a surgeon at Cedars-Sinai for 40 years, will describe the rationale behind this effort, the individuals who participated and the environment surrounding this attempt at medical education.

http://lamoth.org/news--events/events/ medschool/



FEB. 23 ANGELA HEWITT, PIANO, "BACH ODYSSEY" Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills 6 p.m. Pre-concert Prelude 7 p.m. Performance

The Wallis Annenberg Center for the

Performing Arts presents The Wallis debut of award-winning pianist Angela Hewitt, celebrated worldwide for her performances of the works of Johann Sebastian Bach. The performance is dedicated in memory of arts and culture journalist Scott Timberg. A pre-concert conversation with Hewitt is moderated by Classical KUSC's Brian Lauritzen. https://www.thewallis.org/

#### FEB. 26

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM "2020 LOS ANGELES DINNER: WHAT YOU DO MATTERS" The Beverly Hilton 9876 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills 6 p.m. Reception; 7 p.m. Dinner

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will present to Renée Firestone, Deborah Oppenheimer and Dana M. Perlman its National Leadership Award at the "2020 Los Angeles Dinner: What You Do Matters" for their contributions to preserving Holocaust history and for rallying against anti-Semitism genocide and Holocaust denial. Actress, author and activist Jamie Lee Curtis will present the museum's award to Oppenheimer, and the museum will present the awards to Firestone and Perlman. Dinner co-chairs are Fred Specktor and Nancy Heller, and Jennifer and Richard Devinki. For information, contact 310-556-3222 or western@ushmm.org.

#### Join us for our first stakeholder meeting to support the Westside Cities Council of Governments Mobility Study!

The Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) is updating the 2003 Westside Mobility Study, which will identify regional transportation priorities for the Westside and guide future investments.

Please join a stakeholder meeting to look at the existing transportation landscape across cities on the Westside, and give input on the future of connecting transportation through this area. Refreshments will be served!

The venue is located near the Expo/Sepulveda station on the Metro Expo Line. Parking is also available at the Metro parking structure next to the building.

#### Please RSVP here: https://bit.ly/2uDBYnU

If you need any accommodations please email c.richer@fehrandpeers.com.

More information about the WSCCOG effort can be found here: https://www.westsidecities.org/wms-msp

WSCCOG member jurisdictions include the Cities of Santa Monica, Culver City, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, and the County of Los Angeles. Thursday 02/27/2020 6 pm - 8 pm

Location Henry Medina West Los Angeles Parking Enforcement Facility 2513 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90064



#### FEB. 26

SING ALONG WITH TOM & STEPHEN: "PIGEONS IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE" Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills 7 p.m.

Join the City's Community Sing-Along celebrating the genius of Lehrer & Sondheim and hosted by Mayor John Mirisch. Produced by Gregory V. Sherman, Richard Allen, musical director, and Carly Bracco, vocal director. Featuring Benai Boyd, Carly Bracco, Travis Leland, Robert Yacko, and special performances by Alex Rotaru, Jennie Morton, Paulette Ivory, Victoria Gordon and Michael J. Libow. The City's Community Sing-Alongs are part of the Mayor's initiative to promote arts and culture in Beverly Hills. RSVP is required. For tickets, contact 310-746-4000 or www.thewallis.org



FEB. 26 **"THE LOST CROWN"** *Laemmle Royal Theatre 11523 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 7 p.m.*  Sephardic Educational Center presents the Los Angeles premiere of "The Lost Crown," a captivating true-life detective story surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the Aleppo Codes, a medieval manuscript of the Hebrew Bible. Post screening discussion led by Rabbi Abraham Lieberman followed by a dessert reception. For information, contact 323-272-4574 or info@secjerusalem.org.

FEB. 27 BET TZEDEK 2020 ANNUAL GALA DINNER JW Marriott at L.A. Live 900 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 5:30 p.m. Cocktails; 6:45 p.m. Dinner

Join for the Bet Tzedek Annual Gala Dinner. The event will celebrate Kenneth S. Millman (Luis Lainer, Founder's Award), Bet Tzedek's Legal Support Team (Jack H. Skirball Community Justice Award), and Antonia Hernandez and Fred Ali (Rose L. Schiff Commitment to Justice Award.) Bet Tzedek is a non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance and representation, volunteer and court-based self-help services, and legal education to more than 40,000 people each year. Bet Tzedek's services keep families in their homes, secure care for those with disabilities, protect seniors from abuse and fraud, ensure access to safe housing, and obtain guardianships for children.

https://www.bettzedek.org/



THE PERFECT PAIRING FEATURING CASAMIGOS AT JEAN-GEORGES BEVERLY HILLS Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills 9850 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Executive Chef Steve Benjamin, Beverage Manager Matthew Zacharias, and the Casamigos Mixologist, Kristin Clark, and taste through the portfolio of some the best tequila and mezcal ever made. Chef Benjamin will pair a series of delicious bites with each taste to give the perfect pairing. Prepare your palate for a delectable pre-dinner experience at Jean-Georges Beverly Hills. Menu: Blanco - Caviar, Blini, Lemon Crème Freche; Reposado - Striped Bass Ceviche, Pineapple, Citrus, Chili and Coriander; Añejo - Eggplant and Beef Skewers; and Mezcal - Vanilla Donut, Chocolate. For reservations, call 310-860-7600.



FEB. 27 "SELMA" Annenberg Space for Photography 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles 7 - 9:30 p.m.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Annenberg Space for Photography will screen Ava DuVernay's historical drama, "Selma." The film chronicles the Alabama city's suffrage movement, in the wake of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. By 1965, Selma, Alabama became the battleground in the struggle for representation. Despite violent opposition, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his followers pressed forward on an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, with their heroic efforts culminating in President Lyndon Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The film features Lakeith Stanfield and Oprah Winfrey. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ film-screening-selma-tickets-94733834449



Thank You, Beverly Hills!

We're coming close to the end of the campaign, and I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for all of the community support and endorsements I've received so far. Your encouragement means everything to me as I walk the city – going door to door – meeting with as many residents as possible. I will never stop fighting for our residential quality of life and going the extra mile for Beverly Hills – the city we all love.

Please remember to cast your vote for me on your absentee ballot or when you go to the polls. **Every vote counts!** 

With love and gratitude,

WWW.lilibosse.com Paid for by Team Lili Bosse 2020 for Beverly Hills City Council

### News

## ICAN Endorses Bosse and Gold for City Council

#### BY BIANCA HEYWARD

The Israeli American Civic Action Network (ICAN) announced it is officially endorsing incumbents Lili Bosse and Julian Gold for the Beverly Hills City Council 2020 election. ICAN is an advocacy organization dedicated to empowering Israeli-Americans at every level of government for a stronger Israel-U.S. alliance.

Bosse has received a multitude of endorsements, including from Mayor John Mirisch, the Beverly Hills Police Officers Association, the Beverly Hills Courier, the Beverly Hills Renters Alliance, the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Leadership Political Action Committee, the Beverly Hills Firefighters Association, the L.A. Democratic Party and the West Hollywood Democratic Club/Beverly Hills Democratic Club.

ICAN California State Chair Vered Elkouby Nisim stated: "As councilmember and two-time Mayor of Beverly Hills, Lili has demonstrated dedicated leadership, compassion for our city's many diverse communities, and the sound judgment necessary to make tough calls. My family is from Israel, our heritage is important to us, and when our home country is attacked, Lili is one of the first to stand up and defend the world's only Jewish state." Bosse, the only child of Holocaust survivors, responded on her Instagram with humbled enthusiasm. "I am grateful for your strong support of Israel and your fight against anti-Semitism," Bosse wrote. "I stand side by side with you."

Similarly, Gold has also received endorsements, including from the Beverly Hills Firefighters Association, the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Leadership Political Action Committee, the Beverly Hills Courier, the Beverly Hills Police Officers Association, the L.A. Democratic Party and the West Hollywood Democratic Club/ Beverly Hills Democratic Club.

"Dr. Gold has been a strong and steady leader for the City of Beverly Hills and has been a dear friend to our Israeli and Jewish communities," stated Vered Elkouby Nisim. "Combining his medical background with his love for Israel, Dr. Gold helped to facilitate an important partnership between California and Israel promoting joint stem cell and biotech research." Dr. Julian Gold is ICAN's final endorsement for the 2020 municipal election in Beverly Hills.



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### Friar's Club Project Advances, United Beverly Hilton/One Beverly Hills Project to Return

BY LAURA COLEMAN



New project rendering at Friar's Club site

After years of deliberations, the developers of the former Friar's Club site at 9908 S. Santa Monica got the green light from the City Council on Feb. 19 to officially forge ahead with building a high-end residential mixed-use project on the southwestern edge of Beverly Hills.

Originally approved by the Planning Commission in 2018, the 13,000-square-foot

project includes the development of a 25-unit luxury condominium project over one story of commercial retail and restaurant uses with a total building height of 47 feet, with three levels subterranean parking.

"I so want to make a motion, because we finally have movement," said Councilwoman Lili Bosse, who, together with Mayor John Mirisch, sat on the liaison to negotiate the Development Agreement and fine tune other details of the project.

As part of the extensive Development Agreement, the developer is required to pay the City a \$5 million "Public Benefit Contribution." In addition, the developer also retains the right to sell, assign or transfer the property with all terms, covenants and conditions of the agreement continuing on with any successors.

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### An Interview with Alan Dershowitz

#### BY LAURA COLEMAN

An avowed democrat and life-long civil libertarian, attorney Alan Dershowitz is no stranger to controversy. An author, constitutional law scholar and Harvard Law School professor emeritus, Dershowitz has the distinction of having advocated before the Senate against the impeachment of both President Bill Clinton and President Donald Trump.

Fresh from a heated debate in Beverly Hills with USC Professor of Political Science Robert Shrum on Feb. 17, the Courier connected with Dershowitz this week for an exclusive interview in which he delves further into his stance that there is no such crime as abuse of power.

BHC: You were quite vocal in your opposition to the impeachment of President Trump. You even wrote a book about it. Now that it came to pass and he was acquitted, what lessons do you think the country has learned?

Alan Dershowitz: I don't think they've learned any lessons. I don't think anybody has changed their minds. We live in an extremely divided atmosphere. I would have hoped that the lesson would be that you don't impeach a president unless there's strong bipartisan support and unless there's overwhelming support in the country. That would be the appropriate lesson. That's the lesson that Alexander Hamilton and James Madison wanted impeachment to serve. But the democrats have decided to weaponize it for partisan purposes. Just like the republicans weaponized it back when Bill Clinton was impeached. So, I don't think Americans are in the mood these days to learn lessons. They just stick by their entrenched views and everything that happens just reinforces those views. We live in very, very dangerous times. People aren't open minded. People just don't want to hear opinions or change their minds or listen to the facts. They just go with their prejudices on all sides.

Do you feel that his acquittal will be tainted by the fact that there were no witnesses?

No. Absolutely not. There should have never been witnesses because there was never an impeachable allegation. That is, none of the allegations against him were constitutionally impeachable. There's no such impeachable offense as abuse of power, obstruction of justice. So no matter how many witnesses were called, it would have still been unconstitutional to impeach him under those grounds.

During the Clinton impeachment you argued that no underlying statutory crime was required for an impeachment. But you argued the opposite for Trump. What changed your mind in the interim?

No. I still don't think there's an underlying statutory crime that was required. I think criminal type behavior akin to treason or bribery is required. I didn't think that back in 1998, or whenever it was, because that wasn't the issue. The issue in those days was whether or not Clinton's perjury was a high crime. And so I didn't focus on that then. I did the research. That's what scholars do, they do more research and they change their views.

(Interview continues on page 18)

### Courier Exclusive: Interview with Consul General of Israel Dr. Hillel Newman

BY LISA BLOCH



Consul General of Israel Hillel Newman and Beverly Hills Courier Publisher Lisa Bloch

Accompanying the President of Israel on Tuesday in Beverly Hills, was Dr. Hillel Newman, the new Consul General of Israel to the Pacific Southwest of the United States.

During his 20-year diplomatic service, Consul General Newman has served in several influential and critical positions including: Policy Advisor to three Foreign Ministers of Israel, and Ambassador of Israel to Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, where he promoted political, business and security ties with these countries. Newman earned his Ph.D. in Jewish History and has authored a book on Jewish sectarianism during the Hellenistic and Roman period.

Not only has Consul General Newman accumulated vast experience in policy formation and decision-making at the highest levels of Israel's foreign policy establishment, but he has also been intimately involved in the most current and pressing issues confronting global Jewry.

As the Consul General was visiting Beverly Hills with the President, the Courier was honored to be able to sit down with him for an exclusive interview. With his official Beverly Hills shield pin, in Hebrew, shining brightly on his lapel, he was engaging, extremely informative and proud.

BHC: What would you like to share with the citizens of Beverly Hills and the greater Los Angeles communities about Israel and our relationship with Israel?

Consul General Hillel Newman: Israel is now 72 years old. In the beginning of its establishment, it had tremendous challenges. And today, we've proudly reached a situation where we rank the eighth most powerful country in the world, in the most recent ranking of countries and power of countries. We're so small, the size of New Jersey, even less than New Jersey. It's a source of great pride, but it's also a product of the wonderful relations and the wonderful support that Israel receives from different communities around the world. The Jewish community, but other communities as well. And Beverly Hills is part of that. We feel the warmth, we feel the friendship.

My message, Israel is here, represented by the Consulate General of Israel and myself, in order to bring a message of mutual support, mutual benefit. We have developed ourselves in modern technology and applied sciences, and we can apply this in many ways. And we'll be glad to do this for the citizens of Beverly Hills. I will be discussing in-depth with the mayor and the council members, how we can cooperate and work together, and how Israel can share its knowledge and its achievements, together with the City of Beverly Hills for the good and benefit of the people of Beverly Hills. I'm sure that we can also learn from Beverly Hills, and we will take our lessons from the good things of Beverly Hills, which are immense, and introduce them to Israel.

Israel was never blessed with natural resources. That's why we had to create, we had to innovate, display ingenuity. And now, we're on the upper curve, because natural resources have gone down, and ingenuity, and modern technology, and applied aspects of the modern technology are on the rise. Israel is really on the rise. So many countries and different people seek the closeness of Israel today [including the] Arab world and Persian Gulf states. Things are moving, transformations are taking place. Israel is really moving forward in its diplomatic relations, and its economic relations, with different elements. And I believe that this also can generate some positive things with Beverly Hills.

Over the past 30 years, Israel has risen to an economic powerhouse through its technological advancements, business growth and tourism. How can we help you expand relationships with the business community and the people within the southwest of the United States?

First of all, I think there's a lot we can do. Tremendous potential. As I said, Israel is on the cutting edge of technology. And the interesting thing about the modern technology is that it can be applied in so many ways, in just about every field you touch. I'll give a few examples. Israel was a failure in the automobile industry 20, 30 years ago. We tried to create a car, which was a failure. Today, we have hundreds of companies in the automobile industry that are pioneer companies, leading the automobile industry into the future [and] moving over to what we call smart mobility.

What is smart mobility?

An example is, Israel developed the mobile eye, which are the sensors for cars. They developed these sensors, and the ability to read the road without human eyes. And this now has additional applications. One of the new inventions is glasses that blind people can wear. It reads to the blind person, so he or she can have much more independence. They can walk into a supermarket and just point, and the glasses will tell them what's on the shelf.

Another example [of cutting edge technology] is the development of drip irrigation, which allowed specific irrigation to specific plants in a specific measure. And that is now developed. You can do everything through the irrigation system. Pesticides, everything you need for the plant, specific. It's like hitting at cancer cells, hitting them exactly where you need them. Everything is being developed now with technology that can be implemented in diverse ways, which can improve the quality of life of every individual. Take water for instance. Israel is the leading country in the world in the recycling of wastewater. We have 90 percent. The country after us is Spain with 20 percent. We set up the largest plant of desalination in Israel. Israel always had a problem with water. The entire region, Jordan, and Israel, the Palestinians had a problem of water. We've solved the problem. Now we have desalination plants, and we supply water to Jordan, and we supply water to Palestinians. That's no longer an issue of tension in the region. With the development of technology, you can solve a nucleus of tension.

I think we can go in the direction of smart cities as well. Smart cities involve so many things, of how to run a city, and how to make a city more efficient. How to observe what's going on, how to have real-time response for occurrences in the city. (Interview continues on page 12)



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## The Scene

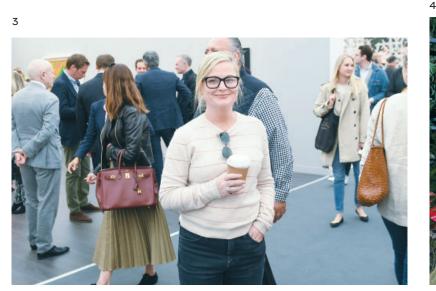
#### BY CAROLE DIXON

For its second year, Frieze Los Angeles celebrated the art community at Paramount Pictures Studios and throughout the city. Sponsored by Deutsche Bank, opening night on Feb. 13 was an invite-only VIP experience on the back lot of the studio hosted by Ruinart Champagne. The fair ran over the weekend until Feb. 16 bringing together 75 local and international galleries, artists and 35,000 art lovers to encourage and increase awareness and solidify relationships in the community. By the end of its run, sales were strong as celebrities and world-renowned collectors made their way across the main tent to view works from Damien Hirst to the Haas Brothers and Sterling Ruby.

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- 6 Jeremy Scott and Usher
- 7 Lauren Taschen and Deborah McLeod
- 8 Leonardo DiCaprio
- 9 Lilly Tartikoff Karatz and Bruce Karatz





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Frieze Art Week began with a series of events at the West Hollywood EDITION hotel, which became a hub for dinners, discussions, celebrations and a screening of Alex Prager's new film "Play The Wind" starring Elvis Presley's granddaughter Riley Keough. On the eve of the Frieze art fair opening, Laurent Claquin, President of Kering Americas, Keith Fox, CEO of Phaidon, and Sonya Roth, Managing Director of Christie's, held a private dinner at the home of AD 100 designer Brigette Romanek in Laurel Canyon to celebrate the "Great Women Artists" book. Photo by Billy Farrell/BFA.com;



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## Hospitality

### The Hilton \$35 Million Dollar Renovation Debuts in April

BY CAROLE DIXON



#### The Iconic Beverly Hilton

Home of the Golden Globes and many other spectacular high-profile Hollywood events, The Beverly Hilton hotel will be debuting a \$35 million hotel transformation this spring. The complete renovation will coincide with the property's 65th anniversary in April.

The plan is to reintroduce the local landmark to a new generation of travelers and industry events. All 566 guest rooms, luxury suites, event and meeting spaces will benefit from the cosmetic upgrade, including the public spaces and CIRCA 55 restaurant.

"Since Conrad Hilton opened the hotel in 1955, The Beverly Hilton has been an essential part of Beverly Hills and Hollywood history, playing host to some of the most memorable moments," said General Manager Sandy Murphy. "We are so excited to bring a fresh, contemporary look to this iconic property as we continue to innovate in the way we deliver word-class hospitality to our guests and the community." "The renovation is the most natural part," said owner Binyamin "Beny" Alagem. "As one of the world's most famous hotels, it's an important part of Beverly Hills and we are keeping it to the highest level of what it should be."

"We have events almost every night and people are looking to the Hilton as an important area of gathering. In order to continue the tradition and build on the history, we are now looking into the future," he noted.

"We are remodeling it to the level that will satisfy the new generation of guests that are coming to stay with us," said Alagem. But this is not about trying to attract a new, younger clientele to the property. "The thing about the Beverly Hilton," he said, "we have a tremendous loyalty from generations of family members who used to come here from grandparents and parents and now they bring their kids, so it's continuing." "We have an incredible asset which is



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Newly Refurbished Guest Room



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the human side of the Beverly Hilton. Many of the team members have worked here for more than 20 years," said Alagem. "They know the hotel, have a tremendous skill set and they recognize the guests. They feel like family and it's like they are coming home."

According to Alagem, "It's unusual for a hotel to only have three owners in 65 years." [Conrad Hilton being the first.] "I'm continuing the tradition. Merv Griffin [previous owner of the hotel] had an incredible vision. He was such a sweet man. When we started negotiating [to buy the hotel] we became friends and we went on some double-dates with my wife and Nancy Reagan," he recalled.

This renovation was not a case of keeping up with the The Waldorf next door, which opened in 2017, and Alagem also owns. "The Waldorf Astoria is the baby sister of the Beverly Hilton, it's a smaller property, but the Beverly Hilton stands by itself," he said.

Part of that distinction lies in the hotel's vast meeting and event spaces, comprising more than 60,000 square feet of indoor and open-air patios with top-notch production capabilities. These areas will also be reimagined and refreshed, including the ballroom which is home to some of the most high-profile red-carpet events in Hollywood.

The Beverly Hilton partnered with Texas-based Paul Duesing Partners to reimagine the interiors of the hotel. The team drew inspiration from "Easeful California living and a dazzling Hollywood Regency style." Every guest room and suite at The Beverly Hilton will offer showcase custom furnishings, spa-like bathrooms and elevated amenities. Embodying the very best of California weather, the renovations will welcome the outdoors in, with terrace views, and natural light complementing a serene and updated interior palette.

For the interiors, expect to see teal and champagne colors with pops of crisp highgloss white and luminous metallics. The renovated rooms will offer guests three unique experiences: the energetic modernism and intelligent design of the Oasis Building, the resort-inspired Hollywood glamour of the poolside cabanas, and the secluded opulence of The Wilshire Tower.

The sweeping, floor-to-ceiling transformation will encompass all the guest rooms, including nine private luxury suites, offering visitors a fresh new way to experience the property. Upgrades to furnishings, flooring, wall coverings, fixtures, and in-room technologies will infuse the design with sophistication and modern comfort to complement the hotel's mid-century facade. The Presidential Suite will trade a deep burgundy and gold palette, dark wood accents, and heavy fabrics for sleek, contemporary furnishings, and a soothing color palette.

The hotel is also making strides in sustainable travel by cutting its environmental footprint in half and doubling investment in social impact projects by 2030. The hotel renovation will bring new environmentally-conscious innovations to the hotel. All of the guestrooms will feature LED lighting and they will no longer stock the bathrooms with single-use plastic bath amenities. Every shower will feature Molton Brown dispensers for shampoo, conditioner and body wash. In addition, the hotel will join Hilton's soap recycling initiative which helps underserved communities and has diverted more than 3.1 million pounds of waste from landfill. Taking it one step further, the hotel will be removing plastic water bottles from minibars. Instead, guests will receive a reusable aluminum bottle in their room that they can refill at multiple water stations throughout the property during their stay.

The public spaces, including the main lobby, Oasis Tower lobby and CIRCA 55, will be the final phase of the renovation, and will debut a fresh and contemporary look in April 2020. "We are very proud and look forward to maintaining it to a level that it deserves," concluded Alagem. •

## The Future is Perfect in Trousdale

#### BY CAROLE DIXON

The Future Perfect celebrated the opening of the newest Casa Perfect timed to Frieze Los Angeles on Friday, Feb. 14. Located in a Trousdale Estates home designed by Raul F. Garduno in 1971, the new space opened with an exhibition of new work from the Wonky collection by artist Matthew Day Jackson. For the occasion, guests sipped drinks by Maestro Dobel, Miller High Life and enjoyed music by Cam Tang.

"Our new home for Casa Perfect LA is my favorite house yet," said David Alhadeff, founder of The Future Perfect. "The Casa Perfect concept for me has always been about utilizing incredible architecture - in this case a jewel that has been virtually untouched since 1971 - as a backdrop for our contemporary program. I'm particularly proud of the work Matthew will debut with us; his playful designs - impressively engineered and beautifully handworked will help set the stage for a bright year in our new home, appropriately beginning during Frieze LA."

In keeping with its commitment to offering a unique experience, the new Casa Perfect Los Angeles will also serve as a dynamic platform and destination for events, exhibitions, panels, partnerships, collaborations and more. The new house will also become a tableau for artist-based activations.

- 1 The Future Perfect Party
- 2 Jorge Garcias and Stephen Galloway
- 3 Cam Tang
- 4 Edgar J. Ramirez
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CONSUMER TRENDS: UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS FUELING TODAY'S BEHAVIOR SHIFTS

By Michelle Kerrick, LA Managing Partner, Deloitte LLP mkerrick@deloitte.com

As the marketplace evolves, so does consumer behavior. While there is much noise (and sometimes worry) about shifts in attitudes from generation to generation, the fundamentals are, in fact, well intact. This is according to Deloitte's Center for Consumer Insights' recent deep dive through a yearlong study looking at the kaleidoscope of factors influencing change.

Instead of thinking of today's consumer – both millennial and nonmillennial – as completely new and rewired, consider that what we really see are natural reactions and understandable adaptations to the swirl of change from an everevolving environment.

Here are three trends shaping consumer behavior:

### America is becoming more diverse than ever before.

For the past 50 years, the ethnic and racial base of the U.S. has been evolving. Did you know that millennials, the generation of people now between 24-39 years old, represent 30% of our total population and are considered the most diverse group of people in U.S. recorded history? As a result. today's consumer base has a varied, broader set of demands and needs.

Financial pressures are greater today compared to 30 years ago.

Many of our basic, nondiscretionary costs are simply more expensive now. After all the essentials are covered, today's consumer has less money for retail shopping, traveling, and saving for a rainy day. In fact, our study found only 20% of consumers were meaningfully better off in 2017 than they were in 2007.

#### Consumers are delaying key life cycle milestones.

In part driven by tougher economic pressures and/or perhaps a result of greater prioritization on higher education, today's consumer is postponing marriage for later or indefinitely. In a single generation, the average age when a person first marries rose from 26 to 28.5 years. Among the ripple effects, the average age for when a woman has her first child jumped from 21 years old in 1972 to 26 years old in 2016.

#### All of this affects how, when, and where today's consumer spends.

We see the impact in the housing market.

One enduring trend is the appeal of suburban life. The geographic data from 2000-2014 shows a net population growth in suburbs, while cities and rural areas reported declines.

However, between 2007 and 2017, the percentage of homeownership fell from 68% to 64%, suggesting that while the appeal of suburbia is strong, buying a home with a white picket fence may no longer be as essential.

Consumer change is all around us. These demographic and economic trends put developments into context, helping us understand the shifts. Embrace and trust that our core values are thriving with today's consumer. The fundamentals are not being derailed but, rather, coursecorrecting as best they can to align with today's new realities.

To read the complete article titled *The consumer is changing, but perhaps not how you think*, go to www.deloitte.com

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## Design

### Martyn Lawrence Bullard Puts His Stamp on Hollywood History

#### BY CAROLE DIXON



#### Martyn Lawrence Bullard

Calling all Hollywood movie and memorabilia buffs from the 30s through the 50s. Celebrated British-born designer Martyn Lawrence Bullard has just unveiled his latest boutique hotel project near the historic Whitley Heights area of Hollywood.

The Prospect lies behind a red and black Regency style door and is a true 24-room fantasy hideaway. Every accommodation is named after stars that once lived in the area from Vivienne Leigh to Judy Garland, Brando and Bacall.

"You are in real old Hollywood," said Bullard, who has been named one of the world's top 100 designers by Architectural Digest and is a permanent fixture on Elle Decor's A-List. "Everybody lived in and around here, so we gave each room a star with a little bit of flavor from that person,



Patio View Photo by Jaime Kowal Photography

but mostly it's a nod to a movie they starred in. The Greta Garbo room is a nod to "Mata Hari" which she won the Oscar for just down the street in the Chinese Theater."

The 1938 property, owned by PRG Hospitality Group, was once an apartment building and sits just above Hollywood Boulevard near iconic Musso & Franks and the Dolby Theater where the Oscar ceremonies are now held. Whitley Heights was founded in 1919 and was the first celebrity compound in Los Angeles. Cecil B. DeMille has his studio nearby and Bullard knows a great deal about this area. The prolific designer - who counts Cher, Ellen Pompeo and the Kardashians as clients, still owns a home in the area where Rudolph Valentino, Gloria Swanson and William Faulkner once lived. "On my little cul-de-sac we had Barbara Stanwick, Cole Porter, Tyrone Power and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.," he said.

The nearby apartment buildings were once homes to Marilyn Monroe and James Dean to name a few. "All of that flavor informed what was to happen here," said Bullard. "We wanted to capture that by working off the architecture and Hollywood Regency style and playing off the fact that this is really the place where the celebrity community exploded."

"I wanted to make the place fanciful and I wanted to give it some old school Hollywood, to touch on where we are but make it quirky," he said in the lobby dotted with gold metal palm tree statues custom made in the South of France. "I'm honoring the great designers of that period Billy Hanes, Tony Duquette and a bit of Elsie de Wolfe and Dorothy Draper. Everything here is taken from that era, the palm trees and faux bamboo furniture."

"Can you imagine this in a year?" Bullard is pointing to the central courtyard patio with a giant anchor palm tree shooting through the sky near surrounding buildings and budding foliage. "I insisted that we keep



Hotel Lobby Photo by Jaime Kowal Photography



Exterior of The Prospect Photo by Jaime Kowal Photography

those palms trees because they are such an integral part of Hollywood and such a moment for the space," confirmed Bullard. "We had the landscapers do a completely crazy lush garden. This whole thing will soon be covered in greenery with beautiful antique lanterns."

One can just imagine lounging during the summer with a glass of rose reading a script. The back part of the property holds a few larger rooms and one has a secret garden.

"Sense of place to me is the most important element for a boutique hotel. The reason why you go there is you want to know where you are and experience it," he added.

Bullard has done just that with rooms paying homage to the golden era of Tinseltown greats. "This hotel was all about capturing old Hollywood and that vibe and feeling like you're in the midst of it all. You know that actors and struggling writers have lived in these buildings. Madonna used to live in the top floor of the Montecito building across the street with her brother Christopher," he said.

"It's had an amazing history and still creating an amazing history," added Bullard. During the opening weekend, some of the cast and team from the multiple Oscarwinning film "Parasite" stayed at the hotel. "I loved Parasite," said Bullard who is a member of the Academy. "It's brilliant, twisted and quirky."

Everything in the rooms was copied from the original including the old-fashioned

telephones. "We've gone completely camp and bananas, but I didn't want things that felt cheesy."

Filled with old black and white film studio stills, the team spent an entire year on e-Bay scouring for old artifacts and memorabilia such as the vintage "Hollywood Reporter" magazines that have been framed. The original art was sourced at flea markets and mostly French 40s impressionist and cubist collages.

What you will also find in the rooms consists of four-poster beds flanking Bullard's wallpaper collection aptly titled the Hollywood Palm Collection. Each room has a large marble bathroom and dressing areas, but the hidden fitted closet mini-bars are a stand-out personal touch. And according to Bullard, "Carpet is having a renaissance." So, he decided to just go for it with kitschycool wall-to-wall zebra and leopard prints. "Normally, I'm not a carpet person but in the right use, it can create a real addition to the design. With the upstairs rooms, it made sense for the noise level."

Five of the rooms at the Prospect, including the Cary Grant room, have kitchenettes for the long-term guests. They already have a ten-day booking from a DJ who is working nearby. "There are no boutique hotels in this area," said Bullard. "There is a big W and The Roosevelt nearby."

While they don't have a restaurant, you can have breakfast in the lobby delivered every morning from Tartine bakery. When you need to venture out, the hotel also has a partnership with the NeueHouse and the Hudson Brothers who own many cool clubs and restaurants in the area from No Vacancy to Dirty Laundry.

With the sexy, sophisticated, old school vibe, you just might want to order-in. "Many rooms have vintage items and for me to make each room feel different, we sourced a lot in Palm Springs and some of the old vintage stores in Silver Lake. We bought vintage lamps, side tables, coffee tables but each room is completely different and a collected vibe. I think you can only do this in a boutique hotel," confirmed Bullard. "Hotels, particularity boutique hotels, have to have an air of fantasy and if you can give them some sex appeal too, you have a winning ticket."

Up next for Bullard, who has recently designed The Hotel California in Santa Barbara, The Sands in Indian Wells and Casa Laguna in Laguna Beach - to name a few, is a Paso Robles boutique hotel. He is also putting the finishing touches on the Four Seasons Residences just behind the Doheny property, which will be ready in June. "It's very modern all my walls in the lobby are floor to ceiling back-lit onyx. The furniture is a mix of mid-century and designer pieces. It's a completely different look and vibe. I like to change everything up," he confirmed. The residences will take over a whole city block with 65 units, ranging from \$5 to \$70 million for the penthouse.

Bullard, who now resides behind the Chateau Marmont in West Hollywood, has his own Martyn Lawrence Bullard Ateliera lifestyle shop under his office space on Melrose that sells all of his exclusive fabrics and furniture to the public and trade. The store also showcases some rare finds in the wallpaper and fabric genres from new talent around the globe from Palms Springs to Johannesburg. "I love that I have it here in West Hollywood. It's the hub of everything," he says.

The award-winning designer also has a new lighting line coming out at Highpoint, North Carolina in October. "I love doing lighting it's the finishing jewelry to a room. It's like putting your earrings on," he said. "It also creates the ambiance for everything, and it can make or break a space."

According to Bullard, the biggest mistake people make when decorating a home or even just a room is not installing a dimmer switch. "It's that 20 bucks that you really should have spent!"



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That's a big field where I think we can work together with Beverly Hills. Other fields I would suggest for working with Beverly Hills include security, cybersecurity, counter-terrorism, things like that. Beverly Hills is such a nice City. The enemies always try to hit the nice places. So that's a field I think that we can work together. You have to make things secure and Israel is a pioneer and a leader in that aspect as well. Twenty percent of the global investment in cybersecurity is in Israel.

There's also a signed agreement between Israel and California and Los Angeles specifically, and we'll try to give a lot of meat to this agreement and part of it will be technology. There will be energy aspects and water aspects to the agreements.

#### **Renewables?**

Renewables is also a field where we could work together. Many countries and cities have defined their goal in renewable energy, and Israel defined a very difficult goal and has met it. We've got aspirations of reaching 20, 30, 40 percent in the future in renewable energy. In Israel, just about every home has solar panels on the roof. There's a very strong similarity between Israel and California in the aspect of the hours of sun. And that's also an aspect which I think we can share knowledge on.

How do you respond to residents and community members who take issue with Israel's governing policies, and what do you recommend we do as individual members of the community when we disagree with Israel's policies?

I think that those who disagree with Israel's policy do not know the complexity of the issues. I'll give an example. There are many who criticize Israel for not moving forward faster in the peace process with the Palestinians. They live with the conception that, "Okay, if Israel will only relinquish territory, there'll be peace." They don't understand that it's much more complex than that. Israel has relinquished territory many times, they never received peace. There's the Oslo Accords, Israel gave territory to the Palestinians here, created the Palestinian entity, relinquished territory over to the Palestinian entity. And what we got was real terrorism, we didn't get peace. We relinquished the entire Gaza strip over to the Palestinian people. And what we got was the Hamas took over the Gaza strip and started launching rockets against the people of Israel.

So that whole paradigm of, if only you give territory, there'll be peace, is proven to be a failure. It's been refuted in reality. So there's some people who were not aware of all these facts and they still live in this perception that if only Israel will relinquish territory, there'll be peace. It's much more complicated.

#### Can you elaborate?

For instance, you got Mahmoud Abbas who's supposed to be the leader of the Palestinian people to be a partner for peace, but he's split between the Fatah and the Hamas. The Hamas has taken over large parts of what used to be the Palestinian Authority. Hamas is against any agreement with Israel. They're in favor of terrorism and they don't recognize any coexistence with Israel. When they talk about a future Palestinian state, they talk about a state that replaces Israel and rejects Israel. So there is not a partner for peace. How can you have a partner Mahmoud Abbas when he doesn't control the territories and he doesn't have the strength to make any decision because he's afraid of these radical elements.

Are there organizations, places you could recommend to individuals to more understand the complexities?

Yes. First of all, I would say to everyone as a piece of advice, don't just listen to the simplicity of the media. You have to learn the issues by reading up on the issues, you can also turn to us as the Consulate General here in Los Angeles. You can follow our site, you can also send us a request for information. We'll be glad to supply any type of information you're interested in. We have a Facebook page. We have everything. You can turn to us with questions and we will reply. The main thing is not to just take one narrative and stick to it. You should listen to the different sides of an issue before you make up your decision. And I think everyone should make their decision, but they should first learn the issue more in-depth, and shouldn't just buy slogans that are on television.

What can we do as members of our community of Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, and even across America to help fight against the rise of anti-Semitism?

Well, unfortunately the statistics don't lie, and there is a rise in anti-Semitism, including in North America. There are many different explanations of why and how, but it's a fact. In fact, I also heard directly from the chief of LAPD and senior police officials here in the Los Angeles area, and they all say it's documented that although crime is dropping, anti-Semitism is on the rise.

Why and how do we fight it?

Right. There are different attempts to explain why, but there is a classic anti-Semitism that is embedded deep. And today with the internet, people can get information, especially hate material very easily. They can be influenced very easily. There is a tendency to radicalism. People who are looking for meaning in life, people who are looking for belonging of some kind, people who come from difficult circumstances and are looking for some outsourcing of their plight. Sometimes they find that these radical organizations which give them a promise of an afterlife or give them a promise of some kind of benefit is false. And they get lured in this direction. The first thing I think in challenging this is to understand that it comes from all camps. You can take classic examples from the right where there's the Neo-Nazi groups and the white supremacists and others, and you could take classic examples from the left. You can also find people who are so called extreme liberals, and sometimes they also have a tendency towards discrimination against the Jews or Israel. The BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) organization, for instance, where they have a tendency towards discriminating against Israel, specifically.

But when an organization comes forth and says, "We should boycott Israel." The first thing I would ask them is, "Okay, who else is on your list?" And you'll find that these organizations, it's more anti-Semitic than something really realistic, because all of a sudden the other countries that are much worse and in a much worse situation than Israel are not on their list. So, it's inbred, deep hate? Is that what you're saying?

Yes. I think that it's become illegitimate to be against the Jews. So some people are weary of that and therefore they're against the Jewish state. They can swerve it in the name of political disagreement or a political policy issue, they're actually expressing, manifesting their anti-Semitism in their singling out of Israel as a country. But there's also classic anti-Semitism of hatred against the Jews. I've heard many stories even in this region, which I was very sorry to hear that there's still a strong anti-Semitic feeling.

Based on nothing? Just based on ignorance?

Sometimes it's based on ignorance. Sometimes it's based on indoctrinating of some kind which they read on the internet, or from hatred groups, or all kinds of sources they can get it from. There are some that inherit it. There are some who learn it. It can come from different sources. Sometimes it's just copycats. There are different types of sources and motivations.

What can be done?

Well, the first thing, against all types of anti-Semitism, is to stand together as a united community against it. Just like the Jewish community should stand against discrimination against the African Americans and against any type of minority group or other in society. The general society together with the Jewish community should stand against anti-Semitism. And I know that the Jewish community does stand against discrimination against different minority groups, as they should.

The second thing is we should take everything seriously. We've learned that from history. If we go back just 70, 80 years ago to the period of the Holocaust, it started with words. It started with a book. It started with the burning of books. And the end, it came to the burning of human flesh. So we must be wary and if there are manifestations of anti-Semitism, they should be met head on. You can't just ignore it, you can't sweep it under the carpet. It must be met head on. The third thing is, as I said before, is that we should be aware of anti-Semitism no matter where it comes from.

And the fourth thing is to be also aware of the fact that a lot of the calling out against Israel is also classical anti-Semitism. It's just focused now against the Jewish state and not against Jews, but it's the same. When we talk about anti-Zionism, or you talk about BDS movements to boycott Israel, the sources are antisemitic in most cases.

A large part of our work is also to increase security, although that's a passive way of challenging antisemitism. But we must do that. And we're working also with synagogues. We're giving them advice on how to make their institutions more secure. And we think that federal budgeting should take these things into consideration. The burden should not fall on the synagogues. We have many synagogues here in Beverly Hills.

If they have to put out all the funds necessarily just for security, it's a tremendous burden. It should be free. So as the growing security needs rise, we should also try and meet these needs with budgeting.

Is there a message you would like to convey to the Beverly Hills community as well as the people of greater Los Angeles?

I'd just like to convey a message of friendship. That Israel is a friend of the people of America and the authorities in America. There's a tremendous alliance between Israel and the United States of America.

There's too much polarization sometimes, and we'd like to get this message across that from our point of view. This relationship is a bipartisan relationship and it should continue for all times. United States has no better friend than Israel. Israel will always stand with United States and its needs. There's tremendous sharing of intelligence and knowledge between Israel and the United States. This relationship is tremendously important for both countries.

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## Health and Wellness

### Cedars-Sinai Earns Five-Star Hospital Rating

#### BY SANDRA SIMS

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center has earned a five-star hospital rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the third consecutive year. This is the highest distinction offered by the federal agency. The ratings, based on data from Medicare's Hospital Compare website, range from one to five stars and provide consumers with an easy to understand system to compare hospital performance. This year's top honor for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center was driven by a low rate of complications after hip or knee replacement surgery, high marks for patient experience and continued strong performance in mortality measures that track the rate of patient survival 30 days after hospitalization for common conditions such as pneumonia.

"These achievements reflect not only our commitment to drive improvements in clinical quality but to also sustain those gains once a goal has been achieved," said Rekha Murthy, MD. vice president of Medical Affairs and associate chief medical officer.

Dr. Murthy pointed to a recent quality-improvement project in antibiotic stewardship that focused on getting the right antibiotics and dosage to the right patient at the right time for the right duration. The project helped reduce rates of infections from C. difficile, (or Clostridium difficile), a bacterium that causes inflammation of the colon that can be life-threatening. Though the formal project has concluded, medical center teams continue to monitor related data and train new clinicians around appropriate antibiotic use.

Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center also received a five-star rating. Cedars-Sinai became a joint owner of the hospital last year along with Providence St. Joseph Health in Tarzana.







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### Beverly Hills Recognizes the American Red Cross with Special Honor

#### BY SANDRA SIMS

The City of Beverly Hills presented a proclamation to the American Red Cross, during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18, declaring the month of March as "American Red Cross Month." Mayor John Mirisch stated that as part of this recognition, the City will light up City Hall in red from Monday, March 2 to Friday, March 6. "No matter how big or small the disaster, the American Red Cross is quick to respond across our country and across the world," said Mirisch.

He added that the Red Cross responds to an average of 60,000 disasters a year and has over 25,000 volunteers. The Los Angeles Red Cross region has a Community Ambassador program in Beverly Hills. Mirisch encouraged Beverly Hills residents to volunteer by taking a class or giving blood.

Representatives of the Red Cross said that they dedicate this honor to the City of Beverly Hills and noted that in 2019, Beverly Hills residents and businesses, through their blood donations, saved 288 lives. The Beverly Hills Fire Department helped increase blood donations from 10 to 20 donations five years ago to approximately 33 average donations in Beverly Hills this year.

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City of Beverly Hills honors American Red Cross (Pictured from left:) Councilmember Julian Gold M.D., Councilmember Lili Bosse, American Red Cross Board member Josie Tong, Beverly Hills American Red Cross Ambassador Wil Master, Mayor John Mirisch, Vice Mayor Lester Friedman and Councilmember Robert Wunderlich

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## Arts & Entertainment

#### BY CAROLE DIXON

Last week two big stars returned to the limelight. Harrison Ford walked the red carpet at the El Capitan on Hollywood Boulevard, not far from The Dolby Theater Oscar's stage, to promote his new film "The Call of the Wild." Co-star Michael Horse from "Twin Peaks" also attended along with the dog who played "Buck" in the adaptation of the classic film.

Across town in Westwood, Jim Carrey joined his co-stars for the premier of "Sonic the Hedgehog." Paramount roiled out the blue carpet to celebrate the comedy about the mega-popular Sega video-game character. The film followed that fanfair with a strong opening weekend at \$57 million.

- 1 Michael Horse
- 2 Richard de Klerk and Cara Gee
- 3 Jim Carrey greets fans
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## **Community Voices**

### Guest Editorial - in Support of Lili Bosse, Candidate for Beverly Hills City Council - Election Day March 3, 2020

#### Values/Character

Notwithstanding our shared coarsened culture and its politics, for too many, as a crude amoral enterprise whose sole purpose is the acquisition of raw power, there still remain virtuous individuals who graciously and selflessly engage in public service. Lili Bosse is such an invaluable soul.

In my judgment, the measure of a political leader is not simply exacting blanket agreement with her "bill of particulars" listing her policy choices. No worthy leader seeks or expects homogeneity of opinion. It is not the "echo chamber" she expects but robust debate that arouses the passions of moral leadership.

Lili Bosse's character and values were formulated, in large measure, by the end result of her parents' war-time experiences. Her parents were survivors - her mother, Rose, endured the inhumane horrors of Auschwitz, and her father, Jacob Toren, in the cruelty of the Russian Gulags. The rest of her family were executed by the "Wehrmacht Assassins" of Nazi Germany.

After the war, her parents met in Israel and moved on to Queens, New York City.

### Library Concerns

I am not sure how many Beverly Hills residents are aware that part of our library's second floor, where books were, is being converted into offices.

I was told they will be offices for people currently assigned to the City Hall building.

But no one in the library can explain: a) why a library's book space is being given over to offices, b) what will fill the vacated offices at City Hall (surely not books), c) who authorized this and thinks it necessary, plus nobody is addressing the fact that this boils down to less space in the BHPL for books!

One young library employee declared, "There'll still be room for e-books." Heaven forbid I live to see the day when libraries stock only e-books. (And I'm in my forties.)

I urge residents and library patrons to inquire about this matter and register displeasure with the shift from books to offices inside our library.

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Tempered by war and disciplined by unbearable sorrow, her parents believed that in America they would be afforded a most fruitful life. They instilled in Lili that the iconic language of the Declaration of Independence had substantial historical significance most applicable to them, to wit: the belief that the inalienable rights of all people come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.

It became clear to Lili that the art of politics was not about POWER but the application of popular consent derived from the governed.

She believed aspirationally that with hard work, preparation and rock solid, iron clad integrity, she could achieve the American Dream.

Prior to election to the City Council, Lili served as the leader of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation - the major private contributor to our schools. Her commitment to charitable giving is noted in her family's well-respected philanthropy. Lili had also served on the Traffic and Parking Commission and Planning Commission.

She has been a major guardian of the rights of our residents and business community. She has always deemed our community as an extension of family.

She is most certainly not someone who is for sale. Her soul is intact and is non-negotiable! She has done, and always will, continue to do what is right and best for our city. **Vision** 

As long as our city is able to remain a major viable commercially thriving entity, it will be able to function as a truly exciting independent municipality. Lili recognizes that commercial competition from Century City's almost one billion dollar upscale must be confronted. She has long held to the position that "smart development" that does not intrude upon or adversely impact the integrity of our residential neighborhood, is essential to maintaining our city's top quality commercial development. An important part of her commercial vision designed to outpace our commercial competitors is for Beverly Hills to create "destination" commercial entities that will attract national, European and Asian tourism. The concept will require state-ofthe-art facilities and send a message to our competitors that Beverly Hills is number one and expects to stay that way.

It must be noted that with respect to safeguarding our residential neighborhood's integrity, recently, Lili has saved the right of our home-owners to park in front of their homes which, believe it or not, was in jeopardy by an ill-advised compliant bureaucracy.

I have known Lili for many years. She has served our city with distinction for decades. In many respects, based upon her personal history, and all of her efforts on our behalf, she has and still represents the "Pride" and "Conscience" of Beverly Hills.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, ROBERT K. TANENBAUM

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"The main function of this list is that other companies or other countries or other governments will cease doing business with these companies," Hosier added.

In addition to opposing the decision of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to release the list and condemn the decision as a "blacklist" and clear act of anti-Semitism, the resolution also calls for inclusion of four recommendations made by ICAN. Those actions include: calling on the U.S. Senate to reintroduce and pass the Israel Anti-Boycott Act or having the U.S. House pass its version, H.R.5595, and transmitting it to the Senate for consideration; having the White House, State Department, and U.S. Trade Representative ensure that all statutory authorities contained in the 2015 Trade Enforcement and Enhancement Act are utilized to combat boycotts against Israel, and especially with respect to "territories controlled by Israel"; advocating that the U.S. suspend its engagement and financial contributions to the OHCHR; and leveraging the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation to lessen any impact the UN's blacklist may have on local economies within Judea and Samaria.

Mayor Mirisch emphasized the importance of the Council's action given that the City of Beverly Hills counts the single largest Jewish majority outside of Israel.

"We raise our voices now to say that we won't tolerate in any form Jew-hatred, or anti-Semitism, call it what you will," he said. "When I see the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights singling out Jews the way that the Nazi's did, it makes me want to puke, quite frankly. And it completely devalues the organization." The overwhelming majority of the 112 companies on the list are Israeli, including some of the country's main banks. In addition, six of the companies are American.

Councilman Gold, who like fellow incumbent candidate Councilwoman Lili Bosse recently received ICAN's endorsement for the March 3 City Council election, said he felt that the Council's action was an important step in helping right a clear injustice.

"This is like whack-a-mole," he described. "This is like the third time in months that we're back passing a resolution condemning somebody for anti-Semitism, anti-Israel, anti-something. It's like it just doesn't stop. I think we have to remain vigilant. And we have to use this platform. Because when we say things, people hear. And I think when other people hear it, other people adopt it and I think that's really important."

The City has a robust portfolio of actions taken in support of Israel and against anti-Semitism, including passing a resolution in 2016 to oppose the UN resolution to deny Jewish historical and religious claims to the Temple Mount and the Western Wall Jerusalem. Additionally, the City passed a resolution that same year to to support AB 2844, combatting the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) of Israel Act 2016. Most recently, on Jan. 28 the Council unanimously moved to adopt the definition for anti-Semitism used by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA).

Before the Feb. 18 vote, Councilwoman Bosse asked that the resolution call on other cities to reject the UN's recent action and take the same measures as Beverly Hills.

"This hits very close to home for me as the daughter of Holocaust survivors,"

she said. "When the War happened, people were too silent and we have to really raise our voices very loud and we have to put an end to this. And I agree, it's every other week, there's something else. We've absolutely shown that we are a community that stands up to any force that's anti-Israel or anti-Semitic."

"There really isn't a language strong enough that I could come up with to say how devastating and mortifying it is that we even have to have this conversation," Bosse added.

In fact, just hours before passing the resolution, the City Council presented President of Israel Reuven Rivlin with a key to the City during his recent visit to Beverly Hills.

Vice Mayor Les Friedman, who advocated sending the resolution to all state representatives, highlighted the irony of the UN taking such divisive action when its very name implies that it's about unity.

Councilman Gold suggested that with buy-in from the federal government, there might be an economic angle that could be leveraged to force change, particularly given that the U.S. is the largest provider of financial contributions to the United Nations, funding roughly 22 percent of its budget. At the very least, Gold said the U.S. should stop voluntarily contributing additional money to the OHCHR, which last year amounted to around \$18 million.

"By singling out Israel in this manner, this is in fact discriminatory and it should be antithetical to the values you would hope the United Nations would have," said Councilman Bob Wunderlich. •

## Community

### City Responds to Mailer Regarding Lots 12 and 13

#### BY ANA FIGUEROA

As the Courier was going to press this week, we received a statement from City Manager George Chavez regarding the proposed development of 9220 N. Santa Monica Blvd. Known as the Beverly Hills Creative Offices Project, it is also commonly referred to as Lots 12 and 13.

Chavez issued his statement in response to a communication being delivered to residents from a member of the public. That communication raises a number of allegations about the proposed development and the process that has taken place thus far.

Chavez addresses those concerns below:

"A proposal was submitted to the City of Beverly Hills in September of 2019 for the redevelopment of Lot 12 with commercial office buildings. Development of this site would require a general plan amendment, specific plan and development agreement. The applicant's initial proposal also includes transferring ownership of lots 13 and 13a to the City. The City deemed the application incomplete in October of 2019 and issued a letter seeking additional and clarifying information. Since that time, the applicant has not submitted new materials.

"If and when the application is deemed

complete, the next steps would include an environmental review (where traffic and construction impacts would be examined) and public hearings. The land has been identified as contaminated and, if development were to be approved for the site, there would be appropriate remediation.

"The plans and all application materials for this project are available for public inspection at City Hall. Specific questions and requests to inspect the application materials and project plans may be directed to Principal Planner, Masa Alkire at 310-285-1135."



BHHS '01 GRAD, Debra Greene, wins three Golden Mikes at the Radio and Television News Association's 70th annual awards ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 15.

#### NEWS

#### (Interview continued from page 4)

And I changed my mind, the way many scholars did. I don't change my views according to anything partisan. I change my views because I know more and I learn more and there's more scholarship and more research. I think now you need criminal type behavior akin to treason and bribery. That doesn't have to be a statutory crime, but it has to be criminal-like behavior. It can't be anything like abuse of power or obstruction of Congress, I'm convinced of that.

Can you expand on what you said at trial, that a president acting in good faith for the good of the country can't be liable for abuse of power?

I didn't say that. If you read what i said, I said, as long as he acts legally. If he does anything unlawful, he can be charged. There's no such crime or impeachable offense as abuse of power. It's just not in the Constitution.

When is a President's abuse of power an impeachable offense?

Never. Abuse of power is simply never an impeachable offense. Never. No matter what. You have to charge a crime or a criminal type behavior. So abuse of power is never [that]. Forty of our 45 presidents have been accused of abuse of power and I said that on the floor of the Senate.

Can you clarify exactly what is you said on the Senate floor and share the precise now infamous quote?

What I said was, the only thing that would make a quid pro quo unlawful is if the quo were in some way illegal. In other words, if it's illegal, then a quid pro quo would be unlawful. That if there were corrupt motives, or a kick-back, then that would be impeachable. But abuse of power, that in and of itself is not a constitutionally permissible criteria for impeachment.

At last night's debate, Professor Shrum said, "I think what the President did to the Ukrainians was exactly extortion." Do you agree with that and if so would that be sufficient grounds for impeachment?

No of course not. They should have charged him with it. If they had charged him with extortion, that would have been an impeachable offense. Then we'd have a very different process. But the democrats in the house did not charge him with extortion. They charged him with abuse of power. You can't just change it because Bob Shrum thinks it's extortion. It's not technically extortion under the law, but the more important thing is they didn't charge him with extortion. Had they charged him with extortion, the whole debate would have been different. That would be an impeachable offense, extortion. Or bribery. Or perjury or anything of that kind. But you can't impeach a president because you think he's abused his power. Every president virtually has been accused of abusing his power.

President Trump admitted he sent Rudy Giuliani, acting as his personal attorney, to Ukraine to negotiate a deal just days after the Senate voted to acquit him. How do you reconcile this?

There's nothing to reconcile. You have to charge a president with an impeachable offense. If they had charged him with an impeachable offense, then the evidence would be relevant. But when you don't charge him with an impeachable offense... Let's assume that they charged you with the crime of not being nice. There'd be no evidence. It's not a crime not to be nice. You are nice. But it's not a crime not to be nice. You have to charge an impeachable offense, that's the key. And abuse of power is not an impeachable offense. It's not in the Constitution. It wasn't contemplated by the framers and it would be unconstitutional. It was unconstitutional to charge him for abuse of power. The House of Representatives acted unconstitutionally by charging him with abuse of power. That's not an impeachable offense. That's like charging him with not being nice.

Was there anything wrong with him having sent Giuliani to negotiate a deal?

That's not the issue. That's something you should vote on. If you think there's something wrong, you should vote against him. If you don't think there's something wrong, well that's for voting. That's not my expertise. My expertise is, was it an impeachable offense? And abuse of power is not an impeachable offense.

How important is the character of a president to a nation?

A character of a president is very important in deciding who to vote for. But it's utterly irrelevant in terms of impeachment. It's very important to a nation, and that should be a factor in everybody's decision of who to vote for. But it's not relevant to the criteria for impeachment.

Many who have followed your career have seen you change from a civil libertarian to a conservative outside the mainstream.

Absolutely not. I'm one of the few civil libertarians left. All my positions are civil libertarian positions. What's changed are many people on the left no longer care about civil liberties. They no longer care about due process or free speech. I haven't changed one bit. I've taken the same position with regard to the impeachment of Richard Nixon, the impeachment of Bill Clinton and the impeachment of Donald Trump. Now you can criticize me for not changing, but I haven't changed one bit. I'm still a liberal civil libertarian.

How important is adhering to the Constitution to the continued prosperity of this county?

I'm not so interested in the continued prosperity of the county, that's up to the economists and others. I'm interested in the continued liberty of the country and the Constitution is critical to the liberty of the United States and to civil liberties and to due process. As I started my speech in the Senate, I'm here because I love my country and I love the Constitution and I'm not here on behalf of any particular individual. I'd be making exactly the same speech if it were Hillary Clinton or any other liberal democrat.

How much of a threat to our civil liberties is the divisiveness that we're now witnessing in the country?

I think the divisiveness is very dangerous. I think today the people on the left pose at least as great a danger to civil liberties as people on right. People on the left today have neglected free speech, due process and open dialogue and the Constitution. They see the ends as justifying the means and I don't believe that.

Is truth an important value?

Truth is an absolutely important value. Truth and consistency. And I'm appalled at how the democratic leaders lie about my speech. They distorted it and had me saying things the opposite of what I said. I don't believed a president can do anything to get reelected. I think there were a lot of lies told on the floor of the senate by democrats. Particularly about my speech, they deliberately and willfully distorted what I said for their own partisan act. I heard lies from the democrats and it hurt me because I'm a democrat.

What kind of damage do you think an impeachment proceeding brings to the country?

I think it's terrible damage. I think it weaponizes impeachment. It normalizes impeachment. It turns it into a partisan weapon. I think we will suffer the consequences of this impeachment for a long time. It never should have happened.

With the people that you've represented, and you've described some of them in pretty harsh terms, how do you reconcile that within yourself?

All clients are troubling. The First Amendment says every defendant has the right to a lawyer and I believe in that strongly and I will continue to represent the most controversial, the most despised people. And that's required by our Constitution, and I support that.

Who's been your favorite client of all times or most interesting client?

Natan Sharansky. Sharansky was a Soviet dissident who I defended when he was in Russia. He's the one I most closely identified as a human being. Because he was a dissident. We could have easily exchanged places. He could have been the American lawyer and I could have been the Russian dissident, the Soviet dissident.

Anything else you would like to share with Beverly Hills Courier readers?

Yes. I hope everyone will ask themselves would they have passed the shoe on the other foot test. Would they be taking the same positions on impeachment, did they take the same positions on impeachment when Bill Clinton was impeached? What I demand is a single standard, a single standard for civil liberties, a single standard for justice, a single standard for impeachment. Today my civil liberties come out in favor of Trump. If Hillary Clinton had been elected, and she was getting impeached, I would be doing everything on her behalf and then people on the left would love me and people on the right would hate me. But that's what it means to be a civil libertarian, you maintain the same position regardless if the person being impeached is a liberal or conservative or a republican or a democrat.

### Louis Vuitton Partners with Frieze for House's Objets Nomades

#### BY CAROLE DIXON

Louis Vuitton presented its first partnership with Frieze Los Angeles at a spectacular off-site exhibition of the House's Objets Nomades collection from Feb. 14th to 16th at MILK Los Angeles. Guests were invited to experience Louis Vuitton's unparalleled savoir-faire and participate in special design discussions featuring leading voices in the art and design space alongside some of the



Andrew Roda and Priyanka Khanna

House's esteemed Objets Nomades designers, such as Humberto Campana in conversation with Mayer Rus, Architectural Digest West Coast Editor and Andrew Kudless, Louis Vuitton's first American Objets Nomades designer, and Emily King, design historian and curator. The exhibition marked the first time the Bomboca Sofa by the Campana Brothers will be presented in the bi-color

pink colorway in the Americas as part of the bespoke curation.

Since its creation in 2012, the Objets Nomades collection has furthered Louis Vuitton's historic tradition of beautifully crafted travel-inspired objects that are creative, functional and innovative. The experimental prototypes that make up the Objets Nomades collection all pay homage

Andre Herrero and Rem D Koolhaas

to the 165-year-old House's special orders of the past - such as the iconic Bed Trunk produced in 1874 for French explorer Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza - while fusing contemporary visions of creative designers from around the world from India Mahdavi to Marcel Wanders, and most recently, Andrew Kudless.

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## Education

### BHUSD Officially Becomes a 1:1 Technological Device District

#### BY SANDRA SIMS

The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) reached a milestone this month by providing each student at every BHUSD school a computer device available for school use. Interim Executive Director of Technology David Damico told the Courier that this achievement opens the door for the district to create more opportunities to continue technology-based curriculum and teaching. "The last phase of distribution of laptops to students finished last week for students in grades 9 and 10," he said.

Damico stated that there are various types of computer devices available to students based on different grade levels. Students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade have use of iPads located in classroom carts, and students in 3rd grade through 12th grade have access to laptops.

He explained that devices are available to all students throughout the school day. "Students in high school have devices checked out to them. Students at middle school access devices in classrooms via laptop carts; middle school students log on to devices using district provided credentials." Damico added, "Elementary age students also have devices assigned to them. 3rd to 5th grade students can also take devices home to complete homework."

In addition to students' grade levels, use of the computers at the various school locations is also determined by educational purpose. According to Damica, the devices provide access to supplemental learning materials for courses such as math or reading practice; productivity exercises such as writing, keyboarding, research; and creative activities which include creating stories, making movies, and developing storyboards. He stated that devices are used for assessments, such as California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) testing. Damico stated that some language arts and math texts also require computer use because they have digital components.

Content is filtered on the devices made available by the district for school or home use by students. For example, access to social media sites is blocked for all students. According to Damico, "High School students have less restricted filtering since their academic needs often require them to do research on topics that may include violence – Vietnam war for example – or more mature themes."

### Beverly Hills Farmers' Market to Showcase Summer Camps

#### BY BIANCA HEYWARD

Every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market is packed with over 60 local farmers and nonagricultural vendors showcasing the finest and freshest produce, juices, baked goods, specialty items and more. The market, which is located along the 9300 block of Civic Center Drive, is home to the annual Pie Bake in June, educational workshops, pony rides, and a petting zoo in the kid's zone. However, on the third Sunday in February, the market resembles something of a playground.

On Feb. 23, the City of Beverly Hills Community Services department is unveiling their annual summer camp lineup and upcoming Spring classes for kids between the ages of five and 15. This year marks the 10th Summer camp showcase at the farmers' market, which is always held on the third Sunday in February. The City's Community Services Department publicist, Dana Beesen, told the Courier, "Summer camps are a big thing for parents who are looking for things to keep their kids active and engaged, so we are meeting the needs of the community by offering these summer camps." The City introduces a plethora of activities for kids early on in the Spring semester and there will be two booths dedicated to registration. "People are trying to figure out their summer vacations and lining up their schedules with camps," said Beesen. "So, it's important to unveil it early so that people can start planning for their summers. We also encourage early enrollment by offering a discount so that they can enroll and be set, because once it's full, people won't be able to enroll in specific camps."

Parents who sign their kids up for camp on Feb. 23 either in person at the farmers' market or online from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. receive a one day only \$20 discount per camp. Early enrollment closes at 1 p.m. on Feb. 23 and does not re-open until March 7th for residents and March 9th for non-residents.

Last year, 735 kids registered for summer camp on the day of the showcase. Of those, 657 were residents and 77 were non-residents. The most popular camps last year included the Beverly Hills Jr. swim camp, the teen camp, a yoga retreat, science camp, and basketball camp. The camp costs range from \$109 for a half-day soccer camp to \$1,444 for a four-week Catskill camp.



BHHS Media and Culinary Students Win Top Medals at Skills Regional Competition . 19 students will advance to the SkillsUSA State Competition in April. Categories included Broadcast Teams - KBEV, Audio/Radio Production, Culinary, and Job Demo.





Congratulations to the AYSO, G-14 Beverly Hills All-Star Soccer Team, known as the Diablos, who finished 2nd in the Riverside Locomotion Tournament over President's Day Weekend. (Pictured from left): Coach David Hollander, Molly Westberg, Misha Tome, Paula Valle, Ava Hollander, Stella Kalish, Leyla Parsi, Elena Serrano, Elle Lane-Marvis, Nicolette Kadz, and Coach Frank Chechel. Bottom row, (from left): Sarah Baumann, Vera Bronshvag, Abbie Youssefzadeh, Daniela Rabbanian, and Miki Avanim. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 · 9AM - 1PM Beverly Hills Farmers' Market 9300 Block of Civic Center Drive SPRING & SUMMER CAMP DISCOUNT & EARLY SPRING CLASS REGISTRATION



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#### REAL ESTATE

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The Council unanimously voted to approve the Development Agreement, with Mirisch representing the single opposing vote to a resolution creating a General Plan amendment to establish a residential overlay zone in order for the mixed-use project to be developed in a commercial zone.

The Feb. 19 votes came two weeks after a trio of City Council votes on Feb. 4, where the Council voted 4-1 (Mayor Mirisch dissented) to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Project, introduced an ordinance approving a Zone Text Amendment and Zone Change (Mirisch dissented), and unanimously introduced an ordinance approving a Development Agreement for the project.

The City Council had continued the project's public hearing to Feb. 18 in order to allow the Peninsula Hotel time to consult with its ownership group regarding the condition to reduce construction noise effects on the hotel in the morning hours between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. In the interim two weeks, the Peninsula, which unsuccessfully appealed portions of the Planning Commission's original decision in September 2018, requested additional modifications to the agreement, including a request to install a barrier along the roof of the planned project to prevent views into the Peninsula Hotel and that there be restrictions contained in the CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions) that would prohibit short term rentals.

Immediately after shepherding the Friar's Club project through its final major hurdle in City Council chambers, the Council turned its consideration slightly north to the unified 17-acre project helmed by the Beverly Hilton.

"The proposed application for a unified project is forthcoming," City Planner Ryan Golich told the Council. The unified project will fuse the nine-acre site anchored by the Beverly Hilton and Waldorf-Astoria Beverly Hills hotels and the eight-acre site of the former Robinsons-May department store. "They believe that the extensions are important in order to ensure their lenders and investors of the viability of the project site."

The Council unanimously decided to give the developers the option to hold off on developing the combined property until 2026, provided they pay \$2 million a year to extend the current two development agreements in place.

"We are talking about the western gateway of our City," described Councilwoman Lili Bosse. "However this will be imagined, I believe will be world-renowned. As much as Beverly Hills is on the map, I think it's going to take us to a whole new stratosphere."

The applicant (Oasis West Realty, LLC and a subsidiary company) had submitted requests to amend the length of time to extend the two development agreements currently in place by five years.

"I suspect you don't actually want to build what these entitlements allow you to build, but by the same token, I recognize that your financial backers want to have some assurance that you can build something," opined Councilman Julian Gold. "But I do think there's a balance here."

The development agreement for 9876

Wilshire Blvd. (The Beverly Hilton) was originally approved in 2008 and is owned by Oasis West Realty LLC. Before the vote, the agreement allowed the developer to pay a fee of \$750,000 per one year extension through May 2022.

The development agreement for 9900 Wilshire Blvd. (the former site of the Robinsons-May department store), which was most recently approved in 2016 as the One Beverly Hills Project, was acquired in 2018 by BH Luxury Residences, an affiliate of Oasis West Realty. Until the vote on Feb. 18, the agreement allowed the developer to pay a fee of \$1 million per each year of extension,

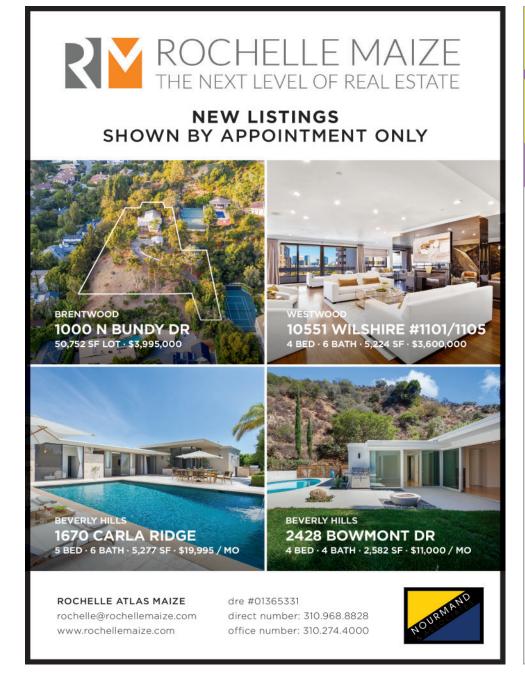
giving them until June 2022 to develop the site.

The Planning Commission had advised the Council to both raise the fee for extensions to the Beverly Hilton specific plan to \$1 million (the same as what was in place for 9900 Wilshire) and lower the limit of requested extensions to three additional years. The City Council offered a compromise, granting the owners the ability to extend both development agreements for an additional four years, at a fee of \$1 million for each one year extension, up until June 30, 2026.

"The opportunity to have a unified project at this site is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Vice Mayor Lester Friedman said.



Rendering of One Beverly Hills as approved in 2016



Next stop: more subway. PURPLE LINE EXTENSION TRANSIT PROJECT Section 2 – Beverly Hills Update

#### Wilshire/Rodeo Station Box Construction Continues

Piling activities to create the supports for the Wilshire/Rodeo Station box will continue on the north side of Wilshire Bl from Beverly Dr to Crescent Dr. Upon anticipated completion on the north side in April\*, operations will move to the south side.

#### **TRAFFIC ALERT**

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NEWS

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21). This is a year of exploration, and you'll see many things you never did before. The spirit of adventure will be your guiding light. One key starting point will be the moment you extend a hand to someone outside of your circle. The bonus you get in May is wellearned, and you'll reinvest in July. Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 3, 22, 10 and 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A feeling of longing and a longing for feeling -- these are the human elements behind the meaningful accomplishments of the day. You'll be on the lookout for this in yourself and others wherever you go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Before making a choice, make sure that the lineup of options is actually the best you can do. "Constantly choosing the lesser of two evils is still choosing evil." -- Jerry Garcia

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The difference between challenging yourself and forcing things can be subtle. There's no need to get there faster or show up stronger. Anything that feels pushed is probably wrong.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Once the thing you love gets popular, you'll have less access to it. Right now, it's pretty wonderful to love something that others don't get yet. It allows you the chance to flow appreciation to it openly and without competition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've been working hard and the temptation will be to play just as hard. Perhaps "hard" is not going to help matters. What can you do to make both work and play a little easier on yourself?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your love is not a bubble that will pop when it smacks upon a sharp reality. Your love is made of tougher stuff, a durable elastic not duplicated anywhere else in the universe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It happens so very rarely, but this is one of those times. Truly, you'll be better off if you lose your usual diplomacy and get something off your chest. Speak the truth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Getting out of a stuck place will be about the same no matter what kind of "stuck" it is. Jiggle, jostle and turn. Move until something about the situation changes. Wiggle until you're free.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you're new, you have to work a little harder, smarter and more creatively than the others. There will be a way to defer to the big shots and still be powerful in your own right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everyone doesn't have to know what you're good at. If you know, that's enough. The confidence you feel will come through in your posture and your being, no words necessary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There you go thinking of who you might have been were certain turns not taken. It's only a helpful flight of fancy if it changes your thought process for the next turn. Otherwise, the best policy is: no regrets.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll give more than they were expecting. You'll give more than you were expecting. Things just happen in the moment, and it's in everyone's best interest.

### Patrol Cars to be Added to Beverly Hills **Police Department Fleet**

#### BY SANDRA SIMS

The Beverly Hills City Council accepted the external audit review of the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) patrol vehicle usage, concurring with the recommendation to add approximately four patrol cars to the existing fleet. Beverly Hills Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli was in attendance at the City Council study session on Feb. 18 and addressed the Council regarding the issue. Chief Spagnoli stated, "There is information that we have on a day-to-day basis that we (police officers) see. The vehicles are not adequate for our needs which is why we recommend having an additional four vehicles."

According to City Auditor Eduardo Luna, the audit's objective was to determine if the BHPD patrol vehicle fleet size was sufficient to meet the operational needs of police officers and to ensure that the department acquire the vehicles at the best price. The budget includes a fleet of 124 vehicles, 19 of which are dedicated patrol vehicles. Chief Spagnoli explained that only 15 of the 19 cars are currently operable. The Beverly Hills City Auditor contracted with external agency TAP Financials, LLP to evaluate the City Police Department's patrol vehicle fleet size and patrol vehicle acquisition costs.

TAP Financials noted that BHPD has "commendable" performance measures and the cost of patrol vehicles was competitive as compared to other municipalities. The audit presentation to the City Council included highlights from the agency's review of key performance measures such as police response times, which showed an average response time of 2.4 minutes over 31/2 years. The external agency also reviewed police call time and determined that there was an average of 4,430 calls per month over 3 years. Chief Spagnoli stated that high call volume was due in part to the community being very responsive to the "see something, say something" campaign and was not associated with an increase in crime. She stated that there has been a 50 percent decrease in crime as compared to prior years.

TAP Financials identified special circumstances under which patrol vehicles were being used. For example, patrol vehicles tend to be used for special events such as movies andtelevision filming, as well as by motorcycle police officers during rainy days. Police officers also use patrol vehicles for transportation to court (e.g., LAX courthouse). In describing the costs associated with police officer court appearances, Chief Spagnoli stated that an average of 4 to 10 officers are subpoenaed per day and the department must pay overtime when officers are required to appear in court. She stated that the department is working with the District Attorney's office in an effort to reduce the number of officers who are called to testify in court on a given day.

Chief Spagnoli explained that patrol vehicles are in use 24 hours per day and are assigned to approximately four officers over the course of the day. The Chief identified shift changes as having an impact on the use and availability of patrol vehicles. She noted, "with overlap and shift changes, you have officers waiting to get into vehicles." Based on the evaluation, it was recommended that the department increase the number of patrol vehicles in its fleet.

A second recommendation from the audit review was for the department to strengthen informational systems and documentation to facilitate more effective tracking of patrol vehicles. Spagnoli stated that the department will work with Public Works to "house the data in one location" so that Public Works can also utilize that data.

The Council inquired about any "green" initiatives to acquire hybrid and or electric vehicles. Mirisch stated, "We should be among the first to have electronic vehicles." Ultimately, the Councilmembers supported the recommendation to obtain four additional patrol cars. Councilman Julian Gold stated, "It's important that the community see the visibility of patrol cars." Councilmember Bosse noted that she has consistently heard from the community that they want to see an increase in patrol vehicles as well as officers on foot patrol.

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"I am especially proud that the Nazarian Center is a vital presence at UCLA helping us all understand the depth and complexity of Israel's history, society and culture," he said.

The UCLA Israel Studies Award recognizes individuals of extraordinary character and merit in their chosen fields, whether in academia, public service, business or the arts, who have contributed to a greater understanding of Israel and have made outstanding contributions to Israeli society or culture. The award

#### (Dershowitz continued from page 1)

"Please, let's have some civility," Judge Kozinski told the audience following one instance of fierce booing after Shrum predicted that Schiff would be reelected to Congress. "We are here to listen and learn."

Perhaps the most raucous round of applause came when Dershowitz asked the crowd: "Should I sue CNN?"

Widely quoted as having made the argument that a president can do anything in the Senate impeachment trial of Trump, Dershowitz told the audience that CNN had left out a key element of what he had said. Namely, the first three words of the sentence, "I don't believe a president can do anything."

"I do not believe the First Amendment protects a willful, deliberate, malicious, doctoring of a tape to make somebody say something the exact opposite of what he said," Dershowitz said.

Shrum, who received his J.D. degree from Harvard University, subsequently advised: "Don't sue them. You'll lose."

He then reiterated to the audience the widely cited "exact quote" that Dershowitz

was conferred on President Rivlin in recognition of his courageous leadership celebrating the mosaic of Israeli society and promoting the values of coexistence, tolerance, equality and civility. The UCLA Israel Studies Award has only been presented two times before, to the former Chief Justice of Israel's Supreme Court Aharon Barak (in 2007) and to Israeli author Amos Oz (in 2015).

Rivlin was elected the 10th president of the State of Israel on June 10, 2014, after having served as speaker of the Knesset and

said on the Senate floor: "If a president does something which he believes will help him get elected in the public interest, that cannot be the kind of quid pro quo that results in impeachment."

Just days after the Senate voted to acquit him, President Trump said that he had sent Rudy Giuliani, acting as his personal attorney, to Ukraine to negotiate a deal, ostensibly undermining his testimony.

"I think what the president did to the Ukrainians was exactly extortion," Shrum said. "If Congress has appropriated money that is supposed to go to Ukraine for its military defense, and the president withholds that money [and] the signals are sent to the Ukrainians that they're not going to release [it] until there's an investigation of Robert Hunter Biden, I think that's an impeachable offense."

Dershowitz, who also spoke in the Senate in defense of President Bill Clinton's impeachment, and campaigned on behalf of Hillary Clinton four years ago for the presidency, underscored his strong opposition to Trump's impeachment.

"For me, impeachment is never and should

as a cabinet minister. He was first elected to the Knesset in 1988 and served seven parliamentary terms.

Mayor John Mirisch told the Courier that the presence of the world leaders in the City marked a "special week indeed." He noted, "As perhaps the only Jewish majority City outside of Israel, it was particularly meaningful for our Council to present the Key to the City to President Rivlin. These historic events remind us why we are so fortunate to call Beverly Hills our home." •

never be a partisan issue," he said, emphasizing that presidents should only be removed from office when there is broad-based consensus and bi-partisan support.

"I think if abuse of power is not an impeachable offense, than democracy in this country is in terrible, terrible trouble," Shrum opined. "I think Donald Trump is the single worst most dangerous president in American history."

Broken into three parts, which ultimately seemed to bleed into each other, after Dershowitz and Shrum spent the first part of the debate voicing their thoughts on the politics of impeachment, Rabbi Baron replaced Judge Kozinski as moderator to delve briefly into the Me Too movement and ultimately the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

"We have to learn what our differences of opinion are on a whole range of subjects and how we can create common ground so that we can communicate with one another and how we are best able to reach one another in this very stratified and divided society we live," Rabbi Baron said.



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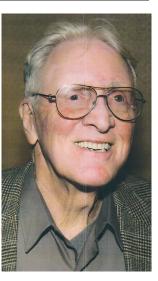


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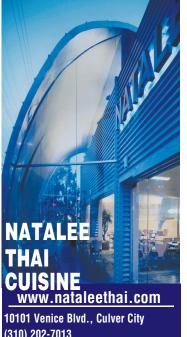


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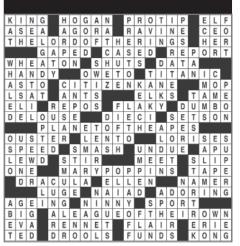
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### **Public Notices**

Public Notice of APN: 4348-006-009 T.S. No.: 2019-2061 Order No. 1356997CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/26/2018. UNLESS YOU\_TAKE\_ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION THE NATURE OF E PROCEEDING OF THE AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Will sell at a public auction sale to the highest bidder, payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cashier's check drawn on a state of national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described under and property pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice Sale) reasonably of estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater\_on the day of sale. Trustor: Rappaport, Juliette Trustee of the Juliette Rappaport Living Trust, dated September 28 2010 Duly Appointed Trustee: S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, CALIFORNIÁ CORPORATION Deed Trust recorded 8/1/2018, as Instrument No. 20180772350 in book XX, page, XX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 2/20/2020 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 POMONA, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other reasonable estimated charges: \$5,140,749.37 Street Address or other common designation of purported real proper-ty:1120 Summit Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210 A.P.N.:4348-006-009. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incor-

rectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown. directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should under-stand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auc-tioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paving off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pur-suant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855)986-9342, or visit this Internet Web site www.superiordefault. com using the file number assigned to this case 2019-2061. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not imme-diately be reflected in the télephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postpone-ment information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date 1/16/2020. S.B.S. TRUST NETWORK, CALIFORNIA DEED A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION.

31194 La Baya Drive, Suite 106, Westlake Village, California, 91362 (818)991-4600. By: Colleen Irby, Trustee Sale Officer. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (2/7/20, 2/14/20, 02/21/20) TS# 2019-2061 SDI-17 303)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST T.S. No.: 19-0219 Other: 1321499cad Loan No.: O'Hurley APN: 4352-002-014 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/29/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN FXPL ANATION EXPLANATION AN THE NATURE OF E PROCEEDING OF THE AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Witkin & Associates, LLC fka Witkin & Eisinger, LLC, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee, or as agent for the trustee, pursuant to the Deed of Trust exe-cuted by John O'Hurley and Lisa O'Hurley, Husband and Wife as community property with right of survivorship recorded 06/05/2007 Instrument No. as 20071350717 in Book n/a, Page n/a of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, and pur-suant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 08/20/2019 in Book n/a, Page n/a, as Instrument No. 20190837170 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 02/11/2020 at 10:00AM Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: Lot 1 of Tract No. 8965, in the City of Los Angeles, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map recorded in Book 119, Pages 22 and 23 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1710 Monte Cielo Court, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by

the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$1,932,849.88\* \*The actual opening bid may be more or less than this estimate. (NOTE: If there is any type of pre-payment premium or other fee or charge that, under the terms of the secured obligation, becomes due on the date of sale, said fee or charges IS included in the above estimate). In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust including advanc-es authorized thereunder and also including, without way of limitation, the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust together with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus the fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN "AS-IS" CONDITION. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the

mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn if your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site WWW. ATIONWIDEPOSTING. COM using the file number assigned to this case 19-0219. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION AND STATUS 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, GO TO: WWW. ATIONWIDEPOSTING. COM OR CALL 916-939-0772. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DISCLOSURES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: (1) At the time of sale, the opening bids by the beneficiary may not represent a full credit bid. The beneficiary reserves the right, during the auction, to increase its credit bid incrementally up to a full credit bid. The beneficiary may also bid over and above its credit bid with cash, cashier's checks or cash equiva-lents. (2) The Trustee's Deed Upon Sale (TDUS) will not be issued to successful bidder the the bidder's payuntil ment has been deposited in the trustee's bank and cleared (all holds released). The bidder may have to take additional actions as required by trustee's bank in order to facilitate the deposit and clearance of bidder's funds. (3) If, prior to the issuance of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may decline to issue the TDUS and return the bidder's funds, without interest. If, subsequent to the issuance of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may rescind the TDUS pursuant to Civil Code Section 1058.5(b) and return the bidder's funds, without interest. (4) When con-ducted, the foreclosure sale is not final until the

the sale may be canceled or postponed at the discretion of the trustee or the beneficiary. A bid by the beneficiary may not result in a sale of the property. All bids placed by the auctioneer are on behalf of the seller/beneficiary. THIS COMMUNICATION MAY BE CONSIDERED AS BEING FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED Α DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY, YOU MAY HAV RELEASED HAVE BEEN FROM PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT IN WHICH CASE THIS NOTICE IS INTENDED TO EXERCISE THE SECURED PARTY'S RIGHTS AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY ONLY. Date: 01/13/2020 Witkin & Associates, LLC fka Witkin & Eisinger, LLC 5805 Sepulveda Blvd., #670 Sherman Oaks, CA 91411 Phone: (818) 845-4000 By: Debra Gomes Trustee Sales Officer NPP0366363

auctioneer states "sold".

Any time prior thereto,

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020022245 The following is/are doing business as: AZAD RUG COMPANY

970 N. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069; Ali Azad 970 N. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069; The business is conducted by: <u>AN INDIVIDUAL</u>, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed March 2015: Ali Azad, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 28, 2020; Published: January 31, February 07, 14, 21, 2020 LACC N/C

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020022247 The following is/are doing business as: SHARON'S LAUNDROMAT

224 W. Rosecrans Ave. #104, Comptown, CA 90222; Laundry Breeze, Inc. 1000 E. 14th St., Los Angeles, CA 90021; The business is conducted by: <u>A</u> <u>CORPORATION</u>, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed August 2018: Mayar Bassirat, CEO: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 28, 2020; Published: January 31, February

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020021067 The following is/are doing business as: 1) STRUCTURE AND FORM 2) CORLISTA PRESS

07, 14, 21, 2020 LACC N/C

2) CORLISTA PRESS 4020 Colonial Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066-4911; Corinne Lightweaver 4020 Colonial Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066-4911; The business is conducted by: <u>AN</u> INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 2020: Corinne Lightweaver, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 27, 2020; Published: January 31, February 07, 14, 21, 2020 LACC N/C

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020032963 The following is/are doing business as: STUDIO GARY FISHER

2249 Federal Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064; P.O. Box 25924, Los Angeles, CA 90025; Artscidesign, LLC 2249 Federal Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064; The business is conducted by: <u>A LIMITED</u> <u>LIABILITY COMPANY</u>, registrant(s) has <u>NOT</u> begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: <u>Gary Fisher, Member</u>: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 10, 2020; Published: February 14, 21, 28, March 06, 2020 LACC N/C

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020018629 The following is/are doing business as: 1) TITAN LOANS 2) HARD MONEY GO

10100 Santa Monica Blvd.#300, Los Angeles, CA 90067; Shiva Bina 10100 Santa Monica Blvd. #300, Los Angeles, CA 90067; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 2020: Shiva Bina, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: January 23, 2020; Published: February 21, 28, March 06, 13, 2020 LACC IVC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020041035 The following is/are doing business as: 1) GIUSEPPE FRANCO SALON 2) GIUSEPPE FRANCO 3) G.F. SALON

4) GIUSEPPE FRANCO ENTERPRISES OF BEVERLY HILLS, INC.

350 N. Canon Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210; Giuseppe Franco Enterprises of Beverly Hills, Inc. 350 S. Canon Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: <u>A CORPORATION</u>, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 1982: Joseph Corsaro, **President:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 19, 2020; Published: February 21, 28, March 06, 13, 2020 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020041031 The following is/are doing business as: 1) GARY GAGOSSIAN BESPOKE TAILORING 2) GARY GAGOSSIAN 3) BESPOKE TAILORING

9407 Brighton Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; Gary Gagossian Bespoke Tailoring, Inc. 30423 Canwood St. #227, Agoura Hills, CA 91301; The business is conducted by: <u>A CORPORATION</u>, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 2011: Gary Gagossian, **President:** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 19, 2020; Published: February 21, 28, March 06, 13, 2020 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020041033 The following is/are doing business as:

THE GRAND CASINO BAKERY 3826 Main St., Culver City, CA 90232; C/O-Gustavo Lamanna, Esq., 11599 Gateway Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064; Southern Atlantic Mutual 11599 Gateway Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064; The business is conducted by: A <u>CORPORATION</u>, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 1986: Gustavo Lamanna, Secretary: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 19, 2020; Published: February 12, 28, March 06, 13, 2020 LACC N/C

#### NOTICE-

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











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908 BEL-AIR ROAD BEL-AIR | ARCHITECTURE BY PAUL MCCLEAN | \$180,000,000



911 LOMA VISTA DRIVE TROUSDALE | 2-ACRE LOT WITH EXPLOSIVE VIEWS | \$29,950,000

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**2911 ANTELO VIEW DRIVE** BEL-AIR | 5-ACRE ESTATE | \$28,950,000



940 OAKMONT DRIVE EAST BRENTWOOD | MANDEVILLE CANYON TRADITIONAL | \$16,900,000



**1120 MAYTOR PLACE** TROUSDALE | REX LOTERY MID-CENTURY | \$14,800,000



1088 NORTH HILLCREST ROAD TROUSDALE | SOPHISTICATED MODERN ESTATE | \$12,900,000 1060 WOODLAND DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS | STUNNING ARCHITECTURAL | \$14,500,000

