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THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

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☀ Sunday	75° 69°
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BHPD Confiscates Nearly \$3 Million in EDD Fraud Arrests

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

Over the last two weeks, the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) has arrested 44 individuals within the City in connection with Employment Development Department (EDD) fraud and identity theft. The arrests yielded a total of 129 fraudulent EDD debit cards with a value of over \$2.5 million, more than \$289,000 in U.S. currency and seven handguns found on the suspects' persons or in their vehicles.

The Courier first broke the story that EDD fraud is impacting the City in its Sept. 11 issue.

Subsequently, BHPD released a statement on Sept. 16 providing additional details about the investigations. "Earlier this month, the Beverly Hills Police Department learned criminals were fraudulently obtaining EDD benefits loaded onto EDD debit cards using stolen identities. The monetary

value placed on the cards by EDD can be as high as \$20,000. Cardholders are able to withdraw up to \$1,000 per day, per card. Suspects have traveled primarily from out of state to obtain these fraudulent EDD cards in California. The suspects will most often have numerous EDD cards in their possession with other people's identities, along with large amounts of cash. They will then use the cards to lease short-term rentals, rent luxury vehicles, dine at restaurants and purchase high-end merchandise," said the statement.

In California, the EDD allows individuals eligible for Unemployment Insurance, Disability Insurance and Paid Family Leave to receive payments in the form of a Bank of America debit card. The card can be used to make purchases and withdraw cash. The EDD also offers Digital Cards—a prepaid Visa debit card—similar to the physical card option. Both forms of EDD cards are being targeted by individuals in Beverly Hills and throughout the county and state.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the EDD has paid out more than \$81.8 billion in unemployment benefits since March. A Sep. 10 report released by the Department shows a startling sudden influx in initial unemployment claims from recent weeks.

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Merchants in Beverly Hills are taking measures against EDD fraud

Counseling During COVID-19 in Beverly Hills

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The days of lying on a chaise longue and unloading secrets onto a bespectacled, pipe-smoking gentleman in a three-piece suit are long gone. As COVID-19 has disrupted the traditional therapeutic model, the Maple Counseling Center in Beverly Hills has turned to virtual platforms. After months of adjusting to this remote reality, the Center is contemplating what the future of therapy will look like for them and for the field at large.

Its services have never been more critical. The Centers for Disease Control released a survey in August showing that over 40 percent of adults reported experiencing mental health challenges related to the pandemic, including anxiety and depression.

The Maple Counseling Center has operated out of Beverly Hills for nearly five decades, starting as a response to rising drug use in Beverly Hills Unified School District

in the late '60s. The Center continues to offer services within the district, but has expanded since then to provide services for all age ranges.

"Services for cradle to grave, if you will," CEO Marcy Kaplan explained to the Courier. "We have programs for very young children and families and we provide counseling services all the way up through older adults."

In addition to its school programs and work with partner agencies, the Center performs between 500 to 550 sessions per week, Kaplan said. Its mandate also encompasses a training element. "We have a large training program for the next generation of mental health professionals, and that includes graduate and postgraduate students and marriage and family therapy, social work, and clinical psychology," Kaplan said.

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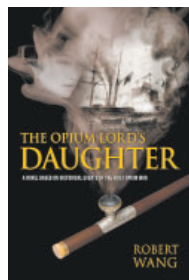
High Holidays COVID-19 Report FAQs

BY ANA FIGUEROA

As of this week, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) reports 257,271 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 6,324 deaths. Nearly 70 percent of all cases have occurred in people under the age of 50. In the City of Beverly Hills, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 is 655.

In anticipation of the upcoming Jewish High Holidays, Public Health has issued guidelines for maintaining the health and safety of participants in religious observances.

Among the important information set forth in "What You Need to Know COVID-19 Jewish High Holidays FAQ" is the following: (High Holidays continues on page 13)



SEPT. 18
UCLA CENTER FOR CHINESE STUDIES: ROBERT WANG - "THE OPIUM LORD'S DAUGHTER"
4 - 5 p.m.

The UCLA Center for Chinese Studies presents an online discussion with author Robert Wang. In conversation with Professor Min Zhou, Wang discusses his writing process and shares the findings of his research on the history, facts, and fictions of the Opium War, which included interviews with experts on the subject in the United States, Macau, Hong Kong, and Mainland China, and field trips to historical sites in China.

https://ucla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VCJZR2tsQmGA79fcR-XIQg

SEPT. 18 - 20
MELISSE X CITRIN: CELEBRATES THE RELEASE OF FILM "A CHEF'S VOYAGE" WITH TRIBUTE TAKEAWAY MENU AND MOVIE TICKET
5 - 7 p.m.

Chef Josiah Citrin celebrates the release of the film "A Chef's Voyage" featuring friend and colleague Chef David Kinch with a takeaway menu and at-home movie ticket available opening weekend. The five-course menu features tributes to "A Chef's Voyage," complete with a dessert collaboration with legendary pastry chef Sherry Yard. The feature film examines the nature of teamwork at the Michelin level, following Kinch and his team as they travel to France, collaborate with culinary luminaries, and celebrate Manresa's 15th anniversary. The Citrin menu includes a viewing link at L.A.'s Laemmle Theaters for guests to watch the film at home. For information, contact Andrea Jackson Ott at andrea@wagstaffmktg.com or Mia Benimon at mia@wagstaffmktg.com. <https://www.citrinandmelisse.com/>

SEPT. 18, 19, 27, 28
VISTA DEL MAR: HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Join Vista Del Mar's inclusive and moving High Holiday Services held this year in the virtual sanctuary via Zoom. These special services are provided for all in the community as a gift from Vista Del Mar. Services are led by Vista's Rabbi in Residence, Jackie Redner. Readings and virtual honors are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The schedule, Zoom information and RSVP link are on the Vista Del Mar website.

<https://www.vistadelmar.org/event/high-holiday-services-2020/>

SEPT. 18, 19, 27, 28
TEMPLE OF THE ARTS: HIGH HOLY DAYS

On the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, Rabbi Baron brings inspirational speakers from around the

world. Temple membership includes a ticket for the High Holy Days observances. Also available are individual tickets to the High Holy Days as a non-member ticket, and "virtual memberships" to livestream the services at www.futurestream.tv/TOTA. Details are listed on the membership ticket page. <https://bhtota.org/>

SEPT. 18 - 20, 27, 28
JEM COMMUNITY CENTER BEVERLY HILLS: THE HIGH HOLIDAYS UNDER THE SKIES
9930 South Santa Monica Blvd.
Beverly Hills, CA

Join JEM Community Center Beverly Hills for the Holiday Days Under the Skies with space for 1,000 people outdoors in a tent. All are welcome, free of charge. Come pray and feel inspired with Rabbi Illulian. Social distancing will be observed, and masks are required.

<https://www.jemcommunitycenter.com/>

SEPT. 19
MOTION PICTURE & TELEVISION FUND: "EVENING BEFORE THE PRIMETIME EMMY AWARDS"

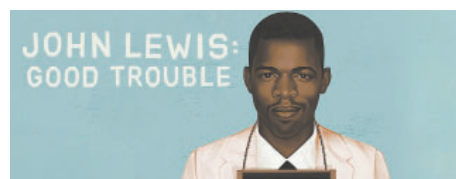
"The Evening Before the Primetime Emmy Awards" celebrates the top talent in the television community, while raising money and awareness for the Motion Picture & Television Fund. Funds support working and retired members of the entertainment community with a safety net of health and social services.

<https://mptf.com/eveningbefore/>

SEPT. 20
ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES: 72ND PRIMETIME EMMY AWARDS
5 - 8 p.m.

The 72nd Primetime Emmy Awards honors the best in U.S. prime time television programming as chosen by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. The ceremony was originally to be held at Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, but will now take place virtually from the actors' homes and will be broadcast by ABC and hosted by Jimmy Kimmel.

<https://www.emmys.com/>



SEPT. 21 PANEL; FILM THROUGH SEPT 30
THE MUSIC CENTER OFF STAGE: "JOHN LEWIS: GOOD TROUBLE"
4 p.m. Panel

Join audiences across the country and from over 50 performing arts centers in a nationwide watch of the new documentary "John Lewis: Good Trouble." After viewing the film, participate in the free live virtual panel on Sept. 21. Directed by filmmaker Dawn Porter, "John Lewis: Good Trouble" chronicles the life and career of the civil rights activist and Democratic representative from Georgia. <https://www.musiccenter.org/tmc-offstage/john-lewis-good-trouble/>

SEPT. 22
WRITERS BLOC: JILL LEPORE AND DAN SCHNUR OF "IF THEN - HOW THE SIMULMATICS CORPORATION INVENTED THE FUTURE"
11 a.m.

Join Writers Bloc for the free livestream with Jill Lepore in conversation with Dan Schnur. Before the world grew concerned about the practices of Cambridge Analytica, Google, and Facebook, there was the Simulmatics Corporation, a data analytics pioneer, which started in the late 1950s and became the prototype for Google. Their data simulator, which they christened "the People Machine," churned out predictions on voting behavior that was sold to JFK's 1960 campaign. Lepore's new book, "If Then," explores the nature and range of "the People Machine" and its goal to predict behavior, whether commercial or political, and manipulate the outcome. <http://writersblocpresents.com/main/jill-lepore/>



SEPT. 22
HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LOS ANGELES - INSIDE THE (ACID-FREE) BOX: A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT THE BERND STEVENS COLLECTION
4 p.m.

Participants can open the archive door of the Holocaust Museum LA for an exclusive peek at some artifacts in the Museum's vast collection. Bernd Stevens fled Nazi Germany as a teenager in 1939, shortly before WWII. When war erupted, the Jewish teenager enlisted in the U.S. Army. The collection includes materials related to Bernd's time with the Army Office of Strategic Services (OSS), as well as his life in Germany before the war and photographs and documents from his life when he settled in California. <https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/event-details/inside-the-acid-free-box-a-behind-the-scenes-look-at-the-bernd-stevens-collection>



SEPT. 22 - 25
NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES COUNTRY: "DINO FEST AT HOME"

This week-long online festival celebrates dinosaurs, their prehistoric past, and the science that brings their world back to life. Meet world-renowned paleontologists from the Museum's Dinosaur Institute and

beyond, dig into hands-on activities at home, explore the famous Dinosaur Hall with the world's only Tyrannosaurus rex growth series online, and more. <https://nhm.org/dino-fest>

SEPT. 24
THE LA PHIL - THE FORD ONLINE VIRTUAL SEASON: "FROM THE FORD - LULA WASHINGTON DANCE THEATRE"

The LA Phil launches The Ford free online virtual season, revisiting past performances captured live on The Ford's stage by Los Angeles television station LA36, including archival footage and newly created artist introductions providing additional insight into the work. On Sept. 24, the iconic Lula Washington Dance Theatre reflects on the Black experience through a contemporary dance lens, combining modern, hip-hop, jazz and African movement vocabularies. <https://www.theford.com/>

SEPT. 24
HAMMER FORUM - "PROP 16: ENDING THE BAN ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION"
5 p.m.

The Hammer Forum miniseries focuses on important measures on the Nov. 3 ballot. Prop. 16 would repeal a longstanding state constitutional amendment that banned affirmative action by California state institutions. Loyola Law School professor Jessica Levinson moderates a panel discussion about the likely consequences of this new measure. RSVP to receive an email with the link to watch live on Zoom. This program will also be recorded for viewing soon after the event. <https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2020/prop-16-ending-ban-affirmative-action>

SEPT. 24 OPENING; CONTINUES THROUGH SEPT. 27
LA DESIGN FESTIVAL - KEYNOTE TALK, AWARDS NIGHT AND DESIGN ONLINE BLOCK PARTY
5 p.m. Talk; 6 - 9 p.m. Awards

Enjoy the LA Design Festival with online events celebrating creativity in Los Angeles and beyond. Join for the keynote talk as host of KCRW's Design and Architecture show and 2020 ICON recipient Frances Anderton sits down with LA Más' Co-Executive Director Elizabeth Timme to talk about the future of Los Angeles. <https://www.ladesignfestival.org/schedule>

SEPT. 24
THE BROAD STAGE AT HOME: RED HEN PRESS POETRY HOUR "REGARDING FEMINISM"
6 p.m.

Host Sandra Tsing Loh leads an online program with five artists about the intersections between feminism, performance, identity and poetry in the time following the #MeToo Movement. Poets and writers appearing on the program include Erica Jong, Judy Grahn, C. Bain, Amber Flam, and Monique Jenkinson. Each program is archived following the live stream for on-demand viewing. <https://thebroadstage.org/athome>



Important Information about Measure RP

Under existing law, the County of Los Angeles or another regional entity could raise the Beverly Hills sales tax rate and collect that incremental revenue. Measure RP ensures any new sales tax revenue would remain in Beverly Hills under local control.



DOES MEASURE RP INCREASE TAXES?

Measure RP does not raise taxes unless the County or another entity imposes an increase to the sales tax. Measure RP would then be imposed to capture that revenue for use in Beverly Hills.

HOW WOULD MEASURE RP IMPACT BEVERLY HILLS?

If approved by a majority of Beverly Hills voters, Measure RP would prevent the loss of local sales tax revenue to regional control and instead retain this funding for local use under local control.

Learn More

For more information, please visit beverlyhills.org/measureRP.

Preparedness Takes Center Stage in Beverly Hills

BY ANA FIGUEROA

We may be in the midst of an ongoing pandemic, but the City of Beverly Hills is urging residents to be prepared for other types of emergencies. September is National Preparedness Month, designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps now that can help protect life and property in the future.

The City already has a head start in the preparedness arena. In July, it launched "Just in Case, BH" to keep the community informed and well connected in the event of a natural disaster or other local emergency. Working in collaboration with the City's Communications, Police and Fire Departments, Just in Case, BH is designed to connect the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Neighborhood Watch programs to create a communication network for residents in all parts of the City.

Councilwoman Lili Bosse, who championed the program, told the Courier, "It is my goal that Beverly Hills is the healthiest City in the world but also is the most prepared City, ready for anything that comes our way. The 'Just in Case' program will ensure that our community stays safe, healthy and thriving."

As for practical advice, residents should understand that it is important for them to

be self-sufficient for at least seven days and up to two weeks. A major disaster could overwhelm emergency and City service resources, delaying attention to those in need for several days.

To get ready, the City recommends the following preparations:

Make A Kit/Gather Supplies—Have supplies at home and kits in your car and at work available. Store a 14-day supply of water, a first aid kit, battery powered flashlight and extra batteries, and a portable cell phone charger. Make sure you have cash, clothing, tennis shoes, extra medications, personal hygiene supplies, important documents, and pet supplies (if necessary) in your supplies.

Make A Plan—Establish a plan for your family and make sure everyone knows what they should do, where to go, or where to meet in case of emergency—and practice your plan! Out-of-state contact information should be shared with family members so messages can be relayed to loved ones if local communications are not available.

Be Informed—Sign up for the City's emergency telephone notification system at www.beverlyhills.org/emergencynotification. Sign up for the City's Facebook,

Twitter, and Nixle notifications. Also, during and after an emergency, community members can go to the following locations for information:

City of Beverly Hills Website: www.beverlyhills.org

City of Beverly Hills Disaster Hotline: 310-550-4680

Radio: 1500 AM
Cable TV: Channels 10 and 35
Twitter: www.twitter.com/cityofbevhills
or www.twitter.com/beverlyhillsoem
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/cityofbevhills>
Instagram: www.instagram.com/cityofbevhills ●

Beverly Hills City Council Supports Prop. 20

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The Beverly Hills City Council approved a resolution at its Sept. 15 regular meeting reaffirming the City's support for the Keeping California Safe Act, now known as Proposition 20.

It's the second time the Council affirmed its support for the Act.

In 2018, the Council adopted a resolution in support of the Keeping California Safe Act of 2018. The initiative is now on the Nov. 3 ballot as the Criminal Sentencing, Parole, and DNA Collection Initiative. But, the language and legislative intent of the legislation remains unchanged from 2018.

The law aims to roll back previously passed criminal justice measures, Assembly Bill 109 in 2011; Proposition 47 in 2014 and Prop. 57 in 2016. Those measures were enacted in response to court orders to reduce the state's prison population. They resulted in fewer crimes being defined as serious and violent felonies and allowed more offenders to serve time in local jails or become eligible for early parole.

Citing unintended consequences and increasing crime statistics, Prop. 20 advocates say it is time to amend those laws. Supporters of the initiative include California Associations of Peace Officers, Police Chiefs, State Sheriffs and District Attorneys. They point out that sex trafficking of a child, spousal abuse, and some types of rape are not defined as violent crimes. They say dangerous criminals who participate in repeated, organized thefts are treated like shoplifters.

Prop. 20 changes the parole system to stop the early release of certain violent felons, expands parolee oversight and strengthens penalties for parole violations. It also requires a mandatory court hearing for anyone who is charged with a third violation of parole.

The Proposition will give prosecutors the option to file felony charges for crimes currently only chargeable as misdemeanors, including some theft crimes where the value is between \$250 and \$950. Other charges that can be brought as felonies include firearm theft, vehicle theft, and unlawful use of a credit card. The law will also establish two additional types of crimes in California

Penal Code—serial crime and organized retail crime—and charge them as "wobblers" (either misdemeanors or felonies).

The ballot initiative would also require persons convicted of certain misdemeanors that were classified as wobblers or felonies before 2014, such as shoplifting, grand theft, and drug possession, along with several other crimes, including domestic violence and prostitution with a minor, to submit to a collection of their DNA for use by state and federal databases.

"It is administrative clean up," Michele Hanisee told the Courier, in reference to the loopholes left by Prop. 47, 57 and AB 109. Hanisee is President of the Association of Deputy District Attorneys (ADDA), the professional association for the deputy district attorneys (DDAs) of Los Angeles County. She, along with other prominent DDAs in the state, helped draft Prop. 20.

The process has thus far gone through 45 drafts.

"When you write a new section of the Penal Code, it can be fraught with peril. You can't just say 'this should be illegal.' You have to figure out how it relates to every other code section in the book. That's what went wrong with Prop. 57. They didn't do all the work to integrate it with everything," said Hanisee.

The need for Prop. 20 is particularly acute at the present time, she added.

"Rampant retail theft is on the rise. We have a rise in homelessness. When you stop forcing people into drug treatment as a condition of parole, you can't expect addicts to make intelligent choices," she said.

Opponents of Prop. 20 argue that it would lead to a huge increase in prison spending, widen disparities and reduce investments in communities, where it is needed most. Groups in opposition include the California Teachers Association, Service Employees International Union, California Labor Federation, California Correctional Peace Officers Association, California Fire Chiefs Association, United Way of California, Sierra Club, California Black Chamber of Commerce and the Chief Probation Officers of California.

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Beverly Hills Residents Voice Support for Protestors

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

More than a dozen people voiced their displeasure to the Beverly Hills City Council regarding the City Prosecutor's decision to file misdemeanor charges against 25 protestors. The comments came on Sept. 15, during both the City Council Study Session and Regular Meeting.

The non-agendized comments took the form of video and phone calls, as well as letters. At issue are protests that took place in the City on June 26. A group of 25 protestors were arrested, and later charged for violating the City's Emergency Ordinance. Most of those speaking out before the Council identified themselves as Persian and Jewish, and took exception to comments in documents filed by police that invoked the Holocaust and the Iranian Revolution.

In court filings obtained by the Courier, a report by the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) noted that "a large percentage of [the City's] population is comprised of Iranians and Jews of Christian and Jewish faiths."

"Many of the community have experienced untold atrocities before they fled their countries to come to the United States," a police sergeant wrote. "Many lost their families to mobs who took them from homes during the cover of darkness and executed them in the streets during the Iranian Revolution and the genocide of the Jews. To many of the residents, this is not merely an intrusion of their peace, rather, it is a terrifying reminder of their past."

City Attorney Laurence Weiner and Beverly Hills Police Department Interim Chief Dominick Rivetti responded to the criticism at both Council sessions. Weiner noted that the City Prosecutor operates independently and without input from the City Council. Rivetti said that the statements referencing the Holocaust and Iranian Revolution were simply recitations of what residents told officers that night.

For Liza Raffi, a Persian-Jewish graduate of Beverly Hills High School who addressed the Regular Meeting via video, the statements by police were "callous and disingenuous."

"In Iran, our families experienced violence that was state-sanctioned," the USC medical student said. "Because of our religion, police officers looked the other way as our parents and grandparents were mistreated or robbed. Today, if our streets are the site of a march, it's not because of who we are or how we worship, it's because there are people calling for social justice and equal rights, for us to hear and support their cause."

Another member of the community, Beverly Hills High School graduate Nicole Emrani Green, called on the City to drop charges against the protestors while also expressing understanding for the fear felt by neighbors on June 26. "As a Persian Jew who visited concentration camps in Poland, [was] raised by parents and family who fled

Iran during the Revolution, and dedicated over 10 years to understanding psychology and trauma, I can truly understand that the fear instilled from traumatic events is real," submitted Green, who has a Masters in Psychotherapy. But, she said, "bending society around perceived threats is not recommended by any trained professional actually dealing with trauma."

"My family fled a country where peaceful protests were not tolerated because the government perceived them as a threat. But, in reality, the silencers were the real threat. I hope we will not make the same mistake," she wrote in her comments.

Community members repeatedly urged the City Council to drop the charges against the protestors. However, Weiner clarified in both meetings that the City Prosecutor does not take instructions from the City Council.

Given the City's relatively small size, Beverly Hills outsources its prosecutorial needs to the firm of Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, which filed the charges against the protestors on Aug. 14.

"They do not make judgments on either side of the political spectrum," Weiner said. "They do not take direction from the City Council—so the mayor and the Council and me, frankly, are not part of that decision-making process. They are ethically obligated to work this way so that they are free from political influence."

Some of the callers noted that Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey and L.A. City Attorney Mike Feuer decided to drop all charges in connection with curfew violations during recent protests.

Beverly Hills native Lucy Licht made a broader appeal to history in her comments. "To make criminals of individuals who are fighting against the widespread killing of Black people by police is a sure way for Beverly Hills to find itself on the wrong side of history and of justice," she said via video. "Whether or not, as City Councilmembers, you drove the decision to pursue charges against these individuals, our City Prosecutor receives his instructions from this body and you have the power to direct him now."

Raffi, the medical student, had these words for the Council: "The next generation and my generation is watching how the City answers this difficult moment. Will we treat these protestors with respect as they agitate for a good cause, or will we throw the full book of the law at them? Will we respond with a measured and thoughtful approach to each situation, or will we succumb to alarmist fear?"

The 25 protestors are next scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 25. ●

Rent Assistance Program Approved

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills City Council unanimously voted to approve a rent subsidy program for tenants impacted by COVID-19 at the Sept. 15 Regular Meeting. Councilmembers spent well over an hour crafting the final details of a \$715,000 program that will directly pay landlords in an effort to stave off a potential wave of evictions stemming from the economic ripples of the pandemic. The Council engaged in lengthy discussions over the limiting criteria for tenants and landlords, including total tenant assets and the size of the landlord's property holdings. Although unmentioned in the meeting, the discussion took place against the backdrop of a raging epidemic of homelessness throughout Los Angeles and concerns of how COVID-19 could feed into that crisis.


The program will apply to tenants living on multi-family properties that fall under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, prioritizing seniors and households with children enrolled in Beverly Hills Unified School District. The program offers eligible residents up to \$1,000 for three months to make up the remaining balance of unpaid rent. The money will go directly to the landlord under the condition that the landlord

grant the tenant a year to repay back rent. Landlords will also have to agree not to evict tenants for a year.

The Council set the income threshold for qualified tenants at 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), a commonly used figure for determining the low-income status of residents in an area. In 2020, the Department of Housing and Urban Development calculated the yearly AMI for a low-income family of four in Los Angeles as roughly \$90,100.

Depending on the amount of interest that the program receives, Councilmembers expressed an openness to expanding the criteria to 50 percent AMI. Director of Community Development Helen Morales, who authored the staff report, said that given the economic situation of the current applicants, it seems likely that the program can shoulder a lower threshold. Of the 197 applications filed to the City, only 24 percent are paying no rent at all. The majority, said Morales, are paying at least 50 percent of their rent.

"That is a good indicator that we can still help more people," she told the Council. **(Rent Assistance continues on page 11)**



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Exercise, Wellness and Pampering has Taken to the Rooftops

BY CAROLE DIXON



AllBright Rooftop on Melrose Place

It may seem as though personal care services are beginning to reopen steadily but indoor activities are still extremely limited, or prohibited due to COVID-19 restrictions. This includes gyms, spas and estheticians. Fortunately, many local companies are taking their brands up to the open-air rooftops where exercise, pampering and socially distanced wellness activities are not canceled.

While hair salons can now open at 25 percent capacity, and you might be thrilled to reunite with your stylist, many of the other beauty industries are still left in the lurch.

Spring Place in Beverly Hills has decided to hold some pampering pop-ups on their rooftop space on Wilshire Boulevard. The first one in September was with Flybrow guru Suzie Moldavon, who started the business by making “office calls” to tame the brows of busy working women all over town. It was such a success that they have already booked the next event for Sept. 23, and more will follow in October.

“Since women don’t go to their offices anymore, we’ve had to come up with new ways to still be in varied neighborhoods all over L.A.,” Moldavon told the Courier. “We’ve had to pivot and adapt as rules and regulations in the beauty industry have dictated. We’ve found new partners with similar clientele and a desire to try to reinstate some sort of self-care and ‘normal’ back into people’s lives,” she said. www.flybrow.com/

Hot 8 Yoga, with branches from Pasadena to Santa Monica, has been holding virtual classes during the COVID-19 fitness shut-downs, but has started offering outdoor classes since late-August in locations including Beverly Hills.

The instructor-led, 60-minute group classes are physically distanced on outdoor terraces. They are still providing mats, towels and all the props to clients, but you must bring and wear a mask at all times. Book a single class or commit to a package of five to ten outdoor sessions. For more information on the Wilshire location schedule in Beverly Hills contact info@hotyoga.com.

Speir Pilates of Santa Monica was set to open its second studio in West Hollywood this past March on Santa Monica Boulevard and King’s Road. Now you can work out on



Beverly Wilshire Rooftop Glamping

one of their five rooftop machines overlooking the Hollywood Hills with owner Andrea Speir, who is also an instructor.

Kickstart your day with reformer classes or wind-down with a sunset evening class. “We wanted it to be very spaced out,” Speir told the Courier, “So there is a distance of 7 feet between machines. You’re on our own little island so it’s very safe.”

Even with the unhealthy air-quality of late, Speir has not seen much of a slow-down as none of the classes take place in the middle of the day. “We have actually been selling out about two weeks in advance,” she said. “This is a great way to be back in the community again with human connection and interaction with a safe distance.” www.speirpilates.com/

To work out a few of those kinks from all the new exercise classes, The Peninsula Beverly Hills has been offering rooftop massages, along with highly coveted manicure-pedicures, in cabanas. Anyone in town is welcome to book, including non-hotel guests through spapbh@peninsula.com.

And, the hotel has been experiencing so many guests who want to work from the rooftop cabanas, they have updated services in place that includes Wi-Fi, and Apple TV where guests can connect their laptop and have a mini-meeting, take appointments, give small presentations with up to four people. Cabanas run \$450 during the week and include a non-alcoholic stocked fridge and on-demand waitstaff from the Roof Garden restaurant.

Known for networking with powerful women from Diane von Furstenberg to JLo, The Allbright women’s members’ club has recently reopened their West Hollywood location, along with the newly redesigned outdoor rooftop space by lauded “Architectural Digest” 100 designer Brigitte Romanek.

Overlooking Melrose Place and the Hollywood Hills, the space will supply the backdrop and stunning views for yoga, sound baths, cooking and cocktail masterclasses, workshops, and dining on spicy tuna wonton nachos or vegan poke bowls with watermelon. The club has also just launched a new wellness center, Dr Refresh,

that will include vitamin drips and other facial services and cosmetic treatments.

Prospective members can visit the club and check out the programming before signing up or you can opt for a free two-week trial digital membership to check out the weekly activations. www.allbrightcollective.com.

Tennis anyone? The Luxe Hotel on Sunset Boulevard has opened its tennis courts, on the upper level of the parking structure, previously for guests only, to the public. According to executive manager Sarah Clark, “I have had a few tennis instructors also use the tennis court to bring their own clients to train them.”

You can also arrange a class with Natural Pilates of Brentwood who has set up their outdoor studio in the parking lot with tents. “It’s a beautiful and welcoming atmosphere that their clients and our guests have really enjoyed,” Clark told the Courier. “They are also hosting a yoga retreat in October.”

For something a little more entertaining on the upper level, the Luxe Sunset is also offering monthly date night or family night movies for up to 25 cars. You can order food on your cell phone and have it delivered, from popcorn and candy to cult favorite Pizza Wagon of Brooklyn, lobster rolls, Caesar salad, cocktails or wine.

“With every movie we show, we curate the menu and create a memorable experience with fun treats and small takeaways,” said Clark. “This has been a popular neighborhood activity, and where else can you go in your pajamas for a night out?”

For Pilates on the Westside before a little shopping or lunch, The Studio (MDR) has set-up on the roof of the PLATFORM in Culver City.

The classes started at the end of August and will be ongoing until further notice. “The Studio (MDR) doors have been closed since March 15th due to Covid-19,” co-founder and CEO Lisa Solomon told the Courier. “State and County guidelines are now allowing

fitness studios to open outdoors, so we were very excited for the opportunity to partner with them. We have our regulars and many new faces filling up the classes, which is very exciting,” she added.

Classes are 45 minutes seven day a week from 7 a.m. to noon and with high demand, signing up beforehand is highly recommended. “We have smaller machines than we do in our normal studios. Microformers vs. Megaformers, which work perfectly with the outdoor setting and are 8 feet apart to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Clients still get the signature (MDR) Lagree workout but in an open-air setting.” www.thestudiomdr.com

If you’re planning to attend any of the L.A. Design Festival installation kicking-off on Sept. 24 at the ROW in DTLA, the outdoor complex is also offering morning yoga classes on the roof with a cityscape view from Sanctuary Fitness. <https://sanctuaryfitness.com/>

And, if you are missing your weekly Soul Cycle spin classes, newly formed SoulOutside offers options at Santa Monica Place and Olive Street downtown L.A. locations. www.soul-cycle.com/soulconnected/souloutside

For an overnight rooftop getaway, The Beverly Wilshire will be reopening on Oct. 1 and has set a new bar for a glamping staycation on its expansive rooftop. Accessible through a wrought-iron staircase off the Veranda Suite, a 10-foot-tall tent awaits complete with a Four Season’s queen-size bed, a crystal chandelier and fur rugs. This romantic escape above Rodeo Drive includes a fireplace on the terrace for sipping cocktails before the eight-course meal with Ossetra caviar and wagyu beef, followed by 24-karat gold s’mores or a Champagne flight. Greet the morning sunrise with a private yogi-session that can also be arranged on the private terrace. Only in Beverly Hills. ●



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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This notice is to inform the public about TWO upcoming meetings regarding the City of Beverly Hills Mixed Use Overlay Zone Ordinance: an INFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY MEETING on October 8, 2020 and a CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING on October 13, 2020. Detailed information about the City Council Public Hearing is provided below.

The City of Beverly Hills does not currently have uniform zoning code standards that allow for mixed use development (i.e. buildings that contain both commercial and residential uses) in the City. At its meeting on June 19, 2020, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution recommending a draft ordinance establishing a mixed use overlay zone to the City Council.

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY MEETING – OCTOBER 8, 2020

On Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM the City of Beverly Hills Planning Division will host an informational community meeting to present an overview of the mixed use ordinance and discuss how the State Density Bonus law could be used in conjunction with the mixed use overlay zone provisions. Staff will be available to answer questions from the public at this meeting. Please note, this informational community meeting is NOT a public hearing and no decisions will be made at this meeting. This meeting is for informational purposes only.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY MEETING:

The Community Meeting will be held virtually. Please participate via video at www.gotomeet.me/CBHCD/events or via phone at 1-866-899-4679 (Phone Access Code: 954-861-509) Comments can be provided via email at commentPC@beverlyhills.org.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – OCTOBER 13, 2020

The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its meeting on October 13, 2020, will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider:

AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN TO ALLOW MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AREAS OF THE CITY; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS TO CREATE A MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONE AND APPLY THE OVERLAY ZONE TO CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ZONED PARCELS IN THE CITY; AND, ADOPTION OF THE FINAL NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONE PROJECT

The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance to create a mixed use overlay zone and apply the overlay zone to certain commercially zoned parcels in the City.

As currently proposed, the overlay zone would:

- make multi-family housing units included in mixed use buildings an allowed use in the overlay zone,
- allow for a density of up to one residential unit per 550 square feet of site area,
- allow additional height (beyond the current three story/45 foot height limit) for mixed use buildings in certain parts of the overlay zone, depending on the height district of the adjacent residential zoning.
- establish development standards for mixed use buildings to regulate parking, residential unit size, outdoor living space, ground floor uses, height, setbacks, and operational standards, and
- outline the approval process for mixed use buildings proposed in the overlay zone.

Please note that the foregoing standards and processes may change as a result of public input received in conjunction with the public hearing. In addition, if commercial areas of the City are rezoned to allow residential uses, a developer could ask to apply the State Density Bonus provisions to a project on a site, which would allow additional density, and potential deviations from the otherwise-applicable development standards (such as additional height, and reduced parking, among other things).

As currently proposed, the overlay zone would be applied to the following **commercially zoned properties:**

- properties fronting Wilshire Boulevard between San Vicente Boulevard and Rexford Drive
- properties fronting Wilshire Boulevard on the southern side of Wilshire Boulevard between Rexford Drive and South Santa Monica Boulevard
- properties fronting La Cienega Boulevard between the northern and southern borders of the City

- properties fronting Robertson Boulevard between the northern and southern borders of the City
- properties fronting Olympic Boulevard between Rexford Drive and the eastern border of the City
- properties fronting South Doheny Drive between Wilshire Boulevard and Charleville Boulevard
- properties fronting San Vicente Boulevard between Wilshire Boulevard and La Cienega Boulevard
- properties fronting South Santa Monica Boulevard located between Wilshire Boulevard and Moreno Drive
- properties fronting South Beverly Drive between Wilshire Boulevard and Charleville Boulevard

Please note that the foregoing locations may change as a result of public input received in conjunction with the public hearing.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental regulations of the City. The City of Beverly Hills prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the proposed overlay zone ordinance. The Draft IS/ND was made available for public review between June 10, 2020 and July 17, 2020. The initial study analysis indicates that the proposed project would not result in significant impacts to Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Mineral Resources, and less than significant impacts related to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Transportation/Traffic, Public Services, Recreation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. Accordingly, the City Council will consider adoption of a Negative Declaration in conjunction with the proposed ordinance.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Oral and written comments regarding the project can be submitted up to and at the October 13, 2020 City Council meeting. Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20 members of the Beverly Hills City Council and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference/video conference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public can access City Council meetings telephonically, through live webcast, and BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable.

To submit Audio/Oral comments during the hearing call: 310-288-2288, to submit written comments please email: cityclerk@beverlyhills.org, to submit video comments (during public comment only) use <https://www.gotomeet.me/BevPublic>

It is recommended that public written comments be submitted to the City Clerk's office by 12:00 p.m. on the meeting date. Public comments will also be taken during the meeting when the topic is being reviewed by the City Council. Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. Written comments will be allowed with a maximum of 350 words, which corresponds to approximately 3 minutes of speaking time. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, it will not be a part of the record. Public comment via video conference will be 3 minutes per each individual comment, subject to City Council discretion.

Any interested person may participate in the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the City Council. According to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the Council's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

QUESTIONS

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Timothea Tway, Senior Planner** in the Planning Division at (310) 285-1122, or by email at ttway@beverlyhills.org. The project file, including associated documents are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by contacting the planner listed above.

HUMA AHMED
City Clerk



If you are an individual with a disability and need a reasonable modification or accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") please contact (310) 285-2400 or (310) 285-6881 preferably 24-hours prior to the meeting for assistance.

Amy Chua in Visionary Women Virtual Salon

The Beverly Hills-based nonprofit community Visionary Women presented a Virtual Salon featuring professor and bestselling author Amy Chua on Sept. 17. The event, entitled "From Tiger Mom to Cancel Culture: Finding Common Ground in a Tribal World" was presented free of charge and sponsored by GEARYS Beverly Hills. Some 300 registrants signed on to hear Amy Chua in conversation with Anne Ackerley. Chua touched upon a number of conversations

and topics pertinent to the current political and health climate.

"We need to remind ourselves, no matter how different or politically opposed we can be, we have so much more in common than we have differences. We love our families, our pets, we're human beings and we have to protect the uniqueness of our national identity which is diverse," Chua said. ●

StreetsLA Installs Vote by Mail Drop Boxes

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

The Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services, known as "StreetsLA," is installing a total of 123 Vote by Mail Drop Boxes citywide to ensure registered voters in Los Angeles County have a safe and convenient option to cast their ballot in the upcoming Nov. 3 Presidential General Election. The boxes will be easily accessible and conveniently located for voters to drop off their ballot. The Board of Public Works Commission voted last Friday authorizing and moving forward with the installations.

The Bureau is working with Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, who reached out to StreetsLA for assistance in the installation process. There will be 72 drop boxes installed outside City public libraries, five outside of Recreation and Parks facilities and 46 drop boxes placed by the Recreation and Parks department on their properties. (Street L.A. continues on page 11)



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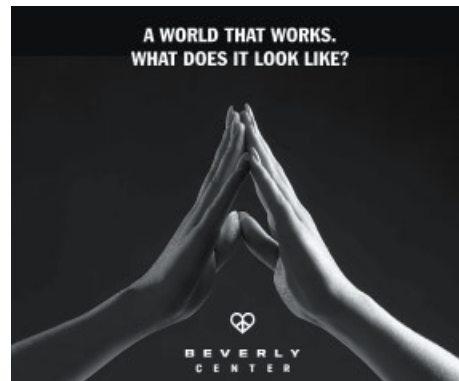
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Beverly Center Paints the City

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Nonprofit artists at Beverly Center

In times of social distancing, public art plays a crucial role in getting messages across. To that end, Beverly Center has partnered with Paint The City Peaceful (PTCP), a Los Angeles-based nonprofit, to visually project a better future together.

The PTCP organization is a grassroots collaboration of community members, artists, nonprofit organizations and businesses. Together, their mission is to "help communities create visual displays of solidarity for racial equality, justice, and progress."

On Sept. 18, ten local artists and projectionists will paint the panels of Beverly Center facing La Cienega Boulevard. To further illuminate the featured works, the center's exterior walls will be lit in celebration of the community effort.

"Beverly Center is proud to partner with PTCP and this group of talented local artists

to provide a public space to showcase their meaningful work as a way to create positive change in our community," said Jackie Plaza, Marketing and Sponsorship Director of Beverly Center.

The walls of Beverly Center will be filled with images that depict what "a world that works" could look like evoking a sense of community, equality, justice, and peace. The temporary public art displays will collectively serve as a creation of solidarity for racial equality.

"This partnership demonstrates how art-based activism (artivism) may provide a visual heartbeat for civil rights reform efforts in the face of quarantine and the inability to physically gather. In the absence of direct human presence, art provides voice and visibility," said a spokesperson for PTCP.

The temporary public art display will be located at the northeast corner of Beverly Center, at the intersection of Beverly and La Cienega Boulevards.

The live painting will take place between 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. The initial lighting of the Beverly Center building exterior is at 7 p.m., and the visual projection art will be visible at 7:30 p.m.

Artists involved in the Beverly Center PTCP project include Brittney S. Price, ShowzArt, Joe O'Neill, BANDIT, Mufasa, Jaime Guerrero, Shannon Knox and Imani Gray. ●

Friends of Robinsons Gardens Elects New Officers

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Betty Rodriguez Goldstein

Friends of Robinson Gardens, the non-profit group that provides organizational, financial and preservation leadership for the 6.2-acre estate and gardens in Beverly Hills, has elected the following new officers: Betty Rodriguez Goldstein, president; Keeley Smith, vice president; Elaine Stein, corporate secretary; Lynn Whitaker; corresponding secretary, and Evelyn Carlson, treasurer.

The Virginia Robinson Estate and Gardens at 1008 Elden Way was gifted to Los Angeles

County by Virginia Robinson in 1977. Her husband, Harry Robinson, and his family founded the J.W. Robinson's Department Stores in Southern California in 1907. The Robinsons purchased the property, then 16 acres, in 1911 and created the first estate in Beverly Hills. Mrs. Robinson personally directed the design of the garden and the acquisition of many of its trees and plants.

A legendary hostess, Virginia Robinson was known as the "first lady of Beverly Hills." Her guests included the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Marlene Dietrich and Fred Astaire and neighbors, such as Glenn Ford, Lillian Disney and Elvis Presley. She also supported many cultural and charitable causes. Each year, after the opening night of the Hollywood Bowl, the orchestra would repeat its performance on the estate's Great Lawn for the Hollywood Bowl Patronesses Benefit.

Robinson bequeathed her estate to Los Angeles County shortly before her death in 1977. The County in collaboration with Friends of Robinson Gardens is charged with preserving the estate for future generations. ●

BH School Board Candidate Wells Hosts Campaign Coffee

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Mary Wells (right) greets supporters.

On Sept. 13, Beverly Hills School Board candidate Mary Wells launched her COVID-friendly Campaign Coffee series with a drive-through coffee grab-and-go hosted by Rich Baron and his wife Glenna Baron on North Hamel Drive.

During the two-hour event, Wells met with more than 30 Beverly Hills residents to learn about their goals for the future of the Beverly Hills public school system and the priorities they

would like to see the upcoming Board focus on in the coming years.

Wells has earned endorsements from the entire Beverly Hills City Council as well as BHUSD Board President Isabel Hacker, Board Vice President Rachelle Marcus, and Board Member Mel Spitz.

Former BHUSD School Board President and City Commissioner Myra Lurie described Wells as a "proven advocate of our school system with her active participation as one of the seven members of the BHUSD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, overseeing projects approved through Measures E and BH."

Lurie told the Courier, "I'm convinced the Board will benefit from Mary's extensive construction management experience in the oversight of the \$385 million of facilities improvements anticipated when we passed Measure BH in 2018."

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NEWS

(Fraud continued from page 1)

For the week ending Aug. 22, the total number of people claiming benefits in all programs was 29,605,064, an increase of 380,379 from the previous week. For the week ending August 29, the state of California saw the largest increase in initial claims nationwide, with the addition of nearly 23,000.

In mid-August, Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer issued a warning, alerting the public of thieves using stolen Social Security numbers to apply for and receive unemployment relief—in the form of EDD cards—in their unknowing victims' names. "All this is adding extra strain to our state's over-burdened unemployment network at a time when record numbers of Californians desperately need benefits," Feuer noted.

On Sep. 14, BHPD officers arrested a Kentucky man after confiscating two handguns and over \$30,000 in cash found on his person. The arrest, which the BHPD confirmed also involves EDD fraud, took place outside of Cartier, a boutique specializing in fine jewelry and luxury timepieces. The Courier obtained an exclusive video from the scene that captured the suspect repeating, "I'm not from here," while officers seized cash and other contraband.

On the same day, the BHPD released a community alert describing the trend as: "Suspects posing as customers may possess fraudulent EDD cards that are not in their name; High dollar amounts are preloaded on the cards; Purchase of high dollar items with the fraudulent cards or large amounts of cash."

Working with businesses to mitigate

further escalation, the BHPD urged retailers to require all customers to present a valid form of government ID, ensuring the name on the credit card matches. Businesses were also advised to limit one EDD card per customer as payment and require a physical card as opposed to a digital wallet.

The Courier has learned that the parent corporations of prominent retailers in the City are urging an immediate, indefinite hold on accepting EDD cards as a form of payment.

On Sep. 16, luxury retailers such as Van Cleef & Arpels, Cartier, Vacheron Constantin and Piaget began informing customers prior to entering that EDD cards would no longer be accepted. Most businesses in the Triangle have since followed suit—including restaurants.

In an effort to strengthen anti-fraud operations, the BHPD is working with local, state and Federal law enforcement agencies, including the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, the United States Secret Service, U.S. Postal Inspector's Office, U.S. Department of Labor and the Internal Revenue Service.

"There are millions of tax dollars being spent fraudulently as a result of this trend," Police Chief Dominick Rivetti said in the Sep. 16 release. "The Beverly Hills Police Department is also working closely with our business community to keep them well informed of this trend in an effort to mitigate these crimes within our City."

The BHPD is encouraging the public to call the Department at 310-285-2125 or submit an anonymous tip by texting BEVHILLSPD followed by the tip information to 888777. ●



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How to Support Teens During a Strange and Uncertain School Year

Tips for Creating a Sense of Normalcy During These Abnormal Times

BY JENNIFER WINWARD, Ph.D.



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adolescent learning and brain development expert has garnered her recognition as a "Top 5 Female Entrepreneur" by the Women in IT Awards, "Top 40 Under 40" by the San Diego Business Journal, and as the "Most Influential Education Leader" by the San Diego Transcript. Dr. Winward earned her Ph.D. with a dual emphasis in Neuroscience and Developmental Neuropsychology from the University of California, San Diego.

The coronavirus has made "back to school" a bit of a misnomer this fall with most students spending the majority of time learning from home. Regardless of whether students are attending school a few hours per day or learning completely remotely, the disruption to the traditional school experience is creating new challenges and constraints and toppling many of the forces that promote healthy social-emotional development during the adolescent years.

The pandemic has uniquely impacted teenagers, who are developmentally in the midst of a critical transition toward independence that involves loosening ties to parents and strengthening relationships with friends. With coronavirus preventing middle-schoolers and high-schoolers from socializing in-person, they are naturally feeling extra angst.

Luckily, it's still early in the school year, which means there's ample time for parents to figure out how they can help teens make the most of an unprecedented school year and support their emotional well-being in the process. Here are some suggestions:

Find Your Inner "Can-Do" Attitude

Understandably, it's not always easy to bring your parenting A-game when you, too, are worn down by the stress and uncertainty of life during COVID-19. But your attitude about distance learning will influence your teens, who are always listening and taking cues from their parents, even if they won't admit it.

While it's easier said than done, try to foster a positive "can-do" attitude towards your children's school experience this year (even when the Wi-Fi inexplicably goes out). Hopefully, this approach will inspire them to mirror your optimistic outlook. When all else fails, use humor to defuse tension—laughter helps deal with stress!

Set Reliable Routines

Routines are a powerful way to provide structure and a sense of control that is helpful for everyone, including teenagers. A reliable daily schedule with designated time for schoolwork, leisure, physical activity, mealtimes, and sleep emulates the comforting formula that the school week provides under normal circumstances. Routines take away the guesswork of how to structure school versus free time, and they help prevent unhealthy patterns that young people often fall prey to during long stretches of unstructured time, such as being sedentary, playing hours of video games, and falling into irregular sleep patterns.

While teens are unlikely to embrace an hour-by-hour agenda lovingly crafted by mom, you can set expectations of what should be part of their daily schedule—such as set times for studying, exercise, and chores—and then ask your teenager to come up with a plan that you get to approve.

One thing to add to the schedule is getting dressed! There's nothing like changing out of pajamas and putting on real clothes to help teens shift into a learning mindset.

Set Aside Time for Planning and Organization

Even in pre-pandemic times, young people were asked to manage a packed schedule of classes, homework, and extra-curriculars, which was often a stretch for their developmental stage and made them feel stressed. Now that schedules are more sporadic, creating time to organize and track calendars can help relieve anxiety and provide some reassuring predictability. Set aside a block of time to map out weekly plans together to provide a useful framework and make sure tasks are getting done.

While you're in planning mode, encourage your kids to pin passwords and Zoom log-in information right on their desks, where they can see it easily to avoid a mad scramble during school hours. And be sure they set up systems—binders, digital folders for various subjects, and workspace areas—to help stay organized.

Stimulate Intellectual Curiosity

Although the brain has attained 90 percent of its adult weight by the age of 5, there are still complex changes in its organization and functioning that occur during adolescence. Basically, during this time the brain is becoming much more efficient in the way neurons are connected and communicate with each other, so students become more adept at processing information. For parents, this means it's important to seek out opportunities to stimulate your child's intellectual curiosity in the name of healthy brain development.

When you notice your teens express interest in a new hobby or topic—whether it be fashion, the history of a musical style, constellations, mythology, or a woodworking project—listen to them and support ideas they have to learn more. Give special encouragement to new interests that don't have to take place in front of a computer!

Encourage Good Sleep & Nutrition Habits

Now that school is back in session and most schools are enforcing more structure during distance learning—such as scheduling classes from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.—it's time

to shift those circadian rhythms, or sleep cycles, back for an earlier wake up. Teens and tweens need 8-9 hours of sleep per night for healthy brain development. Make sure kids are going to bed earlier now that waking up at noon is no longer an option!

It's also important to keep an eye on what your teens are eating to make sure they are getting a well-balanced diet. In particular, teens need Vitamin A for their immune systems and for healthy vision. Given the additional strains on our eyes with excessive screen usage, it's extra important to pay attention to eye health. Excellent sources of Vitamin A include milk, cheese, carrots, leafy green vegetables, and bell peppers.

Set Boundaries & Build Connections

This pandemic is a marathon, not a sprint. This is a time to take excellent care of yourself, so you'll have the energy and emotional space you'll need to take care of your family.

Research shows that strong, stable home environments help young people to manage—and even thrive—in the face of major life stresses (like living through a global pandemic). Give yourself permission to draw healthy boundaries so that home is a calm, safe space where teens (and their parents) feel supported and have room to decompress. While many of us started this pandemic with lofty ambitions involving sourdough starters and writing the next Great American Novel, what your kids need most from you is to be a steady presence to help normalize this admittedly abnormal time.

If you sense something is wrong, encourage tweens and teens to share what's on their mind by asking open-ended questions: "You seem upset. What's up?" Involve young people in identifying which support systems work well for them—such as virtual tutoring and online counseling—to help them feel invested in the solution and spark self-confidence in their own problem-solving skills. The pandemic has been emotionally taxing for all of us. Above all else, be kind to yourself and your teens recognizing that none of this is easy, but it will get better. ●

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Morales said she expects the number of applicants to increase as the pandemic persists far longer than many initially prepared for.

As of the Sept. 15 meeting, City staff had identified \$442,935 in funds for the program, with another \$272,000 likely available within the next several months. Across the board, the members of the Council wanted the number to rise even higher, to \$1 million or more. The City Council has “expressed a desire to provide a rent subsidy dedicated to helping people in need on a going forward basis, beyond COVID-19,” according to the staff report.

The Council debated the merits of setting an asset limitation requirement for the subsidy, with the Council agreeing that applicants would have to specify different types of income.

“It’s not so much the assets,” Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold clarified, “it’s the amount of income the assets generate on a monthly basis.”

Councilmember Robert Wunderlich pushed back against the proposed cap on landlords with more than four units.

“Are we really going to fault the tenant because the tenant happens to live in a place that’s owned by a larger landlord?” he asked. “That might be excluding some of the tenants that are in the most need.”

According to Morales, the majority of landlords within the City own between five to 10 units.

Councilmember Lili Bosse proposed, and the other members ratified, a compromise of raising the cap to landlords with more than 10 units on a single property.

The program will be administered by Jewish Family Services, a non-profit that offers a range of services throughout L.A. The Council balked at the proposed price tag of \$98,527 and instructed staff to renegotiate the administrative fee with the non-profit.

The vote places Beverly Hills in league with neighbors like Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood, and with Los Angeles County itself, all of whom have designed rent subsidy programs of their own. West Hollywood’s rental assistance program offers eligible tenants up to three payments of up to \$1,000 for their rent. The City has received 1,047 applications, approving 801, at a total cost of nearly \$700,000, according to the staff report. In contrast, Santa Monica offers a substantially higher maximum subsidy of \$5,000 for up to 3 months, but only expects to assist 300 households. The price tag for the beachside city’s program comes in at \$1.5 million.

Los Angeles County enacted its Rent Relief program on August 17, allocating \$100 million of money it received from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The program is designed to assist around 8,000 households which are selected through a lottery, provided that they are eligible to apply. The County’s program targets residents from considerably more disadvantaged situations, providing up to \$10,000 to households making 30 percent AMI and up to \$7,500 for those making up to 50 percent AMI.

Residents of Beverly Hills qualify for the County’s program, but those who receive County assistance will not be ineligible for the City’s program.

While attention on the pandemic has

waxed and waned in accordance with news cycles—with stories about the election, protests, and civil unrest—public policy experts have been blaring a foghorn of warning about an impending wave of evictions. Currently, California renters enjoy modest protection from evictions, but those protections do not address the economic realities underlying nonpayment of rent.

UCLA Law Professor Emeritus Gary Blasi in a report published May 28. “Without intelligent planning and immediate action, Los Angeles faces the prospect of many thousands of people, including families with children, joining the thousands already on the streets or living in their vehicles,” the report reads. “Unless Los Angeles officials take immediate action now, they will then be forced to scramble to erect something like refugee camps, on

a scale never before seen in the United States.”

On Sept. 15, the same day as the City Council voted to approve the rent subsidy program, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said that the U.S. House of Representatives would not leave Washington, D.C., until passing an additional round of COVID-19 relief. Months after President Donald Trump signed the CARES Act into law, its unprecedented \$2.2 trillion sum has begun to dry up even as the economy remains parched.

In the meantime, the Beverly Hills rent subsidy program attempts to fill the vacuum of additional federal aid.

“This is going to be a lifeline to those who need it and I think it really shows what kind of community we are,” said Councilmember John Mirisch. ●

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“Nothing should keep Angelenos from casting their ballot, because our democracy is stronger when more people engage in our political process,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti. “It’s our responsibility to make voting as simple, easy, and accessible as possible, and these new ballot boxes will place the power of participation in the heart of local communities, preserving and promoting every Angeleno’s democratic rights.”

The installations began last weekend and are slated to be completed by Sep. 20. Beginning Oct. 5, all Vote by Mail Drop Boxes throughout the city and county will be available to voters. On Oct. 5 L.A. County begins mailing out ballots to voters.

“Public Works is very excited to collaborate with the LA County Registrar-Recorder, along with our fellow City departments to expand and maximize vote-by-mail access across Los Angeles,” said Board of Public Works President Greg Good. “Voting should be easy - and providing Angelenos additional and convenient options to send in their ballot is something we relish being a part of.”

“StreetsLA is proud to assist on this important civic initiative and I thank the staff who are working quickly to get these 77 convenient mail drop boxes installed and in place for the election,” said StreetsLA Executive Director and General Manager Adel Hagekhalil.

For more information, visit streetsla.lacity.org. ●



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COVID-19 disrupted both the Center's clinical services and the training program, forcing the Center to abruptly shut down in March.

Dr. Marianne Callahan the Center's Clinical and Program Director who oversees the training, told the Courier that the interns in March benefited from having prior relationships with their patients, supervisors, and each other.

"They went into a different mode, a different format for doing what they had been doing, but they weren't starting from zero," she said.

But in August, a new class of 42 interns joined the Center at a time of unprecedented change in the field with no established routine or relationships to anchor them. Most of them had the benefit of coming from graduate school, though, where they became familiar with remote learning.

"They're very familiar with the remote platforms," Callahan said. "Their classes are being taught over Zoom, and they know that this is the reality, but I think it's also a very, very far cry from what they had expected to be doing when they envisioned themselves starting out their clinical work, seeing their first clients."

The new approach to therapy also necessitated a new approach to training. For every class prior, interns would conduct sessions in the Center itself. Working remotely, they now had to run sessions from their own homes. Callahan reviewed with the interns how to establish a professional

appearance in the room where they would conduct their sessions and reemphasized the importance of maintaining standards despite working from home.

Additionally, using feedback from the previous class of interns, Callahan offered practical advice to the incomers—simple, hard-earned tips like having a backup plan if technology fails, such as completing the session over the phone, or resending a video conference link the day of the session.

After the initial scramble of adjusting to an entirely remote therapeutic model, the Center began to see a potential silver lining—one that could carry over long after the pandemic subsides. Without the logistical hurdles of commuting or finding an available room, Kaplan and Callahan found the new model more accessible.

"When we started being able to take in new clients, we realized that it was a different game altogether to start new clients remotely and only remotely—people that would never actually walk in the doors of our center," Callahan said. Even without actively promoting the Center farther afield, people who live outside of a "reasonable driving distance" began reaching out, according to Callahan. Additionally, she said more people have begun requesting multiple sessions per week without the constraints of traveling to a physical office.

On the flip side, patients who had left the state to go to school or return home soon found that they could not continue with the Center, even remotely. "There are laws pertaining to the practice of therapy that vary

from state to state," Callahan explained—a reality that the Center never had to confront in pre-COVID times.

Kaplan acknowledged the limits of the technology's accessibility. "There are, for example, older adults who are not comfortable with technology or don't have the technology, or don't want to use the technology," she said. "We also know, as we see people from other communities that might not have internet capabilities or technology, [teletherapy] might not be an option. There's so much we don't know yet."

The transition to teletherapy has not been without its cost.

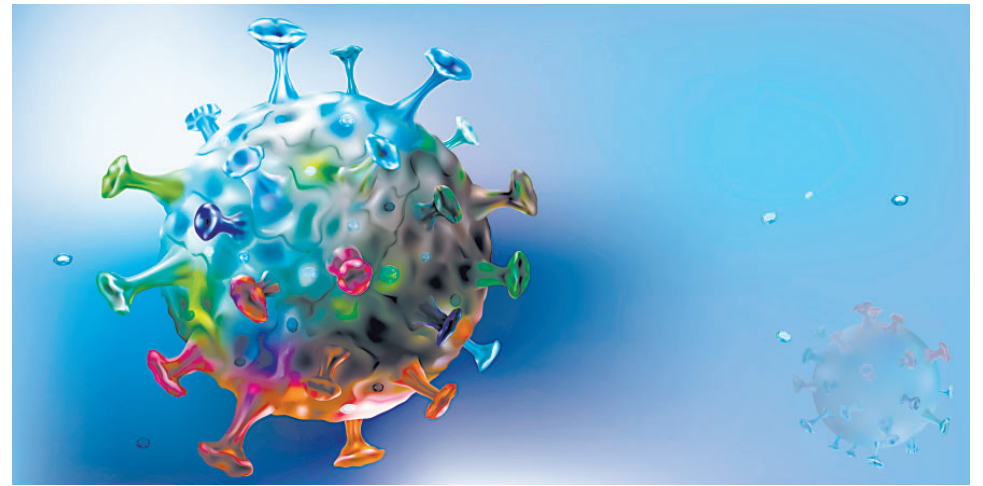
"We had to purchase the platforms that our counselors use to do the sessions, and initially looking at it and determining costs, it didn't seem so bad: a month, two months," said Kaplan. "Right now, we're six months into this. It is costly."


This, coupled with the economic ramifications of the virus, has put the Center in a tight financial situation. Even while offering affordable services at a sliding scale, the Maple Counseling Center earns a substantial portion of its revenue from patient fees. "There are a lot of people who do not have an income right now because they lost their jobs," said Kaplan, "so their fees are being set quite low."

"The demand is up, the costs are up, and the income is down," she said. "It's a challenging time."

As the Center looks to a future that integrates in-person therapy and teletherapy—a future that balances the disadvantages of each with their respective benefits—they will have to find new ways of accounting for the additional costs.

"That's going to be a huge and ongoing need." ●





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Indoor services are not allowed at this time. As outlined in the Places of Worship Public Health protocol, virtual recording of services or ceremonies are allowed indoors, as long as infection control and physical distancing requirements are followed, and no more than 10 individuals participate in the production and broadcast processes. It is important to note that the chanter/singer should be in a separate room from the other individuals. A plexiglass barrier to separate a person chanting/singing would be insufficient unless it extends from the floor to the ceiling. If singing will be occurring outside, and the congregation will be participating in the singing or chanting as well, everyone will need to be at least 8-10 feet apart from non-household members and should be wearing a face covering.

Outdoor services must adhere to infection control and physical distancing requirements. Everyone should wear a face covering, and multiple people touching religious objects should be avoided. Ideally the Torah scroll(s) should be presented to the congregation from a distance to minimize contact with multiple individuals.

Religious items should not have contact with the face or lips of the congregants. If a processional with the Torah scroll(s) must occur, congregants should be encouraged not to touch their hands, prayer book, or prayer shawl (tallit) to their lips and then touch these items to the Torah. Similarly, after touching the Torah, individuals should not put their hands, prayer shawl, or prayer

book to their lips. Individuals who choose to touch the Torah scroll(s) with their hands (without touching their lips) should be advised to use hand sanitizer both before and after touching the scroll(s).

During High Holy Day services, the shofar (ram's horn) should be blown away from others with more than 12 feet of distance from other individuals. Those who will be performing an Aliyah (reading directly from the Torah), will need to stand at least 8-10 feet away from others if they will be chanting blessings or reading from the Torah. These individuals should be wearing a face covering.

Although the latest trends in the County of Los Angeles are encouraging, Public Health nonetheless urges strict observance of certain protocols. Specifically, anyone suffering from a fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or whose provider tells them they likely have COVID-19, to follow the Home Isolation Instructions (ph.lacounty.gov/covidisolation). These include staying home for at least 10 days from when symptoms first appeared and at least 1 day (24 hours) after the fever has gone without the use of medications and symptoms (such as cough and shortness of breath) have improved.

It is important to inform all close contacts that they need to be in quarantine for 14 days after their last contact with you.

"This pandemic has been difficult and frustrating in many ways, including placing limits on how we can celebrate safely. On Friday evening, many people across the

County will begin observing Rosh Hashana, and we wish all of you a happy new year! As you plan your high holidays, please remember that, while we are in this pandemic, the kindest thing we can do for one another is to protect each other from potentially becoming infected with COVID-19.

All worship services for every denomination need to be held outdoors with adherence to distancing, infection control,

and face covering requirements. Please be sure to keep each other safe," stated Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., MPH, MEd., Director of Public Health.

For more guidance, read "Learn About Symptoms & What To Do If You Are Sick," available at ph.lacounty.gov/covidcare.

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Former Governor Jerry Brown has called the Proposition "the latest scare tactic on criminal justice reform."

"My main concern is that much of the opposition arguments are blatantly false," said Hanisee. Prop 20 doesn't send anyone back to prison. It doesn't add penalties to

anything at all. It says that violent crimes shouldn't be eligible for early release. As a prosecutor you work very closely with victims of crime you have a lot of empathy. That's why we've worked so hard on this."

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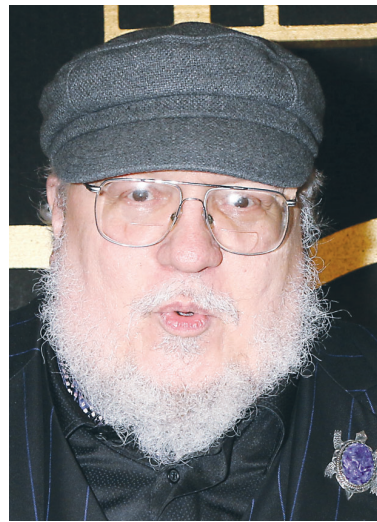
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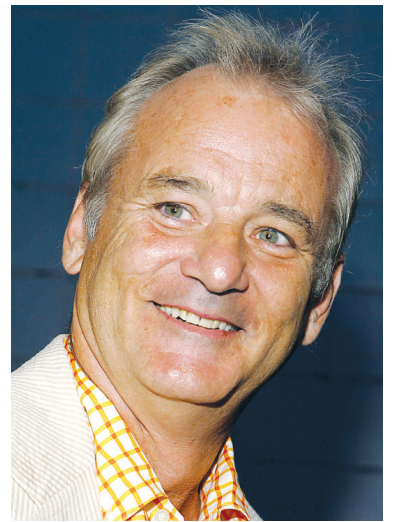
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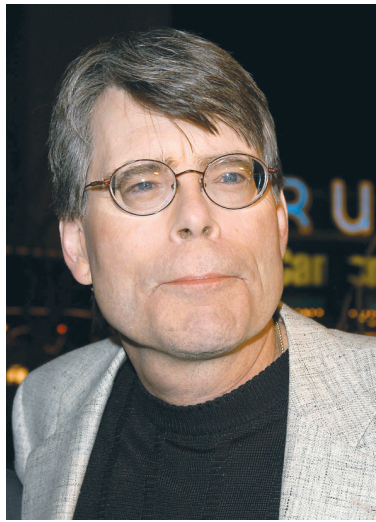
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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Relationships occur in places that later become landmarks and symbols for all that has happened between people. You'll be hit by a wave of nostalgia.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You might be doing a job better than you ever have, but it's still taking the same amount of time. This is part of mastery -- devoting yourself to the process no matter how long it takes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The same environment has a way of making you loop back on the same thought patterns, which is only good if it's a fantastic set of thoughts. If not, find a way to keep moving. New environments mean new thoughts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If it is true what the Zen master says, and all suffering springs from unmet expectations, then adjusting your expectations on the regular is the skill to master.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Intuition doesn't strike from the sky; rather, it comes up from the ground,

connecting with you mid-pursuit, when you have some information, though not all you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll accomplish your aims with enough style to get an Instagram filter named after you. People will want to do it just like you did and have the same results. Expect and enjoy your copycats.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some people will grab attention in the way of lightning bolts -- loud and bright, fast, flashy and then gone. The effect is fearsome, entertaining and oddly addicting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Wounds of the heart are the same as all of the other wounds. Healing time varies depending on the injury and the injured. All ages can bounce back, but the young are most resilient.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can ask for clarity, and it will ask something of you back -- acceptance. Clarity and acceptance fold together like fingers in the hands of a prayer. The more you can accept, the clearer you'll be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The world is a backdrop to every relationship. It takes a context for people to experience one another

as remarkable. You can make alterations in the relationship, but you can't alter the world, at least not in your timeframe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your capacity for uniqueness is so vast that you sometimes lose track of the connection points between you and the "Muggles" you live among. Those commonalities are there, and you'll find them in relaxed moments.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your leadership persona is in good form these days, although you long to be a part of a group that doesn't need

it. It's less fun when you have to tell people what to do.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 18). Spiritual illumination and peace are the sublime offerings for your solar return. There is a physicality in your approach to life that will be key to mental freedom and transcendence. You'll fly! Hard landings are part in parcel with the training. Invest in March, and then watch. New investments in June are favored. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 9, 12, 20 and 16.



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September 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD September 23, 2020 – October 22, 2020

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WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) and the California Environmental Quality Act Initial Study/Negative Declaration (CEQA IS/ND). These environmental documents address the soil contamination cleanup alternatives at the Union Pacific Railroad, Beverly Hills.

CEQA – Initial Study/Negative Declaration

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) has been prepared and reviewed by DTSC. This IS/ND evaluated the proposed cleanup alternatives and states that the proposed cleanup alternatives will not have a significant effect on human health and the environment.

Public comments should be sent to Project Manager Sara Vela by mail to 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311 or email sara.vela@dtsc.ca.gov or faxed to (818) 717-6527 by **October 22, 2020**.

WHERE DO I GET INFORMATION?

The draft RAW, the IS/ND and other public documents are available at: DTSC File Room (By appointment only)
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Chatsworth, CA 91311
Contact Chinh Sheow at chinh.sheow@dtsc.ca.gov to make an appointment.


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Trustee Sale No. 20-05912
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/21/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On 10/13/2020 at 11:00AM, Lender's Foreclosure Services as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust** Recorded on 08/25/2017 as instrument number 20170968192 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Abraham Stuart Rubin and Annette Rubin, Husband and Wife, as Joint Tenants, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, 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). At: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust.

The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 715 North Alpine Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

** In addition to said Deed of Trust, two more Deeds of Trust were recorded concurrently to secure the same obligations described above, including a Deed of Trust dated August 21, 2017 executed by A. Stuart Rubin and Annette Rubin, husband and wife as community property with right of survivorship, as trustor, to secure obligations in favor of Preferred Bank, as Beneficiary Recorded on

08/25/2017 as instrument number 2017-0041123 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Barbara County, California, describing land therein: as more fully described on said Deed of Trust; and

A Deed of Trust dated August 21, 2017 executed by 1604 Sunset Plaza, LLC, a California limited liability company, as trustor, to secure obligations in favor of Preferred Bank, as Beneficiary Recorded on 08/25/2017 as instrument number 20170968189 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, describing land therein: as more fully described on said Deed of Trust.

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and

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The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation.

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BHC 09/18/20, 09/25/20, 10/02/20

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN Order No: 05940737 TS No: S19-09016 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN, DATED 11/04/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Witkin & Neal, Inc., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to that certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Claim of Lien (hereinafter referred to as "Lien"), recorded on 11/13/2019 as instrument number 20191227555, Book page in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, and further pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded on 12/23/2019 as instrument number 20191433709 in said county and further pursuant to California Civil Code Section 5675 et seq. and those certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded on 9/19/2000 as instrument number 00-1465269, which revoked all prior Declarations, including, but not limited to, Ins. No. 79-903753 WILL SELL on 10/08/2020, 10:00AM, Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 at public auction to the highest bidder for lawful money

of the United States payable at the time of sale, all right, title and interest in the property situated in said county as more fully described in the above-referenced Lien. The purported owner(s) of said property is (are): MICHAEL C. CHRISTEN, AN UNMARRIED MAN. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property is purported to be: 1230 N. HORN AVE., UNIT 618, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069, APN 5559-006-222. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale is: \$36,393.28. The opening bid at the foreclosure sale may be more or less than this estimate. In addition to cash, trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn on a state or federal credit union or a check drawn on a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. If tender other than cash is accepted, the trustee may withhold issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. In its sole discretion, the seller (foreclosing party) reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale after the opening credit bid is announced but before the sale is completed. The opening bid is placed on behalf of the seller. Said sale shall be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Lien, advances thereunder, with interest as provided in the Declaration or by law plus the fees, charges and expenses of the trustee. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN "AS-IS" CONDITION. This communication is from a debt collector. Witkin & Neal, Inc. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in bankruptcy, you may have been released from personal liability for this debt in which case this notice is intended to exercise the secured party's rights against the real property only. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should

also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether this sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site: www.nationwideposting.com using the file number assigned to this case: S19-09016. 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. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the sale shall be subject to the following as provided in California Civil Code Section 5715: "A non judicial foreclosure sale by an association to collect upon a debt for delinquent assessments shall be subject to a right of redemption. The redemption period within which the separate interest may be redeemed from a foreclosure sale under this paragraph ends 90 days after the sale." Dated: 09/11/2020 Witkin & Neal, Inc. as said Trustee 5805 SEPULVEDA BLVD., SUITE 670 SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91411 (818) 845-8808 By: SUSAN PAQUETTE TRUSTEE SALES OFFICER THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0371448 To: BEVERLY HILLS COURIER 09/18/2020, 09/25/2020, 10/02/2020

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020122619

The following is/are doing business as:
SJW FILM ACQUISITIONS AND CONSULTING SERVICES 10321 Walavista Road, Los Angeles, CA 90064; **Stanley Wertlieb** 10321 Walavista Road, Los Angeles, CA 90064; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed August 2010: **Stanley Wertlieb, CEO**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 12, 2020; Published: August 28, September 04, 11, 18, 2020 **LACC N/C**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CASE NO: 20SMCP00262 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of:

MARCO PEREGO

To all interested person(s):
 Petitioner:

MARCO PEREGO

current residence address:
 16255 Ventura Blvd. #900, Encino, CA 91436

filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles,

1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse, on August 07, 2020

for a Decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:

MARCO PEREGO

Proposed Name:

MARCO PEREGO-SALDANA

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
 Date: **October 09, 2020**
 Time: **8:30am**
 Dept: **K**

The address of the court is:

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles,

1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse.

Reason for name change:

I am adding my wife's last name (-Saldana) to my last name after marriage.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.

Signed: **Marco Peregó**

Judge of the Superior Court

Laurence Cho,

Sherri R. Carter,

Executive Officer/Clerk,

By: Brian McClendon,

Deputy Clerk

Dated: **August 07, 2020**

Published: **August 28, September 04, 11, 18, 2020**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020118844

The following is/are doing business as:
WESTWOOD REALTY 9350 Wilshire Blvd. #203, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; 22312 W. Thurman Ave., Porterville, CA 93257; **Aziz Hasnain** 9350 Wilshire Blvd. #203, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under

the name(s) listed November 2013: **Aziz Hasnain, Owner**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 05, 2020; Published: August 28, September 04, 11, 18, 2020 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020121195

The following is/are doing business as:
BIBOL 3742 W. Century Blvd. #3, Inglewood, CA 90303; **SLCLS** 3742 W. Century Blvd. #3, Inglewood, CA 90303; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 2020: **Laura Frechin, President**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 10, 2020; Published: September 04, 11, 18, 25, 2020 **LACC N/C**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CASE NO: 20SMCP00278 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of:

OMAR EDUARDO SANCHEZ

To all interested person(s):
 Petitioner:

OMAR EDUARDO SANCHEZ

current residence address:
 202 N. Canon Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210

filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles,

1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse, on August 19, 2020

for a Decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:

OMAR EDUARDO SANCHEZ

Proposed Name:

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The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
 Date: **October 23, 2020**
 Time: **8:30am**
 Dept: **K**

The address of the court is:

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles,

1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse.

Reason for name change:

2 Motives. First reason my biological dad who I never met and would regularly beat my mom bestowed me with the name, second for branding purposes.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.

Signed: **Omar Eduardo Sanchez**

Judge of the Superior Court

Laurence H. Cho,

Sherri R. Carter,

Executive Officer/Clerk,

By: Stacey Watson,

Deputy Clerk

Dated: **August 19, 2020**

Published: **September 04, 11, 18, 25, 2020**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020122312

The following is/are doing business as:
PARAMEDIC 1420 S. Rexford Dr. #4, Los Angeles, CA 90035; **Behzad Zarrini** 151 N. Almont Dr. #105, Beverly Hills, CA 90211; The business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed September 2006: **Behzad Zarrini, Owner**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 12, 2020; Published: September 04, 11, 18, 25, 2020 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020126166

The following is/are doing business as:
BEVERLYWOOD MED 8920 Wilshire Blvd. #520, Beverly Hills, CA 90211; **RAVNA DUO** 8920 Wilshire Blvd. #520, Beverly Hills, CA 90211; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Daphna Shalom, President**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: August 19, 2020; Published: September 11, 18, 25, October 02, 2020 **LACC N/C**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CASE NO: 20STCO2721 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of:

Laurie Ann Romano

To all interested person(s):
 Petitioner:

Laurie Ann Romano

current residence address:
 2381 Malcolim Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90064

filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Central. 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

on August 26, 2020

for a Decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:

Laurie Ann Romano

Proposed Name:

Laurie Romano Sasson

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
 Date: **December 15, 2020**
 Time: **3:00 p.m.**
 Dept: **20 Room: 310**

The address of the court is:

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Central. 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Reason for name change:

I have been using my proposed name and want to make it official.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.

Signed: **Laurie Ann Sasson**

Judge of the Superior Court:

Dave J. Cowan

Executive Officer/Clerk:

Sherri R. Carter

Deputy Clerk:

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Dated: **August 26, 2020**

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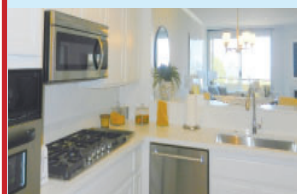
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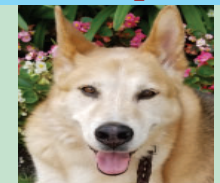
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