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## THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

☁ Friday	70°   60°
☁ Saturday	69°   59°
☁ Sunday	65°   55°
☀ Monday	67°   50°
☀ Tuesday	70°   50°
☀ Wednesday	62°   53°
☀ Thursday	75°   56°

# Beverly Hills Police Department Prepares for Election Day

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce (BHCC) held an online meeting Oct. 22 on matters of security surrounding the Nov. 3 General Election. During the meeting, Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) Assistant Police Chief Marc Coopwood informed businesses that Rodeo Drive would be closed to both vehicles and pedestrians starting

on Election Day. While BHPD said that it had no intelligence of specific threats to the City, Coopwood assured the community that the department would be able to prevent a repeat of the looting and vandalism the City experienced in May.

"We are probably one of the most prepared cities for this," said BHCC President

Todd Johnson. "We're prepared for the worst and hoping for the best."

Coopwood shared what he described as "nine weeks of work" in "preparing for the worst," though he cautioned that all plans are subject to change as the situation unfolds.

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Beverly Hills Police Department Officers on Aug. 22. Photo by Samuel Braslow

## Beverly Hills Courier Endorses Donna Tryfman and Mary Wells for School Board

Seven candidates are on the Nov. 3 ballot for three available seats on the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education. After careful consideration, the Beverly Hills Courier has decided to endorse two of them, Donna Tryfman and Mary Wells.

The national political arena is consuming an inordinate amount of time and attention this election season. But, the Courier is first and foremost a local publication. Few issues are as important to any locality as its educational system.

The BHUSD, like public school districts across the country, faces challenges never

before encountered because of COVID-19. Add to that the ongoing issues of declining enrollment, costly construction and litigation, it's clear that a strong, judicious Board is critical at this time. Tryfman and Wells, with their backgrounds in law and construction, respectively, will bring valuable skills and experience to this important body.

The Courier recognizes the unique strengths of some of the other candidates. We encourage our readers to select the third candidate based upon how those strengths resonate with them. ●

## County Public Health Cautions Not to Let Guard Down

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The daily number of new positive cases of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County has increased since mid-September. According to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) the current average is approximately 1,000 new cases per day. From August through the beginning of September, the number of new cases was under 800 per day.

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# Courier Calendar

NOW - OCT. 24 PREVIEW SPIDER PAVILION;  
OCT. 24 HAUNTED MUSEUM; OCT. 25 -  
NOV. 29 OPENING SPIDER PAVILION  
**NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM:  
HAUNTED MUSEUM AT HOME AND  
SPIDER PAVILION**

The Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County (NHMLA) is presenting two special festivals. The first-ever Haunted Museum at Home takes place Oct. 24 over Zoom. It includes a pumpkin carving demonstration with a paleontologist; a live "Spider Q&A"; a dive into the deep, dark and bizarre world of fish with NHMLAC's Ichthyology Curator; a Slime Story Competition; and slimy experiments with scientists from the Natural History Museum's Malacology and Marine Biodiversity Center collections. Also, the seasonal Spider Pavilion is open to the public for limited days and hours from Oct. 25 through Nov. 29. <https://nhmlac.org/haunted-museum-home-slime-lab>  
<https://nhm.org/experience-nhm/exhibitions-natural-history-museum/spider-pavilion>



NOW - OCT. 31  
**HALLOWEEN AT DESCANSO GARDENS**

Celebrate Halloween by winding your way through socially-distanced pumpkin-themed displays in the popular sections of Descanso Gardens. Explore a twisting hay maze or take photos at the Gardens' signature Pumpkin House, made entirely of real pumpkins. Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Dr., La Cañada Flintridge. <https://www.descansogardens.org/programs-events/halloween/>

NOW - NOV. 1  
**"NIGHTS OF THE JACK" HALLOWEEN  
JACK O' LANTERN**

The "Nights of the Jack" Halloween Jack O'Lantern experience is a family-friendly interactive drive-thru featuring installations made out of carved pumpkins. It takes place at King Gillette Ranch at 26800 Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas. <https://www.nightsofthejack.com/>

OCT. 23 - 27 SCREENING; OCT. 27 TALK  
**THE J. PAUL GETTY MUSEUM:  
"POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT X:  
1952-2020"**  
5 p.m.

The J. Paul Getty Museum presents the virtual screening and discussion of "Political Advertisement X: 1952-2020," a curation of 35 years of presidential campaign ads. [https://www.getty.edu/museum/programs/lectures/political\\_advertisement\\_x.html](https://www.getty.edu/museum/programs/lectures/political_advertisement_x.html)

OCT. 23 - NOV. 1  
**WEST HOLLYWOOD EAT + DRINK  
WEEK 2020**

West Hollywood Eat + Drink Week 2020 features special food and drink promotions in the city's top dining spots. <https://www.eatanddrinkweek.com/info/>

OCT. 24  
**THE LOS ANGELES CENTER OF  
PHOTOGRAPHY - FUNDRAISING GALA  
5 p.m.**

The Los Angeles Center of Photography hosts its Fundraising Gala 2020 online. This year's event honors celebrity photographer Douglas Kirkland along with his wife Françoise Kirkland, photographer Estevan Oriol, and the photography staff of Los Angeles Times. <https://lacphoto.org/events/fifth-annual-fundraising-gala-2020/>

OCT. 25  
**HIRSHBERG FOUNDATION FOR  
PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH AT  
UCLA ANNUAL WALK/RUN  
7:30 - 11 a.m.**

The L.A. Cancer Challenge is going virtual across the country, with flexible options to allow socially distanced walks/runs. <http://pancreatic.org/event/la-cancer-challenge/>

OCT. 25  
**THE BRAID/JEWISH WOMEN'S  
THEATRE - "SUNDAY MORNING  
AT THE BRAID": TRAILBLAZING  
SUFFRAGISTS"**  
11 a.m.

The Braid/Jewish Women's Theatre presents "Trailblazing Suffragists," a talk with distinguished authors, historians and experts in the field plus an original piece about Ernestine Rose, suffragist. Join the Zoom event with Dr. Ellen DuBois of UCLA and Dr. Melissa R. Klapper of Rowan University, who will share their knowledge about Jewish suffragists with screenwriter Arlene Sarnar at a "Sunday Morning at the Braid." <https://www.jewishwomenstheatre.org/zoom/>



OCT. 26  
**WALLIS ANNEBERG CENTER FOR  
THE PERFORMING ARTS - "CENTER  
STAGE: A FUNDRAISER'S GUIDE TO  
RADICAL PHILANTHROPY IN 2020 &  
BEYOND"**  
10 a.m.

Join the free virtual panel discussion featuring prominent philanthropists and fundraising experts from Southern California and beyond. <https://www.thewallis.org/centerstage>

OCT. 26  
**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF  
GREATER LOS ANGELES: 27TH  
ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Los Angeles' 27th Annual Golf Classic takes place at Riviera Country Club. For 64 years, the organization has been changing kids' lives in Los Angeles, raising more than \$5,500,000 for mentoring programs. <https://www.classy.org/event/27th-annual-golf-classic/e262677>

OCT. 26 - 30  
**SEVENTH ANNUAL "VULTURE  
FESTIVAL: IN THE NEST"**

The Seventh Annual "Vulture Festival: In the Nest" includes cast reunions, table reads and conversations with creators and stars such as Rachel Brosnahan, Whoppi Goldberg, Henry Winkler, Gabrielle Union, Jessica Alba, Mary J. Blige and more. A percentage of the proceeds from this virtual event will help support youth political empowerment and the fight against racial injustice. <https://vulturefestival.com/>

OCT. 28 OPENING EVENT  
**HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA -  
"RECALLING A LOST WORLD: DAVID  
LABKOVSKI BRINGS THE STORIES OF  
SHOLEM ALEICHEM TO LIFE"**  
11 a.m.

Holocaust Museum LA presents the debut of "Recalling a Lost World: David Labkovski Brings the Stories of Sholem Aleichem to Life," a new virtual exhibit that features Labkovski's vibrant illustrations inspired by the stories of leading Yiddish author and playwright Sholem Aleichem. <https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/event-details/exhibit-opening-recalling-a-lost-world-david-labkovski-brings-the-stories-of-sholem-aleichem-to-life-1>

OCT. 28  
**WRITERS BLOC: EVAN OSNOS AND  
JESSICA YELLIN ON JOE BIDEN**  
5 p.m.

Writers Bloc presents a free of charge livestream event with Evan Osnos and Jessica Yellin on Joe Biden. Osnos, National Book Award winner and contributor to The New Yorker, is the author of "Joe Biden: The Life, the Run, and What Matters Now." Yellin was Chief White House Correspondent for ABC News and later for CNN. <https://writersblocpresents.com/main/evan-osnos/>

OCT. 29  
**THE FORD - "FROM THE FORD":  
ANGEL CITY JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
6:30 p.m.

"From The Ford" revisits past performances captured live on The Ford's stage by Los Angeles television station LA36. Each installation includes a curated selection of archival footage and newly created artist introductions providing additional insight into the work. "From The Ford" is released weekly on Facebook Premiere. <https://www.theford.com/concerts-and-events/from-the-ford>



OCT. 29  
**THE MIRACLE PROJECT: VIRTUAL  
HALLOWEEN SING-A-LONG**  
4 p.m.

Join The Miracle Project for its first spooky and fun Halloween sing-a-long. Enjoy singing favorite Halloween-inspired tunes, dancing in costumes, and playing games. The event is open to everyone of all abilities and ages. The Miracle Project is a Beverly Hills-based theater, film and expressive arts program for individuals with and without disabilities. For more information and to RSVP, visit the website. <http://www.themiracleproject.org/>



OCT. 29  
**THE EL CAPITAN THEATRE - "EL  
CAP THROWBACK: MOVIE TRIVIA  
ALL ABOUT HALLOWEEN" AND  
"CONCESSIONS TO GO"**  
5 p.m.

The El Capitan Theatre brings "El Cap Throwback: Movie Trivia" livestream to your home. Join for family-friendly fun with spooky movie trivia. Players must register in advance for \$10 per log-in. The El Capitan also offers Halloween themed movie theatre concessions for at-home movie experience. Pre-order online for pickup on weekends with additional Halloween themed items available for purchase featuring Disney's "The Nightmare Before Christmas," Disney's "Hocus Pocus" and Disney villains. <https://elcapitantheatre.com/>

OCT. 29  
**THE HAMMER MUSEUM - PATTY  
CHANG: UCLA DEPARTMENT OF ART  
LECTURE**  
6:30 p.m.

The Hammer Museum presents the UCLA Department of Art Lecture with Patty Chang. L.A.-based artist Chang works in performance, video, writing, and installation. Her work has been exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and the New Museum in New York, and other prominent museums. The free program will play live and the recording will be available soon afterwards. <https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2020/patty-chang-ucla-department-art-lecture>



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According to Executive Officer Lieutenant Max Subin, who heads the department's intelligence gathering operations, BHPD has no information about specific threats to the City. "There's currently no intel," Subin said. "We're definitely being more prepared at this point."

The City will implement a "hard closure" of Rodeo Drive commencing early in the morning on Nov. 3, closing the street to both pedestrian and car traffic. This will limit access to Rodeo between South Santa Monica Boulevard and Wilshire Boulevard, including Dayton, Brighton and Clifton Ways. Coopwood said that BHPD hopes to reopen Rodeo on either Nov. 4 or Nov. 5.

The hard closure will involve blocking the street off with concrete barriers known as K-rails. Other streets around the Business District will have K-rails and crowd control gates "pre-staged" to move into position, if necessary.

Though businesses are not required to close down, Johnson suggested that most businesses would be better off closing down for those days. "So, it sounds like businesses...on Rodeo really should plan to be closed those two days, unless they are medical or dental or something like that," he said.

Coopwood encouraged businesses to board up to help "harden" the City. "We can recommend that you board up, but we

can't mandate that you board up," he said. "When we harden a target within an area of the City, it's going to free up resources for us to go patrol or police other portions of the community."

The Beverly Hills City Council voted at its Oct. 13 Regular Meeting to approve an additional \$4.8 million for supplemental police and security services in anticipation of the potential civil unrest around the presidential race. The funds provide overtime for BHPD officers, additional support from the Santa Paula Police Department (SPPD), services by two private armed security firms, and five new "overhires" for the BHPD.

As a part of BHPD's precautions, the department will go into full tactical alert starting on Oct. 31, with officers and staff split into two alternating 12-hour shifts. The department's ranks will be bolstered by 12 officers from the SPPD, two sergeants and 10 officers who will also work 12-hour days. Then, to allow BHPD more flexibility during the period, the City will contract with two armed private security companies, Nastec International, Inc. and Covered 6. The two firms will provide 80 armed guards.

Lastly, the City will also hire five officers to the BHPD. These would be considered overhires, as they exceed the department's 145 authorized full-time sworn positions.

On top of the additional security provided by the \$4.8 million, Beverly Hills has mutual aid agreements with Santa Monica,

Culver City, West Hollywood, UCLA, and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, which the City has called on multiple times already in the last several months.

"We're also working out the arrangements with the L.A. County District Attorney's Office for their Bureau of Investigation to come in and assist us," BHPD Interim Police Chief Dominick Rivetti told the City Council at the Oct. 13 Study Session. "And also with the State Department of Justice, the BNE, or the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement... And then we're also talking to some of our federal partners to do the same thing, such as the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force."

The City will start implementing the security measures on Oct. 31.

"Halloween is always a big event in our City," said Coopwood at the Oct. 22 online meeting. "It's always a big event in West Hollywood. We are not allowing Halloween this year, so we need to be prepared for people that either don't know about that or are going to protest against that."

Coopwood highlighted the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), a centralized base from which representatives from every City department can keep tabs on volatile situations. Using the City's extensive network of CCTV cameras, the EOC can monitor how things develop on the ground and move resources as necessary.

"We have over 2,000 high-definition city camera videos and we're going to be

watching the entire City, including the business district, very closely to see if we see anything that is occurring that requires our attention," Coopwood said.

Businesses and residents have access to a hotline to either make reports or ask questions to the EOC staff. The hotline will be a non-emergency number to share general information or ask questions. "Anytime that there is an emergency—you see somebody trying to set a building on fire, you see somebody trying to vandalize a building—that is a 911 phone call," Coopwood said. "The hotline is really for more general information or questions."

Coopwood sought to distinguish the City's response now to that of May 30. "May 30 was a resource issue," Coopwood said. "This time, we have almost double the resources." While protesters peacefully exercising their First Amendment rights would be allowed to do so, the City would have the resources to stop any malfeasance, Coopwood said.

Even after approving millions in additional funding for security, the issue remains at the top of the City Council's agenda. At press time, the Beverly Hills City Council was holding a Special Closed Session Meeting on the topic of "Threat to Public Services or Facilities" in consultation with Rivetti. ●

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## Beverly Hills Chamber Hosts Virtual “Back to Business”

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Fritz Coleman and Mayor Lester Friedman

Every year, the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce hosts a myriad of high-profile events that enable members and the public to connect with the greater business community. This year was no exception. On Oct.

21, the Chamber hosted the second “Back to Business: Fall Virtual Collaborative,” in which the public was invited to learn from over 50 brand leaders and prominent businesspeople across the retail sector, finance, beauty,

entertainment, media, travel, hospitality, entrepreneurship and more.

The daylong event focused on the challenges and opportunities businesses face in the midst of a global pandemic. The interactive virtual format included a variety of panels, webinars and breakout sessions with time for live Q&A’s.

The day kicked-off with the “State of the City of Beverly Hills” conversation between Mayor Lester Friedman and Southern California broadcast icon, Fritz Coleman, streamed live from the grounds of the historic Greystone Mansion. Barring any major changes related to COVID-19, Friedman told Coleman that the City Council has many projects in the works right now.

“We have the One Beverly Hills project, which is a combination of the old Wanda Robinson May project and the Beverly Hilton project, which is now one combined piece of property that is going to be developed,” said Friedman. “We’ll make it an absolutely beautiful area with gardens and buildings, both residential and hotels, that is coming our way. We also have a project in our golden triangle area by LVMH, which is a hotel and it is going to be called the Cheval Blanc. So,

that is also a proposal that is coming forward to us. We’re really lucky that we’re having development that is going on, that is going to be out there, and we are moving forward with all of those projects.”

After the Mayor’s address, Stan Kasten, President and CEO of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Dean Spanos, owner and Chairman of the Board of the Los Angeles Chargers spoke about the economy of professional sports and the effect of COVID-19 on their teams’ financial models.

Emmy Award-winning TV news producer and strategic communications PR consultant Ann Shatilla held her annual “State of Luxury with Ann Shatilla” business seminar. This year, Shatilla had an in-depth conversation—held and broadcast virtually—with Anish Melwani, the Chairman and CEO of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton Inc. North America.

With over 70 Maisons, LVMH is known worldwide as the leader of luxury, present in all five major sectors of the luxury market: fashion and leather goods, perfumes and cosmetics, wine and spirits, watches and jewelry and selective retailing.

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# Solid Waste Rate Hike in Store for Beverly Hills in 2021

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



While televisions across the City were tuned in to the Dodgers' World Series win in game one against the Tampa Bay Rays on Oct. 21, Beverly Hills City staff were busy talking trash. More specifically, they discussed an upcoming rate increase for the disposal of solid waste. Although few people attended either this Town Hall or another held on Oct. 1, staff provided information on the rate hike and addressed questions they had received elsewhere.

Beverly Hills has not seen any changes to its solid waste disposal rates since 2011. As Director of Public Works Shana Epstein explained, much has happened since then. "Regulations have been changing and evolving [and] the recycling markets have changed significantly," Epstein said in the Town Hall.

In March 2018, China dropped a bombshell on the world when it announced it would no longer buy most recycling. For decades, China had vacuumed up the world's recyclables—70 percent, or about 7 million tons a year. The ripples of the new policy stretch all the way to Beverly Hills.

"China used to buy a lot of our goods," Epstein said. "We could have a robust recycling program that paid for itself in many ways. And now, in the U.S., we have to create markets to use these recycled goods, and to process them here or to find other markets."

While the City's General Fund receives money from taxes (such as the sales tax and transient occupancy tax), the City's solid waste disposal is supported by an enterprise fund. This is a self-sufficient coffer maintained by service charges. For solid waste disposal, the service charges paid by residents and businesses goes toward refuse and recycling collection, yard waste and organic waste collection, and for material sorting and processing.

Because of the pandemic, the City Council opted to postpone the rate change from January 1, 2021, to July 1, 2021. The degree of increase depends on the kind of service.

The rates go toward more than just moving the garbage from point A to point B. They also pay for community events, like the household hazardous waste roundup,

which took place on Sept. 26 and drew over 700 participants—"our highest ever," Epstein noted. The charge also goes toward repairing roads damaged by heavy garbage trucks.

Beverly Hills has taken steps to limit its contribution to landfills in recent years. "We've had a green waste program for over a decade we're proud of that," said Epstein. "What we have found in this community is we really avoid putting unnecessary refuse into the landfill by going to a material recovery facility that actually sorts through our trash. You can put your recyclables and your refuse into a black or blue bin, and it will all be sorted out."

"The state requires 50 percent diversion," she explained. "We've had 60 percent diversion for a number of years, sometimes higher."

In the Town Halls, Epstein presented two different options for rate changes over the next four years. The "proposed" option is slightly more costly, but it preserves a budget reserve of 50 percent of operating costs. Under the proposed plan, an 11,000 sq. ft. single-family home currently paying \$114.40 bimonthly would pay \$125.62 starting on July 1, 2021. That same home would pay \$124.08 under the alternative plan.

Rate changes vary on multiple factors and residents and businesses can see what their own bill would look like under the proposed raise. The City currently has a "Bill Impact Calculator" available online at [beverlyhills.org/solidwasterates](http://beverlyhills.org/solidwasterates).

The City can use the reserves in times of emergency. "If we have major failure with our vehicles, they're very expensive," said Epstein. She also cited emergencies, like fires or earthquakes, that lead to significant debris. "There's a lot of debris removal...We have to quickly mobilize contracts, mobilize additional vehicles, find property. All that is what we would use reserves for, to keep moving and keeping the City clean."

Epstein pointed out that the City pays less for its services than other jurisdictions in Los Angeles, with Burbank and Santa Monica residents both paying more.

The City Council will consider the Proposed Rate Adjustments at its Regular Meeting scheduled for Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. ●

# Jackie Lacey Sued This Week by BLM-LA Co-founder

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



Jackie Lacey

District Attorney Jackie Lacey may find herself in court in the coming months. But unlike the many times she has appeared as a prosecutor, the incumbent Los Angeles County District Attorney will play the role of defendant. This week on Oct. 20, Lacey

was sued by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles members for an incident in March, when the prosecutor's husband pointed a gun at activists on the stoop of their Granada Hill's home.

(Jackie Lacey continues on page 9)

## #1 on the Ballot Donna Tryfman

## For Beverly Hills School Board

### Advocating for Our Children and their Future

**ENDORSEMENTS (Partial List)**

Hon. Lili Bosse, City Council; Hon. Julian Gold, M.D., City Council; Hon. John Mirisch, City Council; Hon. Isabel Hacker, School Board Pres; Hon. Rachele Marcus, School Board VP; Hon. Mel Spitz, School Board Member; Hon. Barry Brucker, Former Mayor, Former School Board Pres; Hon. Jimmy Delshad, Former Mayor; Hon. Nancy Krasne, Former City Council, Mayor; Hon. Nooshin Meshkaty, Former School Board Pres; Hon. Myra Demeter, PhD, Former School Board Pres; Hon. Myra Lurie, Former School Board; Hon. Herb Young, Former School Board Pres; Hon. Allan Alexander, Former Mayor; Hon. Joan Seidel, Former BH Treasurer; Hon. John Millan, Former School Board Pres.; Hon. Alissa Roston, Former School Board Member; 20 present & former City Commissioners with whom Donna serves, and numerous community members.

[DonnaTryfman2020.com](http://DonnaTryfman2020.com)

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## Vintage Clothing in High Demand in Beverly Hills

BY CAROLE DIXON



LILY et Cie on Burton Way

The interest in vintage clothing has been on the rise for the past few decades. No longer a fashion secret, it's actually chic now to collect pre-worn couture from some of the world's top fashion labels.

Celebrities from Margot Robbie to Natalie Portman have all embraced this pre-owned fashion statement over the past few years for the red carpet. Who can forget that groundbreaking moment of Julia Roberts winning an Oscar in 2001 while donning vintage Valentino?

Beverly Hills and surrounding neighborhoods are a treasure trove for collectors and sellers alike. But, how has the business been fared under COVID-19 restrictions? What are people searching for and how are store owners and customers safely navigating the thrill of the hunt?

Director of Retail Sales and Development at What Goes Around Comes Around on Brighton Way Julian Guevara has seen an uptick in virtual shopping. "Since reopening, we have seen a decrease in foot traffic versus this time last year," he told the Courier. "Most of our walk-in clients are locals, but we are still seeing new faces every week."

In-house stylists now offer a virtual shopping experience for clients who might be a little apprehensive. For those who do shop in person, the team follows strict safety protocols. Employees and customers are all required to wear a mask and social distance, and there are temperature checks at the door. "We are continuously cleaning all high

touch surfaces and disinfecting all garments after being handled," said Guevara.

What Goes Around Comes Around is not a consignment store. They don't go into people's closets or take drop-offs at the store. Rather, they work with a select group of private collectors and auctions around the world.

Interestingly, they are seeing more buyers than sellers. One hot item coveted by Chanel collectors is the Karl Lagerfeld-designed Lait de Coco (Coco's Milk) bag from the 2014 fall-winter supermarket themed runway show. "It is a limited edition, silver metallic, crossbody milk carton bag that is the perfect piece for a Chanel collector," Guevara told the Courier.

Another noteworthy piece is a Hermès Rose Scheherazade Niloticus Crocodile Birkin 25. "Not only is it one of the most coveted Birkin sizes, but the color is the epitome of Hermès true craft," said Guevara. "Everyone is always on the hunt for a neutral colored Birkin but Hermès creates the most stunning colors," he said.

Another place to look for a hard-to-find bag is Fashionphile, now located inside of Neiman Marcus on Wilshire Boulevard. The busy "selling studio" is a conduit for high-end designer handbags that are flying off the shelves from a Chanel caviar quilted grand shopping tote to accessories and jewelry from Van Cleef to Cartier. Due to COVID-19, appointments must be booked at [fashionphile.com](https://www.fashionphile.com) to drop off an item to sell



The RealReal Melrose Womens Photo by Joyce Lee

or pick-up a purchase from the online store.

Known for a robust online resale business from the start, The RealReal opened a brick and mortar store on Melrose in 2018. The spacious modern loft outpost is currently limiting the amount of people on-site, closing the fitting rooms, and cleaning surfaces hourly while offering curbside consignment drop-offs. You may also consign by scheduling a free virtual appointment with a Luxury Manager. (The company has performed over 25,000 of these since COVID-19.) They will also arrange for a complimentary pickup following your appointment, or you can still mail in your items for consignment.

Despite the new safety protocols, the business is still seeing a 27 percent increase in new consignors. And, 37 percent of all new consignors in Q2 were Gen-Z and Millennials. Spring cleaning aside, what are people actually buying?

According to Sasha Skoda, Head of Women's for The RealReal, "Despite the quarantining during COVID-19, handbags are still in high demand. In the first half of the year, we saw demand for Louis Vuitton handbags rise 38 percent and Gucci 24 percent." Limited availability of some popular Louis Vuitton styles may be contributing to increased resale value. "We've seen with the Noe bag and its 11 percent resale value increase since March," she told the Courier. "With Gucci reintroducing their signature horsebit hardware, we've seen a rise in interest in both current and vintage

styles, resulting in a 29 percent increase since March."

Skoda has also noticed high value purchases. "It's been interesting to see where shoppers are choosing to invest during the pandemic, particularly millennials as a generation known for investing in experiences, which are heavily restricted in our current climate," she told the Courier.

To that end, the company has seen high-value handbags rise in popularity, particularly from brands like Hermès, whose Kelly bag saw a 42 percent increase in year-over-year search demand last quarter. "Millennials actually purchased more Hermès handbags last quarter than any other demographic," said Skoda.

And, since people are spending more time at home, understated classic pieces are also selling like hotcakes. "We're also seeing a gravitation towards understated styles in handbags. Classic investment bags are timeless and proving their staying power now more than ever. The Louis Vuitton Neverfull and Gucci Marmont Matelassé Shoulder Bag are examples that are always in demand and command high resale values in our marketplace."

Trove in Westwood opened about four years ago. The two-story building is currently bursting with inventory, according to store manager Julian Middleton. Sellers are bringing in more inventory, which is promptly sanitized with a water, vinegar and essential oil spray before it is placed



Decades Showroom on Melrose



Cameron Silver of Decades





Chanel Bag from WGACA

and essential oil spray before it is placed on racks. Buyers are primarily searching for shoes or bags and authentic jewelry from names such as Cartier, Tiffany and Hermès.

LILY et Cie on Burton Way in Beverly Hills has supplied Jennifer Aniston with many vintage pieces from Dior to Galanos for her awards season looks, and Kim Kardashian West with the famed 2003 Oyster dress by Alexander McQueen for the Oscars after-party earlier this year.

Owner Rita Watnick saw the pandemic and subsequent closures due to looting as an opportunity to revamp the store. “The collections are all better than ever,” she told the Courier. “We have refined it to a high art. We literally took out every piece of clothing and all of the accessories that had been in the store and put in all new inventory and remerchandised and reorganized. It was an amazing opportunity.”

Part of the consistent interest in vintage stems from an environmental standpoint. “I have always considered LILY et Cie the most responsible and progressive way to shop,” said Watnick. “We have a long history of red carpet ‘best dressed.’”

Watnick notes that the pandemic has downsized the scale of important gatherings, such as weddings. “We missed the Met Gala, people do not go to work anymore so there is not a necessity for important day clothes or going out to dinner,” she said. “There are definitely less places to go, however, people still want beautiful things.”

Known as the “King of Vintage Couture,” Cameron Silver of Decades on Melrose Avenue in West Hollywood is usually hunting the world for luxury finds for his A-list clientele. Actresses from Michelle Williams to Nicole Kidman and Jennifer Lopez are fans.

The pandemic has made business more complicated.

Decades is now open shorter hours, weekdays only from 12-5 p.m. or by appointment. “Most people coming in are desperate for conversation with someone new while looking at something beautiful,” said Silver. “Maybe they will find a blouse or a dress but they are coming in with a purpose. We are social creatures and it’s all about community.”

Once an item is tried on by a customer, it is put into a “quarantine” that includes ultra-violet light and a disinfectant wand.

“You can’t just put on a jacket and throw it back on the hanger now and I can’t be as hands on with clients anymore,” said Silver, “I need to keep a distance.”

While foot traffic is down, there has been an increased emphasis on studio services, music videos, film and television as more productions return. Much of Silver’s daily outreach has been to costume designers returning shows or productions starting up.

Silver has also been getting a lot of calls from people who want to clean out their closets during the pandemic, but he is sensitive to what people want to buy right now. “The desires of the current consumer don’t necessarily balance with someone who wants to sell a bunch of evening gowns,” he said.

While the world has become a little more casual while cocooning at home, Silver refuses to completely cave in. “You don’t want to be in sweats all the time,” he said. “It’s ok to put on something that makes you feel good. We are all dealing with a lot of heaviness in our world. I call it a ‘fashion distraction’ and it doesn’t have to be fancy. It could be a nice pair of jeans with a t-shirt and good blazer,” he adds.

For Silver, some good investment pieces that retain value include vintage Halston, Chanel and Yves Saint Laurent. “There is also a surge for items that are not super old such as a great Row or Rick Owen’s jacket.”

“In this circular economy people are no

longer uncomfortable buying something that is pre-loved or a few seasons old. It’s chic to repeat,” is a phrase coined by Silver. “True style is how you take something in the back of your closet and mix it with a more recent acquisition for a distinctive look.”

Newer on the scene, Bon Chic boutique on South Robertson Boulevard opened in March of 2019 with a contemporary vintage flair.

Portuguese-French owner and architect Monica Evans is a long-time Beverly Hills and Bel-Air resident who has spent the past 20 years renovating and decorating homes and saw a similar trajectory into the vintage fashion business.

Closed for three months, Evans has reopened with a new sterilization lighting tool also used in hospitals. She shines it on clothing for 15 seconds. “It’s so strong that I need to leave the room,” she said.

Evans focuses on clothing but is not running a consignment shop. In keeping with the new trend, her pieces are no more than 10 years old. Her clients are looking for prestigious items such as Oscar de la Renta dresses, as well as Valentino, Chanel, Dior and Tom Ford-era Gucci.

“People don’t have anywhere to go, but it’s still an investment,” she told the Courier. ●



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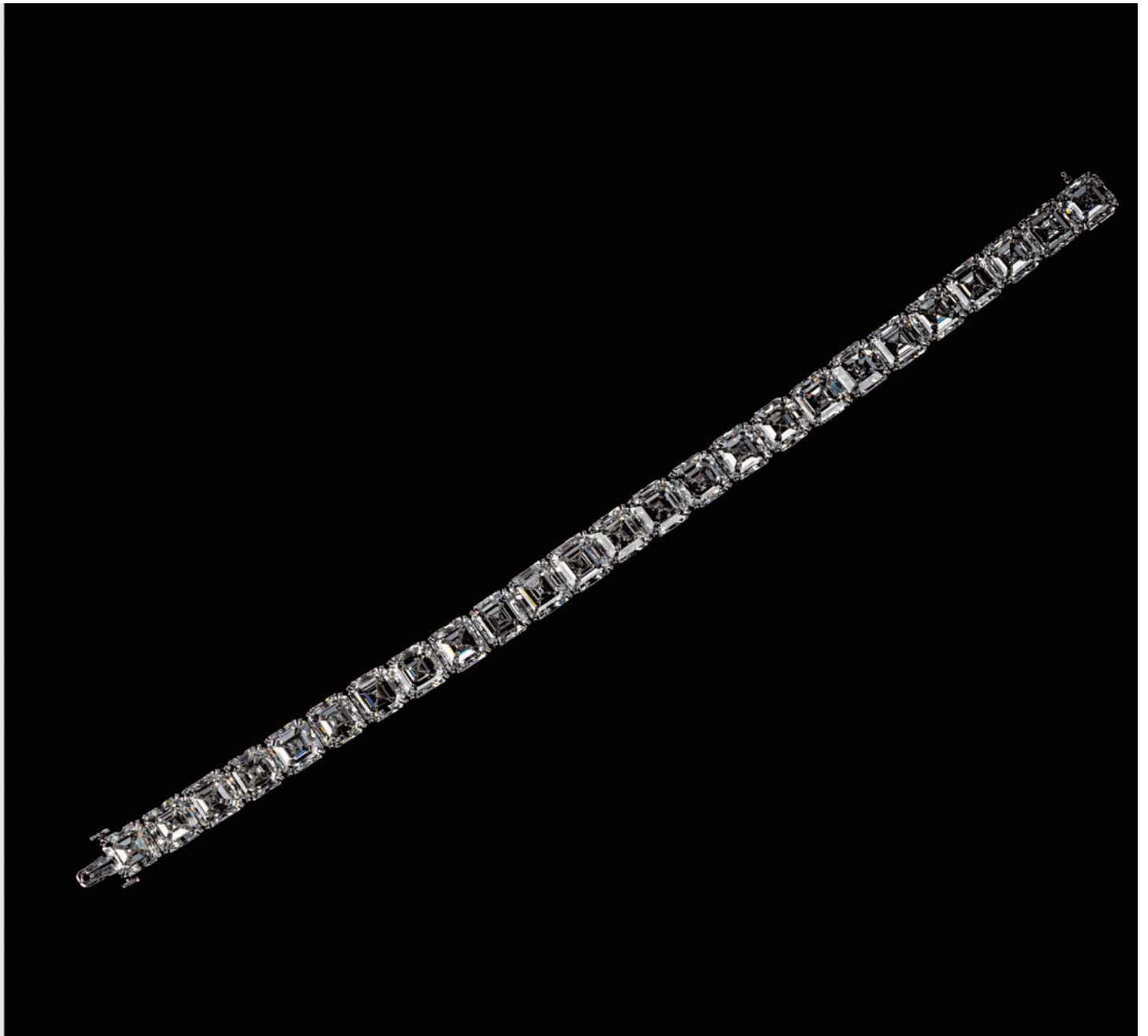
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## Election Blues are Real, Says Beverly Hills Maple Counseling Center

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

According to a new survey conducted on behalf of Maple Counseling Center, the 2020 Presidential Election has negatively impacted the mental health of Americans. Across generations, 52 percent of the adults surveyed reported experiencing anxiety, stress, and hopelessness due to the electoral contest. This moment of political tensions coincides with a global health crisis and an economic slowdown, both of which have also dealt blows to the American psyche.

The results should come as no surprise in a year that began with an historic impeachment hearing that exacerbated already-inflamed political tensions. Then, all semblance of normalcy and routine left with the arrival of COVID-19 in March.

The Maple Counseling Center is a Beverly Hills-based nonprofit that offers low-cost mental health services. Its online survey conducted at the end of September polled American adults from across generations, geographic regions, races, and levels of education. The results were then weighted to make them representative of the country as a whole.

According to the Center's Clinical and Program Director Dr. Marianne Callahan, the goal of the survey was to determine if

anecdotal evidence of the "election blues" was supported by something deeper.

"Is this just an idea that we had or is it something that is truly reflected in the population that people are specifically identifying this upcoming election as having a negative impact on their mental well-being?" said Callahan.

Studies have already quantified the impact of the pandemic on the country's mental health. A survey released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in August found that nearly 41 percent of respondents reported declining mental health, including symptoms of anxiety or depression, increasing substance use, and suicidal ideation.

"Markedly elevated prevalence of reported adverse mental and behavioral health conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic highlight the broad impact of the pandemic and the need to prevent and treat these conditions," wrote CDC researchers in the report.

"There's so much going on right now, so many different stressors that this election had the potential to be the proverbial straw that breaks the camel's back," Callahan told the Courier.

The Center has seen politics take a toll



on the mental health of its patients in the past. It saw a spike in referrals following the 2016 election.

"We had a very large spike in people seeking to access mental health services because they were very, very worried about the future," CEO Marcy Kaplan told the Courier.

Of the 52 percent of adults who reported deteriorating mental health, 31 percent said they are experiencing more anxiety and stress, 29 percent said they are feeling more worried, and 16 percent said they are feeling more hopelessness. Others reported sleeplessness and feeling angrier at other people's political opinions.

"Is it enough to rise to the level of someone wanting to have counseling about it? Probably not by itself, but, we're in a very stressful, complicated time in our country," said Callahan. "And it can be a significant addition to an already stressful load that a lot of people are carrying."

She explains that many of these symptoms can point to deeper pathologies that might benefit from professional care. "A feeling of hopelessness is a symptom of depression," she said.

The survey broke down the results by generation, finding that younger cohorts reported more of an impact than older ones. Generation Z (ages 18-23) had the highest rate, with 64 percent saying that their mental and emotional well-being had suffered because of the race. This compared to 57 percent of Millennials (ages 24-39), 53 percent of Generation X (ages 40-55) and only 43 percent of Baby Boomers (ages 56-74).

The generational divide was even more pronounced when it came to questions of hopelessness. Twenty-five percent of

Millennials and Gen Zers said they felt more hopeless, whereas only 12 percent of Gen Xers and 11 percent of Boomers felt the same.

A possible reason for this divide is that younger generations feel they have more at stake due to their precarious positions in the world. "Perhaps the youngest generations are the ones that are feeling the impact of the financial crisis most acutely, because that's where most of the jobs have been lost, or they feel the most out of sorts because all of their plans that they envisioned for the start of their young adult lives are now completely scrambled," Callahan speculated, saying that the survey itself could not offer a specific reason. "Whereas somebody who's older and more established might have more of a long view that they can take on this sort of thing."

A surprising finding of the survey was that well-to-do respondents reported higher rates of sliding mental health. For those making \$100,000 or more, 62 percent said the election had harmed their mental health, compared to 50 percent of those earning \$50,000 or less. Callahan opined that perhaps those better off also had more leisure time to stay informed.

The survey contained a silver lining, noting that the tense political environment had not interfered with the personal or professional relationships of 75 percent of respondents. Of the 25 percent who had experienced disruptions in their relationships, most reported rifts with family members, followed by friends, and least of all with partners and colleagues.

"It's very possible that there could be more political harmony within families than we thought," Callahan said. ●

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The lawsuit is another chapter in an increasingly contentious fight for her job against former San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón.

Dr. Melina Abdullah, Dahlia Ferlito and Justin Marks brought the complaint in Los Angeles Superior Court, alleging civil rights violations, assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligence. The suit accuses Lacey's Husband, David Lacey, of "outrageously brazen and recklessly negligent use of a registered firearm... against innocent protesters who were lawfully visiting their home." The suit seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

Lacey's attorney, Jeffrey Zinder, characterized the suit as meritless and politically opportunistic. "This lawsuit was filed two weeks before an election and not at any time in the last seven months because it is being put forward for transparently political purposes," he said in a statement. "If there was merit in this lawsuit or if it was being offered sincerely, it would have been filed at some point prior to today."

Abdullah is chairwoman of the Department of Pan-African Studies at Cal State Los Angeles and a co-founder of the Los Angeles chapter of Black Lives Matter. She and other demonstrators went to the home where Lacey and her husband David live on March 2, seeking to find out why she had allegedly not fulfilled a promise to meet with them to discuss issues of community concern.

In a viral video of the incident, Abdullah rings Lacey's doorbell early in the morning. Lacey's husband opens the door with a handgun pointed at the activist, telling her, "Get off my porch or I will shoot you." Hours later, Lacey apologized on behalf of her husband, saying that he had responded "in fear" but that he was "profoundly sorry."

"The plaintiffs ... believe that Jackie Lacey aided and abetted [David] Lacey's decision to cock, load and then point the handgun directly at Dr. Abdullah's chest and at Ms. Ferlito's and Mr. Marks' bodies," the suit states. "The plaintiffs were unarmed and had done nothing to justify this use of deadly force against them."

On Aug. 4, David Lacey was charged with three counts of misdemeanor assault with a firearm for the incident. The case is being prosecuted by the California Department of Justice to avoid conflicts of interest. David Lacey previously worked as an investigative auditor in the District Attorney's office.

The encounter between David Lacey and the activists ricocheted online only one day before the March 3 California Primary in which Lacey unsuccessfully avoided a run-off against self-styled progressive prosecutor George Gacón. Lacey has found herself increasingly embattled since the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police and the resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement. Gascón's campaign has picked up support as Lacey has lost high-profile endorsements. ●



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE:** Thursday, November 12, 2020

**TIME:** 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

**LOCATION:** Meeting will be held via teleconference; details provided below

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** 8955 W Olympic Boulevard (Cross Street: Almont Drive / La Peer Drive)



The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the following:

**Conditional Use Permit:** The proposed project includes a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow to allow O'Gara Coach Company, a luxury vehicle sales and service use, to be established in a Commercial-Transition (C-3T-2) Zone; to allow renovations to an existing building that would result in a maximum total height of 41'-0" (on the Olympic Boulevard side) and 2 stories (plus a clere-story and elevator enclosure), and to allow a reduction in the required number of parking spaces. The proposed renovations would result in a net reduction of 1,350 square feet of floor area from what is currently on the site. The subject property is located at 8955 Olympic Boulevard, between South Almont Drive and South La Peer Drive in the southeast area of the city.

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. Upon review, the project appears to qualify for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption for operational changes within an existing commercial facility in accordance with the requirements of Section 15303 of the state CEQA Guidelines. Accordingly, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to find the project exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA.

### How To Participate

Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, members of the Beverly Hills Planning Commission and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public can participate by listening to the Meeting at (888) 468-1195 (participant code 105093) and/or offer comment through email at [commentPC@beverlyhills.org](mailto:commentPC@beverlyhills.org). Public comment can be offered during the meeting by calling (310) 285-1020. Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. In order to have written material included in the Commissioners' packet, it must be received no later than 8 calendar days before the date of the Hearing. Comments will be read into the record, with a maximum allowance of 3 minutes per individual comment (approximately 350 words), subject to the Commission's discretion. It is recommended that written comments be submitted prior to the posted meeting date/time. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, but before the close of the meeting, the comment will still be included as a part of the record of the meeting, but will not be read into the record.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact Alvaro Gomez, Assistant Planner, in the Planning Division at (310) 285-1142, or by email at [agomez@beverlyhills.org](mailto:agomez@beverlyhills.org). Copies of the project plans and associated application materials are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by contacting the project planner listed on this notice.

Sincerely,  
Alvaro Gomez, AICP, Assistant Planner

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Section 2 – Beverly Hills Update

### Wilshire/Rodeo Station Construction

Excavation of the Wilshire/Rodeo Station box is expected to continue until early 2021. Once excavation reaches the bottom of the station box, interior station construction begins.

### TRAFFIC ALERT

Wilshire Bl will be open with at least two lanes of traffic in each direction during daytime hours.

### WORK HOURS

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## New Models Electrify the Auto Industry

BY TIM LAPPEN



The Beverly Hills Courier's Fine Autos Contributor **Tim Lappen** is also the Fine Autos Editor for Haute Living, Haute Time, Haute Residence and Haute Auto magazines and websites and a partner

Internal-combustion engines are fine, as far as they go, but they do exhale exhaust fumes and their fuel is a finite resource—they aren't making many dinosaurs anymore so the days of oil are numbered (though experts disagree on exactly how numbered they are). The car manufacturers highlighted in this article are on to the Next Big Thing, which is being fully powered by electricity, in whole (battery for fuel cell) or in part (hybrid, typically with both an electric and a gasoline component to move the car). Being cutting-edge and all, this article focuses only on the latest and greatest vehicles with some—or all—electric motivation and they're coming to a showroom near you. No disrespect intended for the others who have terrific electrified offerings—but this time, we only are highlighting the more unusual cars which you may not know about yet, so those brands, and the boutique builders, are not mentioned here.

### Ford Mustang Mach-E

Ford announced that it was creating an all-electric car some time ago. To the surprise of many, the SUV-resembling vehicle was badged as a "Mustang," even though it bore scant resemblance to the "pony car" which arrived in the mid-1960s. Called the "Mustang Mach-E," with a base price a tad

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under \$43,000, the four-door five-seater hatchback has an estimated range of about 210 miles (about 300 miles on an upgraded variant - there are four Mach-E models), a 0-60 time for the quickest model in the mid-three second range and an onboard fast charger that, if you can find the requisite DC charging station, will give you about 60 miles for every ten minutes of charging. I've driven many Mustangs, and even owned one, and they're fun and fast. The Mach-E promises to retain that fun and add a lot of practicality to the package.

### Polestar 1

Polestar is a new car company, heralded as a "Sino-Swedish automotive brand" jointly owned by the Swedish car company, Volvo, and the Chinese car company, Geely (which also owns Volvo). After spending time with the Polestar 1, I can tell you that this is the best idea since someone combined Swedish meatballs with hoisin sauce.

The Polestar 1 is the top-of-the-Polestar-line model, a high-performance hybrid. The Polestar 2 is a mid-priced all-electric performance fastback and the Polestar 3 (still in development) will be their high-performance SUV. Only 500 of the 1s will be made each year for three years, and of those only about



Polestar Preproduction Image Courtesy of Polestar



Volkswagen ID.4 Preproduction Image Courtesy of Volkswagen

150 each year are coming to the U.S. With a price starting at \$155,000, it will be fully equipped with a great sound system, supple leather and a glass roof covering almost the

entire cabin. With a twin-turbo and super-charged gas motor assisted by three electric motors, the 1 has over 600HP (!) and is expected to hit 0-60 in about four seconds. I loved my week with this car.

### Volkswagen ID.4

When it comes to language, context is important. Take "Unlike anything you've seen before." Were that on a dating website, you'd like swipe left (so I am told) to look at the next listing. But when Volkswagen uses that to advertise its new all-electric ID.4, they hope that you will swipe right, as I did. With a base price of just under \$40,000, this four-door hatchback seats five, has an estimated range of 250 miles and can be ordered in three different basic variants—1st Edition (sold out), Pro and Base. Although VW is taking orders, not too much more is known about the car yet, which is due out late in 2020 or early in 2021. Suffice to say, VW's tagline of "The heart of an EV. The function and size of an SUV" sounds appealing. On the other hand, if you wait another year (estimated), the all-electric ID.BUZZ, Volkswagen's take on the Paisley Period's favorite, is due out then.



Mustang Mach-E Preproduction Image Courtesy of Ford Motor Company





Volkswagen ID.BUZZ Preproduction Image Courtesy of Volkswagen



Lucid Air Preproduction Image Courtesy of Lucid Motors



Rolls-Royce Experimental Electric/102 EX Image Courtesy of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars

#### Rolls-Royce

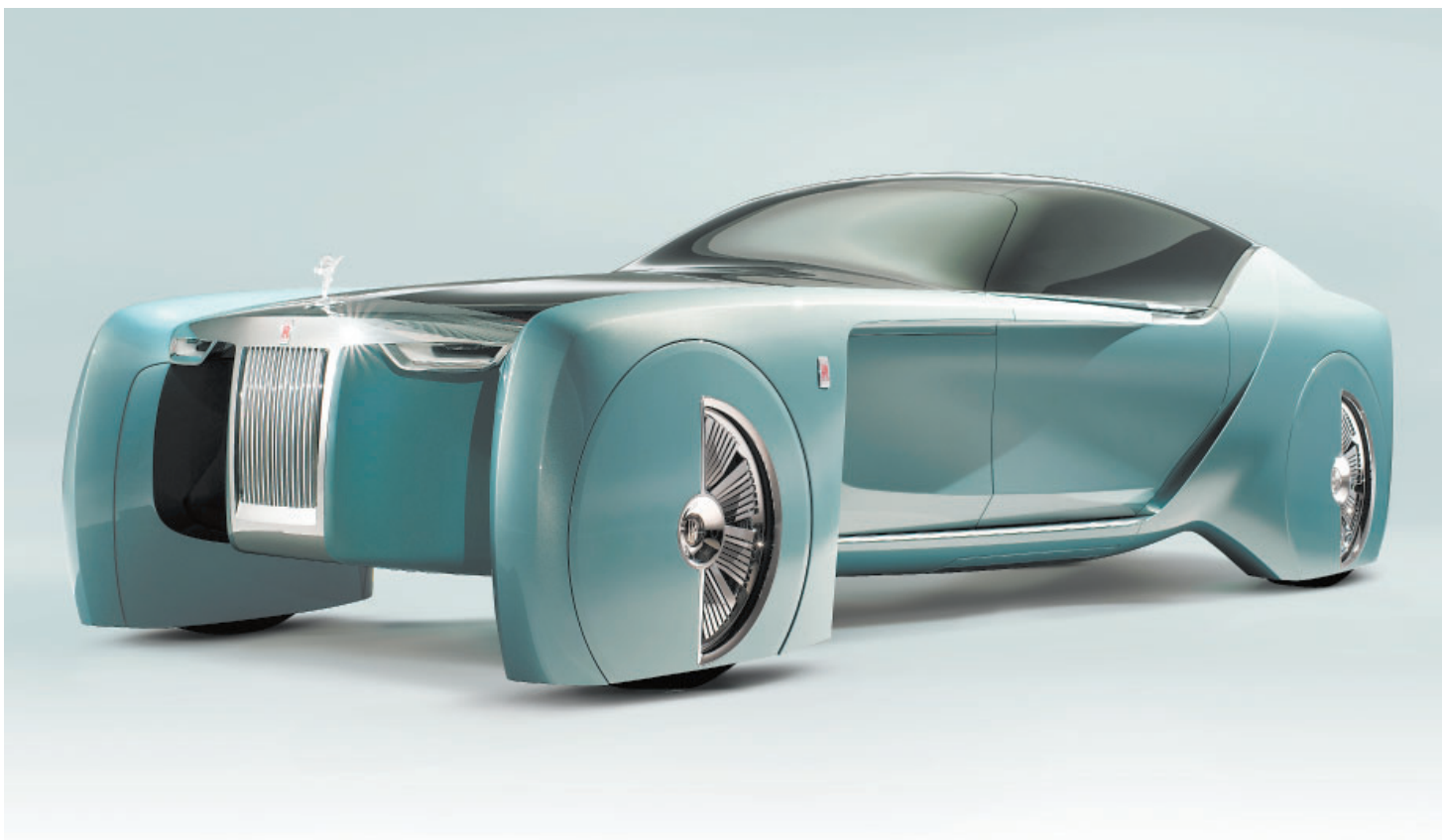
Rolls-Royce has been teasing about an electric car and a few years ago showed the world this one-of-a-kind model, an all-electric Phantom Experimental Electric/102 EX. To the world it looked like a Phantom with some different touches, but hardly groundbreaking. It was really an exercise to see how they could create an electric car. I had the chance to drive it and found it impressive, especially as it was a one-off vehicle. Rolls then introduced us to its Vision Next 100 design, which was completely revolutionary, and to see it in person was a great experience. A concept car which was not likely to be produced in quantity, it really

exploded the mold of what a car should look like. However, the company now promises a new all-electric car during this decade, and some rumors indicate that it most likely will be similar to the Wraith or the Dawn (which are somewhat like what a two-door coupe Ghost or a convertible Ghost would be like, respectively). No photos are available yet but we expect it to be stately, uncommonly quiet and worthy of the Rolls-Royce motto, "Take the best that exists and make it better."

#### Lucid Motors

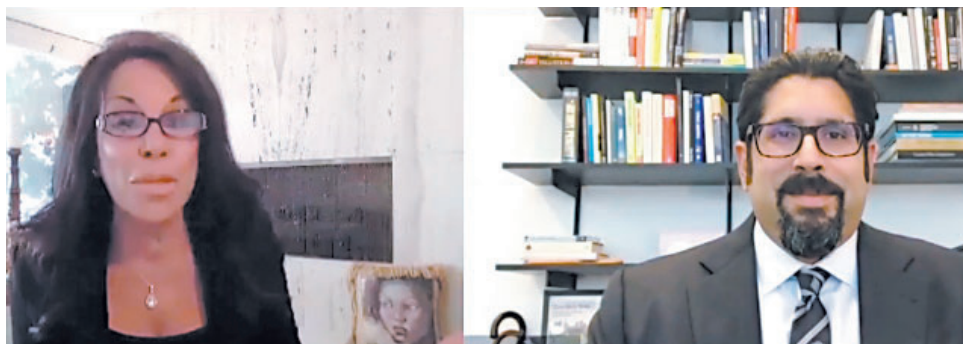
Based in Silicon Valley, Lucid Motors has declared that its mission is to greatly advance luxury EVs. With a car which is just being exposed to the world at press time, I can't add any driving impressions yet, but it's clearly a looker with high-end finishes. The Lucid Air will be available in various fittings with the most-powerful version having close to . . . 1,100 horsepower (not a typo!), 0-60 in 2.5 seconds and the ability to run the quarter-mile drag race in under ten seconds and hitting 144MPH, but also provide up to 517 miles of range on a single charge. The high-tech touches abound, with a gazillion (estimated) sensors for things like vision, radar, ultrasonics and even LIDAR to give the Air a big head-start in the Level 2 and Level 3 autonomous driving race. Even the headlights are futuristic, and can "steer" the light to enhance the visibility and overall safety. There are four basic models of the Air, with base prices beginning in the \$80,000 range and topping \$160,000 for the Air Dream Edition. Lucid's newest showroom is in . . . Beverly Hills. You're welcome.

I hope that you have enjoyed this trip to the future. If so, go check out these companies' websites and, in some cases, go see these cars at the local dealership. All likely will qualify for the \$7,500 tax rebate which currently is available as well as a permit for the HOV carpool lane. You can be styling and saving time while avoiding gas stations or visiting them less. What's not to like? ●



Rolls-Royce Vision Next Concept Courtesy of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars





Ann Shatilla and Anish Melwani

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When asked to elaborate on how to access consumers during this time, as well as understanding needs and wants, Melwani said, "The brands that are the most well-known, the ones that have the strongest image and the strongest reputations for quality and heritage are performing the best right now."

He added, "Customers today don't want to invest in a piece of fashion via ready-to-wear or leather goods that they don't know will still be in fashion when they can finally go out and travel or go to parties again. They absolutely want the feeling of accomplishment, of pleasure, of happiness that they get when they purchase a luxury product. We're seeing that they're looking to invest in pieces that are timeless and that they know they will be happy that they purchased when this is all over."

Following the State of Luxury, Amir Nematipour, the executive sous chef at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, gave viewers a peek inside the hotel's culinary reopening.

Additional sessions explored the future of global air travel with Justin Erbacci, CEO of Los Angeles World Airports; urban mobility; the world of commercial real estate post COVID-19, featuring top experts in the field discussing what 2021 will look like for the market, and where investment opportunities may be. Other sessions included the economic importance of the 500+ billion dollar beauty industry with Sennen Pamich, president of Coty Professional Beauty and Retail Hair, North America and Mary Atherton, communications director at Coty Professional Beauty; the future of the entertainment industry and how the arts are surviving with the Recording Academy's Qiana Conley, BAFTA's Matthew Wiseman, and the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts' Rachel Fine.

The Fall Collaborative concluded with the Chamber's 2020 Best of Beverly Hills Golden Palm Award Honorees, highlighting businesses in and around Beverly Hills that represent excellence.

The Chamber presented honorees with awards in two categories: Above and Beyond and Innovation, with an additional award given to small businesses in each category. The 2020 recipients of the Above and Beyond award went to Cedars-Sinai Health System and for small business, to Meraki Fitness. The Innovation award went to Spago Beverly Hills, and UMBERTO for small business in the

same category. The Fred Hayman Visionary Award was presented to John Bendheim for his contributions and advisory positions that have made him instrumental in leading the business community.

To learn more, visit <https://beverlyhills-btbcollaborative.vfairs.com/en/>.



On Oct. 18, demonstrators marched through Beverly Hills protesting against the Beverly Hills Police Department and one of its captains. Activist Sennett Devermont, who organized the event, said the action was meant to highlight recent alleged incidents of racial profiling. When asked to comment on the march, which drew some 50-60 protestors, BHPD spokesperson Lt. Max Subin stated, "BHPD works to help facilitate safe and peaceful demonstrations. The department is committed to treating all with dignity and respect."

# Safer at Home This Halloween



**To protect the health and safety of the community during COVID-19, the following is prohibited in the City of Beverly Hills on Saturday, October 31, 2020:**

- House-to-house trick-or-treating or car-to-car trunk-or-treating.
- Spraying shaving cream on others (except within their home or residence or for licensed barbers on their customers).
- Providing candy or other Halloween treats or toys to any person outside their household.



Select City streets will also be closed to the public (local-access only)  
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“With more interactions between people as businesses reopen, there is an increased risk of transmission that can result in people becoming seriously ill and tragically passing away,” said a statement from Public Health released mid-week.

To date, Public Health has identified 290,486 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 6,944 deaths. The number of confirmed cases in Beverly Hills stands at 730.

Those numbers continue to keep the County in the State’s most restrictive purple tier (Tier 1) in the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Currently, the County’s adjusted case rate is 7.6 new cases per 100,000 people. In order to move to the next less restrictive Tier, the County must reduce its daily number of new cases to no more than seven new cases per 100,000 people for two consecutive weeks.

Currently, there are 758 people with COVID-19 hospitalized in the County, and 28 percent of them are in the ICU.

“We have been living the realities of this pandemic for eight months, and these times have been full of loss and difficulties. As we head into a season with many holidays and as we celebrate our accomplished sport teams, it can be very tempting to relax our diligence. Unfortunately, this would result in more cases making it difficult to move forward in our recovery and leading to

unnecessary illness and death. If congregating with others not in your household, please do so only outdoors in places where you can keep six feet of distance from others and always wearing your face covering,” said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health.

As of Oct. 19, a total of 986 schools are open for in-person learning for high-need students; 69 percent are public schools, 18 percent are charter schools, and 13 percent are private schools. Almost 35,000 students and 20,000 staff have returned for this onsite learning.

To date, Public Health has received 110 waiver applications from schools to open for grades TK-2 in-person learning. A total of 87 applications submitted are from private schools, 18 applications are from charter schools, and five applications are from public schools. Waiver approvals have been issued to four schools to date and can be viewed on Public Health’s school waiver page. Once a complete application is submitted, the review process takes about two to three weeks.

The Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional things to do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov).

## Mario M. Sherman

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1934 - September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020



**Mario M. Sherman. Beloved father, grandfather and friend passed away with his family at his side on Monday September 21. He was 86.**

**Born in Bucharest, Romania, and a survivor of the Holocaust, Mario moved to the United States over 58 years ago and made his home in Los Angeles. A real estate investor, developer and property manager**

**for over 40 years, Mario began his career in retail tire sales and Recap tire manufacturing in downtown Los Angeles and segued into real estate, his true passion.**

**Mario was a proud 32nd degree Mason and a longtime supporter of the Jewish Federation and City of Hope. He was also a member of Etz Jacob Congregation and Temple Israel of Hollywood for over 40 years. Mario will always be remembered for his loving devotion to his family and generosity towards family & friends. He was a colorful raconteur and relentless businessman with a legendary work ethic who lived on five continents during his eventful life. Mario was a voracious reader, loved to travel and was a fan of professional wrestling & soccer. He is survived by his daughter, Lisa, son, Sidney, daughter-in-law, Kathy and granddaughter, Sophie.**

**In lieu of flowers, a donation in the name of Mario M. Sherman may be made to “The Jewish Federation” or “City of Hope (25-5 chapter)”. Private family services were held Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.**



# ELECTION 2020 VOTE CENTERS

Voters are encouraged to either mail or use a verified Drop Box to submit ballots. All City Vote Centers will follow State and County public health guidelines including face covering requirements and social distancing protocols.

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**Saturday, October 24 - Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

- City Hall - 450 N. Crescent Drive Parking Structure

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**Voting times are daily and inclusive of Saturdays/Sundays: 10AM - 7PM;**  
**Election Day 7AM - 8PM**

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 **REQUIRED**

**Friday, October 30 - Tuesday, November 3, 2020:**

- Horace Mann School (Multipurpose Room)
- Beverly Hills Women's Club
- Roxbury Park Community Center (Outdoor Vote Center)
- The Beverly Hilton Hotel (International Terrace)

**For more info, visit [beverlyhills.org/elections](http://beverlyhills.org/elections)**



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# Birthdays



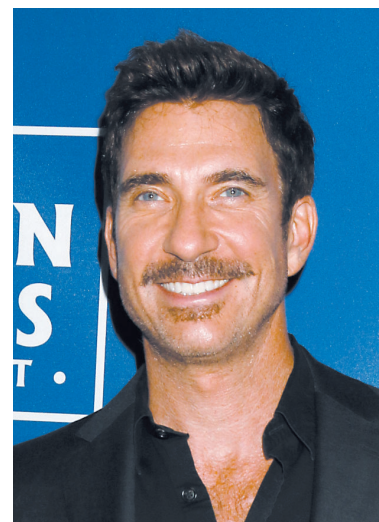
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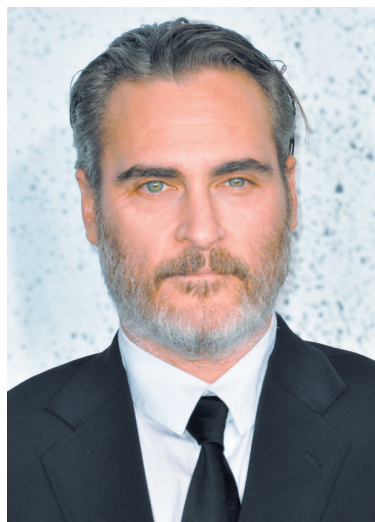
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October 28



**Happy Belated Birthday  
MARILYN STAMBLER**  
October 5



**Happy Belated Birthday  
ANN C. HAYMAN**  
October 21



## Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 23).** Inspired by strange muses, you'll veer from predictable outcomes and make a series of incredibly interesting choices. You'll enjoy new relationships of all kinds. In a most satisfying turn at the start of 2021, an old story gets a twist. You'll have command of something you never thought you would. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 18, 3, 33 and 10.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Whatever the issue, at its very root, it's as old as a people is. What's been written about it? Look it up and you'll find that the problem has been as well-addressed in the last decade as it was in the last millennium.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You feel like you're just making up reasons to celebrate, and maybe you are, but if you don't do this, when exactly will celebrations occur? Not nearly often enough.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Fear is not the enemy; it's just a message that goes off when triggered, like a car alarm. Also like a car alarm, it often

goes off for reasons other than it was designed for.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Your body has a deep, ancient and intuitive intelligence, which is separate from your mind. Your health gets better when you think less, listen to your body and give it what it needs.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The key to amassing friends who truly enrich your life is to be excellent at spotting the stranger or acquaintance who has great potential. First impressions are key. You can trust today's perceptions.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The way to win the competition will be to not compete. If you sense someone is trying to outdo you, give them the props they are looking for, and then take yourself out of the game.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Is it possible to be always at peace in a world that is not? Well, if anyone can do it, you can. As you accept, bit by bit, the reality you're living in, you see ways to work with what is in order to create what might be.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** They warn against burning bridges. What about just disappointing the bridge a little? It may be impossible not to. It's inevitable that a bridge will get a bit worn out by the crossing, and that's

the nature of the journey.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** To enjoy pleasurable moments and then let go makes for a happier experience, though it's difficult to pull off. It's only human to try to keep pleasure on the line, even though pleasure will always cut bait.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Reconsider your shopping cart before you press the buy button. As the scholar Roger Corless said, "Trying to be happy by accumulating possessions is like trying to satisfy hunger by taping sandwiches all over your body."

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** As much as you'd like to be sure that committing to an action will bring the intended result, such assurances are not always on offer, and even when they are, they are not always true. Take the next step and see what happens.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Every decision has an obvious price and a payoff, as well as many subtle effects that are not obvious at all. But you, being astute, will pick up on them and account for them accordingly.



Rhoda is a six-pound Apple Head Chihuahua who is ten years old. Rhoda has a weight problem and needs a new family who will help her lose some weight. If you can provide her with a loving home where she can get in shape, please call Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538.

[www.shelterhopepetshop.org](http://www.shelterhopepetshop.org)



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**THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**  
10/23/20

**TITLE BASIN'**  
BY MIRIAM ESTRIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Miriam Estrin is a native of St. Louis, now living in London. She works for Google as a policy manager dealing with international laws and regulations on access to information. After graduating from Yale Law School, she spent four years at the U.S. State Department. Miriam started constructing crosswords a year ago after reading The Times's online series "How to Make a Crossword Puzzle." This is her second puzzle for the paper and her first Sunday. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dinosaur in the Mario games
  - 6 Titular film character opposite Harold
  - 11 Something offered in tribute
  - 16 \_\_\_ Martin DB5 ("Bondmobile")
  - 17 Knock-down-drag-out fights
  - 21 Nudge
  - 22 Barack, Michelle, Hillary and Bill took them, for short
  - 23 Yann Martel's baking memoir?
  - 24 Have heart eyes for
  - 25 Member of Britain's upper house
  - 26 Tone-\_\_\_
  - 27 Shunned, with "out"
  - 29 "Don't get \_\_\_!"
  - 30 F. Scott Fitzgerald's chivalric tale?
  - 36 Just like that
  - 38 Zaps, as leftovers
  - 39 Brainstorms
  - 42 Messes (with)
  - 43 Follower of "Je m'appelle"
  - 44 What a figure skate has that a hockey skate lacks
  - 45 "\_\_\_ you seeing this?"
  - 46 Voltaire's sweet novel?
  - 50 Scan that excites hydrogen atoms, for short
  - 51 Can't keep one's mouth shut?
  - 54 Alternative to de Gaulle
  - 55 Debussy's "\_\_\_ d'Étoiles"
  - 57 Prepare to go next
  - 59 "You're making me blush!"
  - 61 Lived (with)
  - 63 Marcel Proust's kitchen mystery?
  - 70 Trouble
  - 71 I
  - 72 "That's \_\_\_!" (director's cry)
  - 73 Halloween vis-à-vis Nov. 1
  - 74 "Yeesh!"
  - 76 One of six parked on the moon
  - 78 Nasty, in a way
  - 79 Author Ferrante
  - 81 Neutral paint color
  - 82 Break
  - 85 Societal problem
  - 86 "When They See Us" director DuVernay
  - 89 Big e-commerce site
  - 90 Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's pet story?
  - 95 Guarantees
  - 97 [Doh!]
  - 100 Semibiographical source for "Citizen Kane"
  - 101 Small trunks
  - 105 Certain red wine
  - 107 Trap
  - 109 Had a friendly relationship (with)
  - 110 "\_\_\_ is a wonderful thing if one does not have to earn one's living at it": Einstein
  - 111 "Revenge \_\_\_ dish ..."
  - 112 William Shakespeare's historical romance?
  - 115 Gives one's seal of approval
  - 116 Woman's name that's a piece of furniture backward
  - 117 Classical singing venue
  - 118 Beat
  - 119 Call to reserve?
  - 120 The final installment of "The Godfather"
  - 121 Bit of coffee
  - 122 Sierra Nevadas, e.g.
  - 123 Word that can precede or follow "run"
  - 11 What Mrs. Potts and Chip serve in "Beauty and the Beast"
  - 12 Brit's term of affection
  - 13 "Finally!"
  - 14 Resolve, with "out"
  - 15 Precious, to a Brit
  - 17 Goes undercover?
  - 18 Heated accusation
  - 19 Sound effect during a bomb defusing, perhaps
  - 20 "I watched that episode already"
  - 26 Critical time
  - 28 Queen who made Carthage prosper
  - 31 Pittsburgh-to-Buffalo dir.
  - 32 Fair forecast
  - 33 Beat in a boxing match, in a way
  - 34 Corral
  - 35 Command for a right turn, in musing
  - 36 "It's possible"
  - 37 "You've Got Mail" director Ephron
  - 40 Neutral paint color
  - 41 Sound like a broken record
  - 46 Shoe with holes
  - 47 Top dogs
  - 48 Subject of Rick Steves's travel guides
  - 49 God, in Guadalajara
  - 52 Bullet alternatives: Abbr.
  - 53 Utter
  - 54 Como ningún \_\_\_ (unique, in Spanish)
  - 56 Pledge-drive gift
- DOWN**
- 1 "\_\_\_ ready for this?" (opening of a pump-up jam by 2 Unlimited)
  - 2 Part of an Italian veal dish name
  - 3 Go back to Square 1
  - 4 Share a workspace, in modern lingo
  - 5 Helpful connections
  - 6 Breakfast order
  - 7 Long period
  - 8 What a weather balloon might be mistaken for
  - 9 Letters on the "3" button
  - 10 Catches a glimpse of
  - 67 What can take a punch?
  - 68 \_\_\_ & Chandon (Champagne)
  - 69 Long periods
  - 70 Little bowwow
  - 75 Wray of "King Kong"
  - 77 Nonresident doctor
  - 80 Lead role on "Parks and Recreation"
  - 82 Writer Stein
  - 83 Green and others
  - 84 Sets (against)
  - 86 The Amazons were the daughter of this god, in myth
  - 87 By way of
  - 88 Director's cry
  - 91 Is employed
  - 92 Movie with the line "I feel the need ... the need for speed"
  - 93 Dials
  - 94 Some concert tour merchandise
  - 95 Martial arts master
  - 96 Sushi condiment
  - 98 Traitor in the Revolutionary War
  - 99 Warehouse employee
  - 100 "S.N.L." cast member Gardner
  - 102 Lover of Orion, in myth
  - 103 8-Down pilots, in brief
  - 104 Forest grazer
  - 106 Full of spice
  - 108 Where Zeno taught
  - 110 Children's poet Silverstein
  - 113 \_\_\_ beam
  - 114 Place for a shvitz

**ANSWERS FOUND IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...**



# Public Notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN Order No: 1590219CAD TS No: T20-03016 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN, DATED 11/25/2019. 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 11/27/2019 as instrument number 20191308048, 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 6/26/2020 as instrument number 20200699825 in said county and further pursuant to California Civil Code Section 5675 et seq. and those certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded on 8/23/1987 as instrument number 87-1359409, WILL SELL on 11/19/2020, 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): RHODA J. SHARP, TRUSTEE OF THE RHODA SHARP TRUST DATE 3/18/99. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property is purported to be: 200 NORTH SWALL DR., UNIT 404, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211, APN 4335-020-126. 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: \$33,258.65. 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,

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: T20-03016. 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: 10/02/2020 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. NPP0371680 To: BEVERLY HILLS COURIER 10/23/2020, 10/30/2020, 11/06/2020

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST T.S. No.: 20-0186 Other: 1587901CAD Loan No.: ASHER APN: 4328-034-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/31/2019. 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 P R O C E E D I N G AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Witkin & Associates, LLC, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee, or as agent for the trustee, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ASHER INVESTMENTS PROPERTIES, LLC A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

recorded 05/21/2020 as Instrument No. 20200558382 in Book N/A, Page N/A of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 07/01/2020 in Book N/A, Page N/A, as Instrument No. 20200719316 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 10/29/2020 at 10:00AM Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State herein-after described: LOT 16 OF TRACT NO. 7710, IN THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 83, PAGES 94 AND 95 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 249 S. BEVERLY DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$3,487,003.70 \*The actual opening bid may be more or less than this estimate. (NOTE: If there is any type of pre-payment premium or other fee or charge that, under the terms of the secured obligation, becomes due on the date of sale, said fee or charges IS included in the above estimate). In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust including advances authorized thereunder

and also including, without way of limitation, the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust together with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus the fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN "AS-IS" CONDITION. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.NATIONWIDEPPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 20-0186. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION AND STATUS 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, GO TO: WWW.NATIONWIDEPPOSTING.COM OR CALL 916-939-0772. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DISCLOSURES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: (1) At the time of sale, the

opening bid by the beneficiary may not represent a full credit bid. The beneficiary reserves the right, during the auction, to increase its credit bid incrementally up to a full credit bid. The beneficiary may also bid over and above its credit bid with cash, cashier's checks or cash equivalents. (2) The Trustee's Deed Upon Sale (TDUS) will not be issued to the successful bidder until the bidder's payment has been deposited in the trustee's bank and cleared (all holds released). The bidder may have to take additional actions as required by trustee's bank in order to facilitate the deposit and clearance of bidder's funds. (3) If, prior to the issuance of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may decline to issue the TDUS and return the bidder's funds, without interest. If, subsequent to the issuance of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may rescind the TDUS pursuant to Civil Code Section 1058.5(b) and return the bidder's funds, without interest. (4) When conducted, the foreclosure sale is not final until the auctioneer states "sold". Any time prior thereto, the sale may be canceled or postponed at the discretion of the trustee or the beneficiary. A bid by the beneficiary may not result in a sale of the property. All bids placed by the auctioneer are on behalf of the seller/beneficiary. THIS COMMUNICATION MAY BE CONSIDERED AS BEING FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED 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. Date: 10/01/2020 Witkin & Associates, LLC 5805 Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 670 Sherman Oaks, California 91411 Phone: (818) 845-4000 By: APRIL WITKIN TRUSTEE OFFICER NPP0371652 To: BEVERLY HILLS COURIER 10/09/2020, 10/16/2020, 10/23/2020

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CASE NO: 20SMCP00332  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
In the Matter of the petition of:  
**SANDY SOLEYMANZADEH**  
To all interested person(s):  
Petitioner:  
**SANDY SOLEYMANZADEH**  
current residence address:  
**10106 Emphyrean Way #302**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90067**  
filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles,  
**1725 Main St., Room #102**  
**Santa Monica, CA 90401,**  
**Santa Monica Courthouse,**  
on **September 25, 2020**  
for a Decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name:  
**SANDY SOLEYMANZADEH**  
Proposed Name:  
**SORAYA SOLEYMANZADEH**  
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 11, 2020**  
Time: **8:30am** Dept: **K**  
Room: **A-203**  
The address of the court is:  
**Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Room #102 Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse.**  
Reason for name change:  
**Revert back to old name.**  
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:  
**Soraya Soleymanzadeh**  
Judge of the Superior Court  
**Laurence H. Cho,**  
**Sherri R. Carter,**  
**Executive Officer/Clerk,**  
**By: Jacob Bradley,**  
**Deputy Clerk**  
Dated: **September 25, 2020**  
Published: **October 16, 23, 30,**  
**November 06, 2020**  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CASE NO: 20STCPO2963  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
In the Matter of the petition of:  
**Vivien Latife Mizrahi**  
To all interested person(s):  
Petitioner: **Vivien Latife Mizrahi**  
current residence address: **4311 Noeline Ave. Encino, CA 91436**  
filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 N. Hill St. Los Angeles, CA 90012  
on **September 14, 2020**  
for a Decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name:  
**Vivien Latife Mizrahi**  
Proposed Name:  
**Vivien Mizrahi Benjamin**  
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: **January 19, 2021**  
Time: **11:00 am**  
Dept: **20** Room: **310**  
The address of the court is:  
**Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 N. Hill St. 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: **David J. Cohen**  
Judge of the Superior Court  
**Sherri R. Carter,**  
**Executive Officer/Clerk,**  
**Nick Miramontes,**  
**Deputy Clerk**  
Dated: **September 14, 2020**  
Published: **October 23, 30,**  
**November 06, 13, 2020**  
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# Public Notices

## ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2820

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS ADOPTING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS RELATED TO HALLOWEEN 2020, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

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

WHEREAS, international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2," and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019," abbreviated COVID-19, ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health declared a local emergency and local public health emergency to aid the regional healthcare and governmental community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for the broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the City Manager, in his role as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency pursuant to Section 2-4-107 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to ensure the availability of mutual aid and an effective City response to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") and that state of emergency was ratified by the City Council on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health have all issued orders including, but not limited to, social distancing, staying home if sick, canceling or postponing large group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beverly Hills is redoubling its efforts to maintain hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and social distancing. It is absolutely critical that the City does everything possible to slow the pace of community spread and avoid unnecessary strain on our medical system.

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Health Department has issued guidance for this year's Halloween events in light of COVID-19, which among other things, prohibits Halloween gatherings, events or parties with non-household members, and carnivals, festivals, live entertainment, and haunted house attractions. In addition, the Los Angeles County Health Department does not recommend door to door trick or treating and "trunk or treating" where children go from car to car instead of door to door to receive treats, because of the difficulty in maintaining proper social distancing, ensuring that everyone is wearing a face covering, and because sharing food is risky; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Safety Commission has recommended that the Council enact stricter rules than the County and ban trick or treating and trunk or treating this Halloween to help prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public peace, health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary for the City Council to exercise its authority to issue these regulations related to the protection of the public peace, health or safety.

**Section 1. Halloween 2020.** Due to concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19, on Saturday, October 31, 2020: (1) no person shall engage in house-to-house trick or treating, or car-to-car trunk or treating; (2) no person, other than

licensed barbers on their customers, shall spray shaving cream on other people except within their home or residence; and (3) no person shall provide candy or other Halloween treats or toys to any person outside their household.

**Section 2. Street Closure.** On October 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the following streets shall be closed to pedestrian and vehicle traffic other than the residents that live on such streets:

- (i) Carmelita Avenue closed at Wilshire Boulevard;
- (ii) Walden Drive Southbound at Elevado Avenue;
- (iii) Walden Drive at Santa Monica Boulevard;
- (iv) Carmelita Westbound at North Linden Drive; and
- (v) The alley between North Linden Drive and Walden Drive from Santa Monica Boulevard to Elevado Avenue.

**Section 3. Violations.** Violations of this Ordinance shall be solely subject to the administrative citation process set forth in Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.

**Section 4. Duration.** This Ordinance shall remain in effect until November 2, 2020.

**Section 5. Uncodified.** This Ordinance shall not be codified.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be considered a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 7. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the city within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and the City Clerk's certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance is adopted as an urgency ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety within the meaning of Government Code Section 36937(b), and therefore shall be passed immediately upon its introduction and shall become effective at 12:01 a.m., October 14, 2020 upon its adoption by a minimum 4/5 vote of the City Council.

**Section 9. Certification.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance.

Adopted: October 13, 2020  
Effective: October 14, 2020

LESTER J. FRIEDMAN  
Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:  
HUMA AHMED (SEAL)  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
LAURENCE S. WIENER  
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:  
GEORGE CHAVEZ  
City Manager

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

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

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020137602

The following is/are doing business as:

1) MBANC 2) WWW.GOMBANC.COM 3) REPUBLIC MORTGAGE 1141 Highland Ave. #C, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; Mortgage Bank of California 1141 Highland Ave. #C, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed April 2015: **Michael Dallal, CEO**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September 11, 2020; Published: October 16, 23, 30, November 06, 2020 **LACC N/C**

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020137604

The following is/are doing business as:

1) MBANC, A DIVISION OF MORTGAGE BANK OF CALIFORNIA 2) MBOC HOME LOANS 1141 Highland Ave. #C, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; Mortgage Bank of California 1141 Highland Ave. #C, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed April 2015: **Michael Dallal, President**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September 11, 2020; Published: October 16, 23, 30, November 06, 2020 **LACC N/C**

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020137557

The following is/are doing business as:

**PETER FETTERMAN PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKS OF ART** 2525 Michigan Ave. #A-1, Santa Monica, CA 90404; **Peter Fetterman Product Inc.** 2525 Michigan Ave. #A-1, Santa Monica, CA 90404; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed July 1980: **Peter Fetterman, President**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September 11, 2020; Published: October 16, 23, 30, November 06, 2020 **LACC N/C**

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020137618

The following is/are doing business as:

**DURANT APARTMENTS** 10433 National Blvd. #1, Los Angeles, CA 90034; **DRJ Properties LLC** c/o-K & B Property Mgmt. 10433 National Blvd. #1, Los Angeles, CA 90034; The business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed July 2020: **Steven Kelman, President**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September 11, 2020; Published: October 16, 23, 30, November 06, 2020 **LACC N/C**

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020161845

The following is/are doing business as:

**ER MD LIVE** 1801 Century Park East #1830, Los Angeles, CA 90067; **Doris Moradzadeh, M.D., A Professional Corporation** 1801 Century Park East #1830, Los Angeles, CA 90067; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Doris Nourmand, President**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: October 14, 2020; Published: October 23, 30, November 06, 13, 2020 **LACC N/C**

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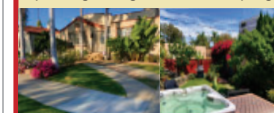
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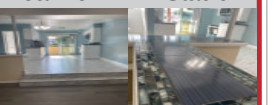
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