Local Water Company Leaves Schools Thirsty For Donations

By Laura Coleman

Beverly Hills Drink Company president Jon Gluck draws a large-tinted window SUV with the license plate 9OH2O which he refers to as the “9OH2O mobile.”

“IT’s one of a kind,” he insists. Since launching his trademark 9OH2O glass water bottle line in 2013, Gluck, who graduated from Beverly Hills High School in 2002, has effectively embedded himself in the community as a businessman.

A member of Beverly Hills Rotary since last year, he has donated and served as a sponsor for multiple events in the City, providing his 9OH2O water bottles at no cost. At last week’s California-Israel Water Summit held at the Wallis, for example, the trademark sapphire-blue plastic water bottles that comprise the brand’s “lifestyle collection” sat prominently before each of the panelist.

Bel-Air Association Special Meeting March 17 Despite Leadership Misdirection

By Matt Lopez

Despite persistent stalling tactics by leadership of the organization, members of the Bel-Air Association (BAA) have called a special meeting for Thursday, March 17 to set a course for a new direction of leadership within the BAA.

The agenda of the meeting, set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Bel-Air Country Club, calls for votes on important items such as the adoption of a new set of bylaws and the election of new directors. Additionally, the BAA’s Executive Director Paulette DuBay has been asked to come before the community and speak about her role in the organization in the early 1920s, was originally intended to assist in the sale started as a homeowners organization (BAA) have called a special meeting, by erroneously.

Indeed, he has donated his water bottles generously to the City, the Beverly Hills Unified School District and a multitude of other organizations including Beverly Hills Bar Foundation, Beverly Hills Firefighters Association, Beverly Hills Rotary, Friends of Greystone Mansion and Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, to name a few.

Pictured: A sneak peak at L’Ermitage’s new Avec Nous Offers Tasty Bistro Fare

By Victoria Talbot

The newest dining experience in Beverly Hills is a classic French Bistro with a modern flavor. Adjacent to the Five-Diamond L’Ermitage Beverly Hills, Avec Nous boasts a scrumptious bistro fare served in a streamlined interior by SFA Design that vibrates with warmth and hospitality.

Under the direction of executive chef Olivier Quignon, Avec Nous will offer Mediterranean-inspired menu in a classic French culinary experience.

Beverly Hills Woofstock Has Been Rescheduled To June 26

By Victoria Talbot

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: March 24, 2016
TIME: 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
LOCATION: Commission Meeting Room 280A
Beverly Hills City Hall
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2016, will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the following:

Zone Text Amendment. A request for a Zone Text Amendment to amend the Beverly Hills Municipal Code regarding provisions for rooftop employee lunchrooms on commercial buildings. Current code provisions allow for rooftop employee lunchrooms to be exempted from applicable parking requirements only when the rooftop lunchroom would exceed the otherwise allowable maximum height for the property. The requested amendment would allow rooftop employee lunchrooms to be exempted from providing parking, regardless of whether said employee lunchroom exceeds the otherwise allowable maximum building height; and

Development Plan Review. A request for a Development Plan Review for the property located at 228 South Beverly Drive to allow the construction of an approximately 2,200 square foot rooftop employee lunchroom on the roof deck of the existing building without providing additional parking spaces. This request is being made pursuant to the proposed Zone Text Amendment described above, and would be contingent on the approval of the Zone Text Amendment by the City Council.

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. The project qualifies for a Class 5 Categorical Exemption for minor alterations in land use limitations and a Class 1 Categorical Exemption for interior and exterior alterations to an existing commercial building, and the project has been determined not to have a significant environmental impact and is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Any interested person may attend the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the Commission.

According to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the Commission's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact Ryan Gohlich, City Planner in the Planning Division at 310.285.1194, or by email at rghlich@beverlyhills.org. Copies of the applications, plans, and Categorical Exemption are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

Sincerely,
Ryan Gohlich,
AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development / City Planner
Let the Voters Decide: A Better Plan for Beverly Hills

In 2008, Beverly Hills voters approved the Beverly Hilton Revitalization Plan to enhance and protect this iconic local landmark. Upon receiving valuable feedback from neighbors – and carefully studying how to make this project most beneficial to the property and our community at large – a new plan to create an environmentally sensitive garden open to the public has been unveiled.

NEW GARDEN AND OPEN SPACE
The initiative will create a beautiful, lush garden at the city’s gateway on Wilshire Blvd. and Merv Griffin Way for residents and hotel guests to enjoy – at no cost to taxpayers. This will bring the total amount of gardens, landscaping, and open space on the property to over four acres.

TWO BUILDINGS COMBINED INTO ONE
This new garden and open space will be made possible by eliminating the building originally planned to be built on Wilshire Blvd. and adding eight stories to the approved building on Santa Monica Blvd. and Merv Griffin Way. There will be no additional square footage than what is already in the approved plan.

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS
The new plan will deliver the same comprehensive package of transportation improvements as contained in the original plan, including $5 million in offsite traffic improvements. Those will include new lanes on Wilshire and Santa Monica Blvd. and a new traffic signal at the intersection of Santa Monica Blvd. and Merv Griffin Way. The revised plan will not result in any additional traffic as compared to the approved plan.

Help make The Beverly Hills Garden & Open Space Initiative a reality

Let the Voters Decide: The first step will be to gather enough signatures to place The Beverly Hills Garden & Open Space Initiative on the November 2016 ballot – thereby granting decision-making authority to the people.

Learn how to sign the petition by visiting: LetBH Voters Decide.com

Paid for by Residents for The Beverly Hills Garden & Open Space Initiative, with major funding by Oasis West Realty LLC / The Beverly Hilton.
LET THERE BE MUSIC – The Rotary Club of Beverly Hills held its annual music competition finals at the Peninsula Beverly Hills last week. The panel of Rotary judges chose five outstanding musicians from the many Beverly Hills High students who auditioned. All performers received a grant from the Rotary Club. Julia Choi (pictured third from left) was chosen to perform at the Rotary District Competition. Pictured, from left: Bill Bradbury, BHHS instrumental music teacher; Wanda Presburger, BH Rotary member and music competition chair; Choi (piano); Yoona Lee (flute); Scott Senior (voice); Sarah Rudolph (voice) and Andie Chao (violin).

Michelin Star Chef Vongerichten To Open First California Spot At Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills

By Laura Coleman

Beverly Hills just got a little more tantalizing this week with the announcement that Michelin-star rated chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten would open his first restaurant in California at the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills in spring 2017.

One of the world’s most famous chefs, Vongerichten has an impressive three-star Michelin background and is revered for his culinary genius and extensive involvement in every aspect of his restaurants.

“We’re thrilled to partner with Chef Jean-Georges, an acclaimed talent in the restaurant industry, to bring true epicurean excellence to Los Angeles,” said Luc Delafosse, managing director of Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills.

As yet unnamed, there will be two restaurants helmed by the acclaimed French chef once the Waldorf opens at the intersection of Wilshire and Santa Monica next year.

Delafosse said that both the signature Jean-Georges restaurant and unique rooftop poolside dining at Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills will embody the elegance that will permeate the luxury hotel now under construction.

From concept to menu to architectural design, as well as staff selection and trainings, Delafosse said that Vongerichten will bring his vision of farm to table cuisine to Beverly Hills with offerings that are certain to draw those in search of a sublime dining experience.

“I truly value the opportunity to bring exquisite food and discerning guests together in one place and look forward to becoming a part of the Beverly Hills community, bringing a new inspiring environment to life and having a presence in California for the first time,” Vongerichten said.

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School Board Votes To Remove Hard Cap Of 20:1 For K-3

By Laura Coleman

Class size is likely to increase in Beverly Hills following the Board of Education’s 4-1 vote Tuesday to remove a 20:1 hard cap on K-3 classroom size and change Board Policy 6151 to allow for a maximum of 24 students per class.

This policy change, which will be finalized at the board’s next formal meeting, comes concurrent with layoffs now taking place throughout the district in order to achieve budget projections.

Boardmember Lisa Korba, the lone “no” vote and the only member of the seated board to serve when the hard cap class size limit was instituted in 2011, called the change “foolish.”

“The foundation of any subject is literacy and if [students] are not proficient in reading by third grade, they will never read well,” she said.

Tuesday’s decision appears to undermine the policy, which states: “The highest priority for maintaining small class sizes shall be in the primary grades in order to support young students as they acquire the basic skills that serve as the foundation for subsequent learning.”

Board VP Mel Spitz said he was “very, very much in favor of changing the cap due his interpretation of STAR data from the California Department of Education which showed there is virtually no relationship between achievement and pupil/teacher ratio.”

“There is no discernable difference between 20 and 23 in terms of academic achievement or preparation,” he said.

Superintendent Kessler and board President Howard Goldstein likewise concurred, stating that a high performing educator can just as effectively teach a few additional students.

DECA – Beverly Hills High School students Jake Wolken and Jackie Hauser won third place at last weekend’s California DECA State Career Development Conference. The two will next compete at the International Career Development Conference this April in Nashville.

Beverly Hills Bike Share Testers Enjoy the Ride

By Victoria Talbot

The Beverly Hills Bike Share program is in its pilot phase and volunteer bike share testers are riding through the City, providing a glimpse into the future when bicycles may become part of the regional traffic solution.

The distinctive green bikes currently can be found at the corner of North Crescent Drive and South Santa Monica Boulevard at City Hall and on the Southwest corner of North Camden Drive and South Santa Monica Boulevard adjacent to Wells Fargo Bank.

Volunteers are permitted 60-minutes per day of cycling before the bike must be returned to a docking station.

Riders engage their rides through the Social Bicycles smart phone app (available at the app store to download) to reserve a bike. Entering a username and password on a digital pad at the back of the bike, the U-lock releases and the rider can start the ride.

When finished, volunteers return the bikes to one of the two racks and re-engage the U-lock.

The bikes are heavy-duty with a bell on one handle and gears on the other. A convenient basket is located at the front of the bike.

This reporter enjoyed the added mobility and greater distance covered on a bike throughout town, grabbing a ride when needed, dropping it off when finished, with the added flexibility of having a bike available at work.

Volunteers can provide feedback on the quality of their experience and suggest improvements in the system through April 22. Then in April, for Earth Month, the City will roll out a general pilot program with 50 smart bikes and 100 racks in 10 docking stations throughout the City. The onboard technology will be compatible with all ten docking stations and with the bike share program in Santa Monica.

It is hoped that soon, bike share will be one way commuters will ride to and from the Metro stations for the first mile/fast mile of their commutes, taking cars off the road and avoiding parking hassles.

When the pilot program begins in Beverly Hills, a rider will be able to leave bikes at any public bike rack for a small fee. Bikes can be located for pick up and returned by tracking devices through the onboard technology.

To volunteer for the test phase, visit www.beverlyhills-bikeshare.com to sign up, find available bikes and docking stations, or to reserve a bike.

For more information or to volunteer for the test phase, visit transportation@beverlyhills.org or call Transportation Planning at 310-285-1161.

Chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten
SPREAD THE WORD – Alexander Hamilton High School was among those schools around the country spreading the word to end the “R” word on March 2. Hamilton’s R-word campaign included more than 3,000 students at a pep rally educating them on the pledge against using the “R” word. The students filled up six Spread the Word to End the Word banners with 1,500 signatures. Among the students was Lucy Meyer, a 16-year-old and Special Olympics Southern California athlete and Global Messenger. She also serves as the official spokesperson of the Special Olympics-U.S. Fund for UNICEF Partnership. To take the pledge, or for more information on the R-word campaign, visit www.r-word.org.

Anat Hoffman To American Jews: Speak Up
By Laura Coleman
As a young Israeli girl, Jewish activist Anat Hoffman never envisioned that she would help galvanize a movement that would change the lives of women throughout the world who want to pray at the Western Wall in Jerusalem; or indeed, who don’t want to sit at the back of a bus as they journey through Israel.

But this is what she does. She works to right institutional injustices. And she helps the Jewish diaspora to find their voices to promote values of pluralism, justice, and tolerance in Israel.

“It’s okay to criticize Israel,” she told The Courier a few hours after she landed at LAX on Tuesday. “North American Jews have been quiet too. When a young girl in Israel, I would hear people say ‘It’s okay to criticize Israel.’ I have no knowledge of the incident.”

Anat Hoffman
Across the world, in Beverly Hills, local resident Lisa Greer, a member of the City’s Cultural Heritage Commission, had lunch with Consul General of Israel David Siegel when she became aware of what was occurring to Hoffman. Greer had met Hoffman several years prior through Temple Emanuel Rabbi Laura Meltzer and said Hoffman was a “true heroine” for her advocacy. “We are afforded just a quarter of the space to pray as men and are afforded just a quarter of the space to pray as men and denied fundamental traditional items such as a Torah. In fact, the partition didn’t go up until 1986. Indeed, Hoffman became an international symbol of gender inequality in October 2012 after she was arrested at the Wall, violently dragged across the ground, all because she rebuffed the Temple alona in a prayer shawl.

“It was awful, humiliating,” Hoffman described of a process that included a body check and had her in handcuffs and leg cuffs.

Anat Hoffman
In celebration of Read Across America Day on March 2, Montage Hotels & Resorts kicked off a program promoting literacy this month where each child staying at the hotel will now receive an illustrated children’s book by Brad Meltzer.

“This is really an incredible experiment for the good of literacy,” said Alan J. Fuerstman, founder/CEO. “It’s a long-term literacy campaign that Montage Hotels & Resorts strives to inspire younger generations and nurture creativity,” said Alan J. Fuerstman, founder/CEO.

Montage Hotels Names Literary Ambassador To Inspire Children To Read And Promote Literacy
By Laura Coleman
Montage Beverly Hills, a five-star luxury hotel located on one of Los Angeles’ most picturesque sites, kicked off its inaugural “Brad’s Book of the Month” with Brad Meltzer’s “Ordinary People.”

“I Am Amelia Earhart.” Written in partnership with Amelia Earhart’s great, great-niece, Anne Turner Earhart, the book was published in October 2015. For the past four years, Hoffman, executive director of the Israel Religious Action Center, has worked to break the Orthodox monopoly that segregates women as second class citizens in Israel. Since 1996, Hoffman has been working with Women of the Wall, a group she helped found, to enable women to pray reading from the Torah and wearing prayer shawls at the holy wall. The Wall wasn’t always a place of division. Women who don’t want to sit at the back of a bus are afforded just a quarter of the space to pray as men and are afforded just a quarter of the space to pray as men and denied fundamental traditional items such as a Torah. In fact, the partition didn’t go up until 1986.

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Israeli-American Council To Hold 8th L.A. Gala At The Beverly Hilton On Sunday
By Laura Coleman
On Sunday, the Israeli-American Council (IAC) will hold its 8th annual L.A. gala at The Beverly Hilton under the theme “More than a Community. Family.”

Building a strong Jewish community in America is fundamental, and something the IAC has worked tirelessly to grow since it started here in 2007, said co-founder Shawn Evenhaim.

“Our vision was to strengthen our organization and support what is here in Jewish community and if something’s missing, build it,” he said. “From day one, our mission was to build and engage a strong Jewish community [and] we were able to engage and create an Israeli-American community across the U.S.”

Evenhaim, CEO and founder of California Home Builders, is this year’s gala honoree. Comedian Howie Mandel will serve as emcee during the evening, which includes several musical performances and an inspiring look at IAC’s work.

By engaging the next generation, working to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship and strengthening the Jewish American community, Evenhaim said the IAC has found increasing success. But the key, he said, has been to consider the whole community.

For more information, visit: http://www.israeliamerican.org.

Hammer Museum Inspires Art Appreciation In Youth With Groundbreaking Program
By Laura Coleman
Last Friday, the Hammer Museum, in conjunction with UCLA’s Visual Arts and Performing Arts Education (VA-PAE) program, “graduated” 27 young artists from Cienega Elementary School who will move through the rest of their lives with a zest for art that they heretofore never possessed.

On a basic level, “we’re making them more comfortable and confident in a museum,” described VA-PAE associate director Kevin Kane.

Now in its fourth year, the week-long Classroom-in-Residence program at the Hammer, which is offered twice yearly, was started by the City’s Cultural Heritage Commission, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson.

Cienega teacher Rosa De La Portilla, whose fourth grade students predominately hail from families with financial hardships, said she was amazed by just how much she and her students were transformed by the experience.

“I’ve always seen their potential, now coming here and seeing their conversations in relation to art, it makes me feel so joy that they learned to interact with art this way,” she said. “I wanted them to feel special; it’s just some place for rich people. I wanted them to feel that they belong here.”

As part of the residency, Portilla was asked to select a theme that she wanted to focus on with the students. She chose transformation.

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George Christy

George Christy joins Nancy and Ronald Reagan at the White House

We mourn the passage of First Lady Nancy Reagan.

In the long ago when Ronald Reagan served our country as governor of California, we flew to Sacramento to meet with Nancy Reagan for a luncheon interview assigned by Town & Country magazine in the Los Angeles Times. By the way, a favorite dish of Nancy’s was a grits soufflé.

We initially met Nancy and Ronald Reagan during dinner parties at the Lorna Lane residence in Brentwood of the international interior designer Billy Haines. Billy told us he bought the house for $13,000. Times certainly were different then, weren’t they?

Billy Haines went on to decorate the White House during the Reagans’ tenure.

We also dined with the Reagans at Alfred and Betsy Bloomingdale’s Holmby Hills mansionette, and, truth to tell, Nancy and Ronnie, as we knew them, were a lot of fun. We loved them. A handsome couple, they dressed and room they were in with their style. Very friendly. In no way imposing. Ronnie cracking a joke or two, best-dressed Nancy looking gorgeous. Both of them unquestionably charismatic, smart, and easy for us and others to appreciate their adoration of each other.

They married in 1952 at the Little Brown Church in the Valley. This week, People Magazine covered their relationship as “The Great American Love Story.”

It didn’t take long for us, as the roving editor, to inform our Town & Country editor-in-chief Tony Mazzola that the Reagans were an ideal couple who belonged on the cover of the magazine. With great enthusiasm, Tony replied, “Go for it.”

We did, and their cooperation was magical. Would that such assignments were as comfortable to pursue today, what with all the publicists, managers, accountants, stylists, and who knows who else we must deal with. Ours was a simple phone call to Nancy, a date set, and, voila, the terrific cover photo became a reality. Ours was the first magazine cover with the Reagans. We received three “Nancy” rosebushes as a thank you.

After inhabiting the White House, they appeared on four Vanity Fair covers, as well as dozens of national and global periodicals. Nancy loved American fashion, and preferred the color red (a “picker upper”), and only wore American designers—James Galanos, Carolina Herrera, Oscar de la Renta, Bill Blass during their 56 State dinners.

Nancy championed stem cell research for Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, diabetes, mammograms for breast cancer, etc.

At the time when the Reagans were on the presidential campaign trail during the eighties, our birthday fell in the midst of it, and our philanthropist best friend, Louise Danelian, insisted on hosting a black-tie party. We held back. Louise would not accept no as an answer.

Louise booked the ideal party room upstairs at the fabled Bistro with its separate bar, and we invited 120 guests. Nancy and Ronnie were campaigning in California. Ronnie was busy with strategic meetings, but Nancy was available. She accepted the invitation, dined with the Who and the Who.

San Francisco friends joined us. Ravishing redhead Ann Getty … Bay Area’s glamorous hostess Lita Victor of the rub-a-dub voice, who raised millions for the arts in her city … Dodie Rosekrans, whose jewelry wardrobe was priceless (any wonder why we anointed her the Baroness of Baubles) and who underwrote couturier John Galliano’s Paris collections … Lynn and Oscar Wyatt of the billionaire oil fortune from Houston.

So, who fell in love with Nancy? Truman Capote, and, yes, they twirled on the dance floor with Clark Keen’s band playing Barry Manilow’s ‘Copacabana.” If only we’d had a photographer! Those were the days before Smartphones, that may even be baking chili soon.

Several years later, Alfred Bloomingledephone, suggesting we host a birthday dinner for his iconic wife Betsy. “At a small spot, that would be best, somewhere private.” The kind of place we often discovered for our Great Life column in the Hollywood Reporter, “Maybe eight people,” he mused. We invited Betsy’s list, which included the Reagans.

We chose Le Saint Michel with its storefront lace curtains on a quiet street in Santa Monica. Ronnie impressed us hugely with his recitative of global statistics, noting that they were rarely mentioned in the media. Astounding statistics that mattered for the future of our country and the world. We were wowed.

Le Saint Michael owner Paul Guillermin remarked that Ronnie had a healthy appetite. The guests praised our menu choices. To start, those tiny Long Island Bay scallops sautéed with Chablis wine and herbs by chef Frederic (who agreed with our mom to never cook with cheap wine since good wine made quite a difference in taste). A main course of roast saddle of veal with pommes soufflé was followed by the watercress salad with a selection of California and French cheeses. Topping off the dinner, a lemon soufflé with fresh raspberry sauce. Far Niente Chardonnay from the Napa Valley, a vintage Chateau Lynch Bages from Bordeaux, and Louis Roederer Cristal for the birthday toast to Betsy.

On nights like these, God’s in His Heaven, and all’s well with the world.

Nancy Reagan celebrating her July 6th birthday

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Soft drinks, teas, water, and juices? They make up about 40% of our store’s revenue.

I was born and raised in Jamaica and grew up in Toronto. Coming here to California was a new beginning. Today, I’m a mom and a small business owner. Right Choice Caribbean Market has been here for sixteen years. We carry a wide array of Jamaican beverages. We have sodas, other drinks, and coconut juices too. In fact, beverages make up about forty percent of our store’s revenue. Surprised?
HOLLYWOOD COLLECTION—Timothy White and Whoopi Goldberg hosted a party for the Morrison Hotel Gallery’s launch of its Hollywood Collection at the Sunset Marquis Hotel. Pictured (from right): Ty Taylor, lead singer of the soul/rock band Vintage Trouble; Oscar winner Whoopi Goldberg of ABC-TV’s The View; Timothy White, celebrity photographer; and Taylor’s niece Dakota. Photo by Tiffany Roohani/courtesy of Morrison Hotel Gallery

BIRTHDAY GIRL—Actress Robin Blake of Bel-Air was honored on her birthday with a party at Bedford & Burns in Beverly Hills. Joining in the fun were (from left): Katya Seton, Judge Rita Wagner, hostess Stephanie Hibler, honoree Blake, Julie Farb and Shirley Freis.

THE FREEDOMS FOUNDATION—The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge national awards luncheon in the Peninsula Beverly Hills brought out a large group of City residents. Pictured are (from left): Elaine duPont Bernard, Noreen Nash Whitmore, Dr. Earle Crandall and Diane Daschong.

Morgan Freeman And Jeff Skoll To Be Honored At Geffen Playhouse Event

Oscar-winning actor Morgan Freeman will receive the “Distinction in Theater Award” and social entrepreneur Jeff Skoll the “Distinction in Service Award” when the Geffen Playhouse stages its 20th anniversary “Backstage at the Geffen” invitational fundraiser on May 22.

Freeman and Skoll join an elite group of past honorees including: Mellody Hobson and George Lucas, Sir Elton John and David Furnish, Julie Andrews, Carol Burnett, Steve Martin, Kristin Chenoweth, Helen Mirren, Billy Crystal, Rita Wilson, Bruce Ramer, Jim Gianopulos, Creative Artists Agency, Alan Horn, Barry Meyer, Leslie Moonves, Herb Gelfand, Annette Bening, Robert Iger, and Colin Callender.

“‘Backstage’ illustrates the great creative chemistry that results when such all-star talent comes together for a great cause,” said Geffen executive director Gil Cates, Jr., who produces the show in tandem with Geffen Playhouse board member Kevin Bright. “This event has evolved into a living testament to the vitality of theater, music, and the arts.”

With City National Bank returning as title sponsor and Audi of America as presenting sponsor, superstars from the worlds of stage and screen share often irreverent, behind-the-curtain stories of the struggles and surprises that memorably shaped their lives and careers. The always SRO show has raised millions to support education and the arts. Funds are earmarked for a host of endeavors including new play development, playwright commissions, second productions and artistic risks, as well as the Geffen’s education and outreach programs.
SPACIOUS ENCLAVE WITH BEVERLY HILLS’ BEST VIEWS COMES TO MARKET

A 5,500-square-foot, Cape Cod-style home located at 1312 Beverly Grove Place in Beverly Hills has been listed for $6,495,000.

1312 BEVERLY GROVE

The listing was brought to market as one of Mercer Vine’s carefully curated properties. The estate’s defining feature is a striking, three-story tower that brings dramatic height and sophistication to its serene setting. The home offers the essence of California living, with expansive windows that open to views of the Pacific Ocean and Wilshire corridor along with ample outdoor entertaining space.

Quietly situated on a 0.43-acre, cul-de-sac lot with exquisite adjacent estates, the five-bedroom, five-bathroom house features amenities perfect for entertaining such as a spacious floor plan, high ceilings, large entertainment room, gym, wet bar, pool and spa. The home brings with it a sense of privacy, tucked away from the bustle of the city in the tranquility of Beverly Hills Post Office. The surrounding neighborhood is uncompromising in its commitment to maintaining beauty and exclusivity at every turn. Showings of the home are by appointment only through Mercer Vine, an emerging Los Angeles-based firm lead by a team of informed agents elevating how luxury homes are bought and sold in Southern California.

To learn more about the property, visit mercervine.com or schedule an appointment by contacting Adam Rosenfeld at adam@mercervine.com or Kyle Giese at kyle@mercervine.com.
History for Sale: Schindler and Neutra, Lifelong Friends

By Victoria Talbot

Two iconic homes are on the market, representing not only historic Mid-Century art in architecture, but two lifelong friends, Rudolf Schindler and Richard Neutra.

The two men met in 1912 at the Vienna Academy of Fine Arts, the foundation of a relationship that would see their careers parallel and cross. Each would become recognized as early modernists who heralded the California message of climate and style, and often they shared the same clients. Both left their indelible marks on Southern California, particularly in Los Angeles.

The Tischler residence (Schindler - 1949-50) at 175 Greenfield Ave. is Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument #506, offered for the first time since completion. The three-story street facade is topped with a blue translucent, sky-like roof, with glass planes throughout, making the home appear transparent. A free-floating metal fireplace by artist Adolph Tischler dominates the living room. The home is offered by Crosby Doe Associates at $1.7 million.

One of the last projects of his lifetime, 18918 La Montana Place in Tarzana was completed with Richard Neutra's son and partner, Dion, in 1972. The three-acre parcel set on a promontory boasts breathtaking 360-degree views and water features inside and outside of the home, a Neutra classic adaption of the natural landscape with the architecture. Represented by the John Aaroe Group and Wish Sotheby's, the home is listed at $4.9 million.

SCHINDLER’S TISCHLER HOUSE—Designed for a steep lot, the architect’s primary elevation resembles the bow of a ship, thrusting forward, the angle of the roof’s gable placed in front. Glass elevates spaciousness in the 1,740 square foot house built for friend, artist Adolph Tischler. Bottom: Tischler’s signature fireplace.

NEUTRA ON LA MONTANA—Richard and Dion Neutra created this incredible space atop a 360-view with unique water features in and out. Details of the 5,500 square foot home include pool and water features traversed with raised stepping stone paths, elegant built-ins on 3-acres. Below: Enjoy the million-dollar infinity view throughout.

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BEL-AIR ASSOCIATION

BAA board members and Executive Director steadfastly refused to manage development projects close to them. The Bel-Air Homeowners Association, which began in spring 2014 and spawned from continuous community complaints and dangerous interactions between construction vehicles and residents, immediately began to interact with the L.A. Department of Building and Safety and L.A. City Councilman Paul Koretz’s office to change the culture of ignoring the residents to one involving them in the decision-making about projects close to them.

Among the BAHOA’s many successes was getting City officials involved in closing Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension’s 901 Strada Vecchia, whose neighbor Joe Horacek’s pleas for BAA intervention fell on deaf ears.

“Those community concerns, the BAA’s refusal to operate with normal non-profit transparency and actual misstatements on their IRS Form 990’s along with conflict-of-interest concerns, have led to skepticism in the community and a precipitous decline in membership.”

“Based on my experience with the BAA, I found the leadership unapproachable and that is only one of many reasons why the current BAA leadership lacks a finger on the pulse of the Bel-Air community,” said Bel-Air community leader and BAA member Margaret Levinson. “It’s time for a change and new representatives who will listen to our community’s concerns about the degradation of health, safety, our public roads, among other quality of life issues for residents.”

Levinson added: “I’m glad the Court ordered the BAA to allow me to join as a member. I turned in my membership application and dues check on July 10, 2015 and had been waiting months for a response—I attempted several follow-ups with no response from the BAA office. Even though I hand-delivered my application and check during normal business hours, I had to slip it through the mail slot because the office was locked. Finally membership was granted in February of this year—after the Court order.”

As previously reported on in The Courier, a lawsuit was filed by BAA member Marcia Wilson Hobbs, over the BAA’s lack of disclosure issues and the refusal of the present BAA board to accept all homeowners in Bel-Air as members as required by their 1940s bylaws forward. The L.A. Superior Court concurred on many points and granted a motion to stop an earlier attempt by the BAA’s incumbent officers to hold an unlawful election, and also ordered the BAA to accept applications from members it had refused to accept.

Now, the new obfuscation has arisen, in addition to its negative home situations,” she explained. “I wanted to make my theme about transformation so my kids can know you don’t have to remain how others perceive you or how you perceive yourself; you can transform yourself.”

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A week-long residency for students and teachers at the museum, and where they have the time to take our community back and bring openness, transparency and effective leadership to our community again.”

“I feel like I’m creating and expressing the social interactions that’s all that matters,” she said at the close of the program. “It’s just a process, everything is just a process, everything is art.”

EVENING AT TIFFANY’S – The Beverly Hills Women’s Club (BHWC) enjoyed a night at Tiffany & Co. on Rodeo Drive getting a preview of its latest jewelry designs. From left, are member Elaine Woo, Ummy Nemer, BHWC president; Ashley Carter, Tiffany store director, Trisha Dunn Grey, BHWC board member, and Lindsey Rohrbach; member and Tiffany & Co. client development director.

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Cycle For Survival Raises Funds For Research On Rare Cancers

Resident Karen Saken (left) was among the riders taking part in Saturday’s Cycle For Survival at Equinox West L.A. Participating teams committed to raising at least $1,000 per biker.

One hundred percent of funds raised at Cycle For Survival, a national movement to beat rare cancers, go directly to research and clinical trials by Memorial Sloan Kettering to change the way cancer is diagnosed and treated.

About half of all Americans with cancer have rare forms of the disease, including thyroid, brain, ovarian, pancreatic, all pediatric cancers and many others.

More than $100 million has been raised since the first ride 10 years ago.

Also taking part in the West L.A. ride were actors Kristin Davis, Alison Brie, Dave Franco, Brittany Daniel, Chris Mintz-Plasse, plus patients, caregivers and survivors.

CHLA’s ‘Make March Matter’ Fundraising Has Local Angle

Local businesses are giving the community the chance to take part in Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) Make March Matter, a month-long campaign to rally businesses and individuals in support of children’s health. The goal of the first year, of what is planned to be an annual campaign, is to raise $1 million to support CHLA which each year treats more than 111,000 children facing a broad range of health issues, from common illnesses to traumas to chronic diseases.

Local participating businesses include:

- Neiman Marcus— Shop at CUSP in Neiman Marcus Beverly Hills from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 17 and a portion of sales from selected vendors will be donated to CHLA.
- BJ’s Restaurants, including Beverly Hills, will donate 20 percent of all food sales from 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Monday-Thursday this month.
- California Pizza Kitchen Fundraising Event, Tuesday-Thursday, March 22-24. Dine at the Culver City location, will donate 20 percent of all food sales from 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Monday-Thursday this month.
- Glamboutique—From 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, Glamboutique, 8113 Melrose Ave., will donate 25 percent of all purchases to CHLA.
- Ralph Lauren—For every customer who says “I’m shopping for CHLA” during March, the boutique will donate 10 percent of purchases to CHLA.
- Beverly Hills Mills On Wheels Seeks Volunteers

Beverly Hills’ Meals On Wheels is seeking volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Beverly Hills and adjacent areas, Monday through Friday.

Volunteers pick up meals at 10:30 a.m. and are finished by noon, says program coordinator Pat Jacobson.

Volunteers can also choose to work as many days a week as they want, adds Jacobson. A car is required.

For more information, call Jacobson, 310-423-3517.

The Jeffrey Foundation’s ‘Circle Of Love’ March 18

The Jeffrey Foundation celebrates its 44th anniversary with the Circle of Love awards dinner on Friday, March 18, in the Grand Ballroom at the Olympic Collection.

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When Meryl Kern was diagnosed with breast cancer last year, she realized there were a lot of issues that weren’t being addressed for women going through chemotheraphy and other types of cancer treatment.

She decided to fill the gap.

The result is the Meryl Kern Survivorship Program and The Blush Panel Series, undertaken by her and her husband Russell, and now administered by Tower Cancer Research Foundation (TCRF).

When I used to go in for treatment, I chose to honor myself. And by that I mean I chose to look in the mirror, apply foundation to my rather grey pallor, draw on my eyebrows, did my eyes the best I could (it’s hard when you have no eyelashes, but I learned a few tricks of the trade) and got dressed with all the femininity I could muster,” relates Kern.

“I needed to retain my dignity and I wanted to have control over what was going on outside. I couldn’t control my body; so that was the way I handled it. I wanted to walk into the infusion room holding my head high and feeling glamorous and in control.

“It seemed women who were getting treatment were curious about who I was,” remembers Kern. “I was asked if I was really sick. Was I really wearing a wig? How was I getting through this emotional—really sick. Was I really wearing a wig? Kern remembers. “I was asked if I was outer. I couldn’t control my going on the outside. I couldn’t control my body; so that was the way I handled it. It wanted to walk into the infusion room holding my head high and feeling glamorous and in control.

“MonaLisaTouch, a laser therapy used to treat changes in vaginal health often caused by menopause. It can be used to treat similar side effects in women who have undergone a hysterectomy or breast-cancer treatments. Dr. Robert Katz performs this procedure and will discuss the benefits for a healthy sex life.

• Prominent breast reconstruction surgeon Dr. Jay Orringer discussing techniques to achieve the most natural result possible in the mastectomy setting.

• Betsy Goodkin MFT, discussing a psychodynamic approach utilizing techniques from mindfulness and cognitive behavioral therapy “to help women deal with the stress of emotional and behavioral issues associated with cancer.” Kern will moderate and “speak from the heart,” she says, “touching on all the things that touched me.” The program, “more of a discussion than a lecture, will give women a safe environment to talk about what they’re going through and get information and answers from health-care professionals. “Tower Cancer Research Foundation is proud to be able to offer this provocative series,” said David. “It’s time for the topics of the Blush Panel to emerge from the whispers in dark corners and into the light for open discussion. We are grateful to the Kerns for their generous donation and their willingness to fund this much-needed program.”

At last week’s open house for TCRF’s new home and celebrating its 20th year, Kern spoke about this new program, and the response was, “wow, this is something we really need,” said Kern. “What people don’t understand is that once you’re done with chemotherapy or radiation, people often think that suddenly you’re all better. It takes a year or two before you body cleanses itself of all those toxins.

“When you’re in treatment, you’re in the safest place you can be. But when that treatment is over, you are often left feeling quite alone,” says Kern.

“My hope is to help other women get the answers to the many personal and intimate questions they might have, and to survive cancer with dignity, beauty and inner strength,” Kern adds.

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BHUSD sources estimate that he has easily donated in excess of hundreds of dollars worth of his products over the past two years where at every single Board of Education meeting a 9OH2O bottle sits before the five elected officials and top administrative staff.

Pam Kraushaar, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent’s Office said that Gluck has never asked the district for a donation letter.

“I don’t keep track on an individual basis,” he explained to The Courier. “I’ve got so much going on, we have to pick and choose.”

A local attorney told The Courier he had “never” heard of a business not keeping track of donations it makes.

City spokesperson Therese Kosterman said the City did not keep a list of his donations and now “prefers to purchase water from him for our events.”

The award-winning water is in fact unique. Gluck touts it as being the “world’s first crafted water.”

According to water sommelier Martin Riese, who spent a year “combining a pristine natural spring water with carefully selected natural minerals,” the result is “the ultimate water.”

On Oct. 22, 2014, the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce awarded Gluck’s company its “Best of Beverly Hills Golden Palm Award” for innovation. It’s a prestigious award and one which is prominently displayed on the brand’s sapphire-blue plastic bottle.

To date, 18 months after Gluck sent out an announcement for the launch of the blue plastic 9OH2O line in September 2014, his company has not donated one penny to the Beverly Hills Education Foundation, Foundation sources confirmed. Gluck told the Courier that he had only “officially launched” the product in October 2015.

Gluck told The Courier that he was not yet donating to local schools because he had yet to make a profit on the line.

“When we are able to, we intend to donate to BHUSD schools,” he stated.

On Feb. 18, 2015, Beverly Hills Drink Company announced that it had entered a “multi-year, multi-million dollar distribution agreement with Dubai-based VKOB Beverages” through which Beverly Hills 9OH2O—including Gluck’s blue plastic bottled water—would be distributed in Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and the United Arab Emirates.

“This deal is part of Beverly Hills Company’s aggressive worldwide expansion” the release stated.

According to the release, “the distribution agreement...could represent over $20 million in revenues over the next three years.”

Beverly Hills 9OH2O’s product line includes lifestyle, sommelier, luxury and diamond. The diamond collection is priced at $100,000 per bottle and features black and white diamonds.

Gluck said he planned to keep the water bottles as they are for now.

“Our company’s legal counsel advises us and we make sure not to make any false advertising claims,” he told The Courier. “If you have a written legal opinion from an expert advertising attorney that states otherwise please send it to us and if our counsel determines it has merit we will be sure to change our label accordingly for our next printing.”

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### Outlook Beverly Hills

**Alfred Molina, Harry Hamlin, Jane Krakowek and Joanna Whalley** will star in L.A. Theatre Works’ staged readings of **Fathers and Sons** at the James Bridges Theater, 215 Charles E. Young Dr. on the UCLA campus.

Irish dramatist Brian Friel’s adaptation of Ivan Turgenev’s classic story will feature Molina as both fathers, Vassily and Nikolai.

Recorded for broadcast on public radio across the country and in China, readings will be at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, March 12 and 4 p.m., Sunday, March 13.

Tickets range from $15 to $60, and are available by calling 310-827-0889 or visiting www.latw.org.

**The Los Angeles Master Chorale’s** 2016 gala concert performance, *Broadway on Grand,* featuring Broadway for hearts, will begin with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 12 at the Walt Disney Concert Hall downtown.

For the celebration, Artistic Director Grant Geresh conducts the Grammy-nominated chorus in a program of music by Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim and Cole Porter, with special guest composer/pianist Jason Robert Brown, three-time Tony-winning composer of such shows as **Parade**, The Last Five Years and *The Bridges Of Madison County.*

Tickets, starting at $75, include a prix-fixe dinner by Patina in BP Hall and dancing. Tables for 10 start at $7,000.

For information and to buy tickets, call 213-972-3162 or visit www.lamc.org.

**The second Los Angeles Persian Parade,** with floats, the 120-member Ingleswood High School Marching Band, the L.A. Police Jazz Band, the Pandera Pipes, the Persian Choir Group and more, will kick off at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 19 at 200 N. Grand Ave. Downtown, and cover four blocks, ending in front of L.A. City Hall.

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**ANAT HOFFMAN**

Hoffman said that in Israel it wasn’t a big deal what had happened to her, but across the world, the Jewish diaspora banded together and wrote letters.

“That helped change things,” she said.

In part because of Siegel’s efforts, today there is security protecting women who pray. And as of this earlier year, the Wall now has a portion where men and women can pray together.

Hoffman began her jour- ney into social activism shortly after graduating with her BA in psychology from UCLA. Once she returned to Israel, she quickly found out that her degree was of little value in the eyes of would-be employers. But then fate found a way of giving her purpose in the form of an $8,200 phone bill from Israel’s only telephone compa- ny, Bezeq. She knew immedi- ately, before even saying a word, and asked for an itemized bill.

Bezeq refused and said that it was impossible to create one for her and in fact, anyone, anywhere in the country, as it would be too costly.

She refused to pay her phone bill, and Bezeq cut off her service.

Driven by the knowledge that she was the victim of an in- justice, Hoffman, a champion swimmer, decided to take on the phone company. Soon, she had found 5,000 people who paid her to represent them on their ostensibly inaccurate bills. In small claims court, she sued the company, winning 43 out of 46 cases. All of her clients were able to not pay those bills and as a result, Bezeq now has itemized phone bills.

“The thing about monopo- lies is, you lose the ability to dream,” she said.

More recently, Hoffman, who served on the Jerusalem City Council from 1988 to 2002, triumphed against segre- gation on buses.

More until three years ago, 109 bus lines throughout Israel, which represented some 2,500 rides a day, forced women to sit in the back of the bus. Why? Orthodox men, Hoffman explained, contend that they are unable to control themselves if they are too close to a woman.

Representing 26 Orthodox women who refused to sit on the back of the bus, she sued the government and the Min- istry of Transportation until every bus had a sign that stated riders could sit where they want and that harassment is a crime. However, the path to implement that change was fraught with “freedom riders”, including Greer, travelling on bus lines and sitting in the front of the bus in order to bring recognition to the plight.

More recently, Hoffman has been pressuring El Al to end a policy of gender segrega- tion on its airplanes where women are instructed women to move from their ticketed seats at the request of Or- thodox men who refuse to sit next to a woman. A recent of client of hers, an 81-year-old Holocaust survivor who flew from Newark to Tel Aviv, said she was advised to move her seat after an Orthodox man requested the flight attendant that she be moved.

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**Jazz artist Richard Shelton** will present his show, **An Englishman In Love In LA,** also the name of his recently released debut American album, at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 24 at the Catalina Bar & Grill, 6725 W. Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

Shelton—who was nomi- nated “Best Actor in a Leading Role” for portraying Frank Sinatra in the hit Rat Pack Confidential on the London stage—will highlight tracks from the album including Young At Heart, Pure Imagination, a sensual ballad titled It’s All Unusual, Lennon-McCartney’s And I Love Her, and the title track by composer Alexander Rudi.

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All events are included in zoo admission, $20 general, $17 seniors and $15 children (2 to 12).

The L.A. Zoo’s is Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. For tickets and additional information, call 323-644-6001 or visit lazoo.org.

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SPORTS

Beverly Hills High Football Team Searches For New Coach After Charlie Stansbury Resigns

The search began this week for a new Beverly Hills High School varsity football coach after the resignation of Charlie Stansbury.

Beverly Hills, a BHHS gradu- ate, stepped down this week after three difficult seasons that resulted in a 2-28 record.

Stansbury took the job in 2013 after the resignation of former coach Donald Paisinger, hoping to bring fresh ideas to a program that had begun to trend downward in recent years.

But Stansbury ran into problems immediately. Beverly Hills varsity football is off to a solid 2-1 start after three difficult seasons that resulted in a 2-28 record.

What also hurt Stansbury was a strengthened Ocean League, which has been bolstered in recent years by the emergence of Culver City, El Segundo, Lawndale and Santa Monica as perennial powerhouses.

Stansbury had been coaching at Golden West Community College before taking the

Beverly Hills High School Sports Roundup

The Beverly Hills High boys and girls track teams had standout performances on Wednesday at a tri-meet between the Normans, Mira Costa and North Torrance.

Audanda Block had another strong showing, clearing 11.6 in the pole vault for a dominant first-place finish.

The Normans varsity boys took second in a 2-1 win over Mira Costa.

Sprinting

In the girls varsity 400, Victoria Han Pham ran a 59.84 in the girls varsity 400.

Victoria Han Pham won the girls varsity 400.

Track

In the boys varsity 100, Raehan Mohammed Abikenari took third in 10.18.24.

The Normans boys 4x100 relay team is off to a solid 2-1 start on the heels of a 17-0 drubbing of Jordan High on Wednesday.

That followed up a 9-8 loss to Royal High on March 3.

Zach Antin had three goals to lead BHHS and Kyle Khalil added two. Amanuel Behailu, Jonny Perez and Joe Kolko each added a goal.

The Normans opened the season on Feb. 29 with a 14-8 win over Westchester. Antin had five goals and Khalil had four. Behailu added three and Kolko and Dylan Tinknor had one goal each.

March Madness Comes To Beverly Hills

The Parks & Recreation Division is calling all Beverly Hills Sixth to Eighth grade residents and BHUSD students to participate in the March Madness 3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 19 at Roxbury Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a check-in time at 9 a.m.

A valid student ID or proof of residency is required.

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Complete the tree removal in Konheim to Zoet, where he is a Nov. 5 email from that we’re stalling though I’ve er very soon. I believe he thinks but I’m guessing he’s going to calling nearly every day. I’ve Zoet, wrote an email telling Nov. 20 with the City Manager shifted between Nov. 5 and was legal, and that it was safe, cilmember Brien was refer- any plans to remove the trees. Also did not have knowledge of ents were both hospitalized at contacted Mayor Julian Gold to Deputy City Manager David Lightner and to Aluzri. Did either of you know about the trees on your property? He said that new trees can- Aluzri did not respond to Zoet until 5:42 p.m. that Friday evening, minutes after he sent a 5:22 memo to City Council members to inform them, “Konheim will be removing the trees on his property as described in the attached memo and it is expected to be done very short time.”

Oddy, though the entire City staff had been informed Friday morning that the trees were to be removed. Even Aluzri did not tell the City Council members, who may have moved to delay the process, until after City Hall was closed Friday evening. He also did not tell them that the trees were to be cut down immediately. He said that new trees cannot be planted until there is a remediation plan with the DTSC and that trees on the south side of the plot are in the City’s right of way so there will be a notification process before any of those are removed. He copied the letter to City staff on Saturday at 1:29 p.m.

Aluzri also did not tell City Council members that the majority of plans for a mixed-use retail/residential project on the project was for a property without trees, and without resi- didntal for four miles, not at all the reality of Parcel 12 & 13. In the next two months, Konheim kept up a steady pres- sure on City staff. He commis- sioned Ashley Consulting Ar- borists to prepare a tree assess- ment. Dated August 26, 2015, the report said many of the trees were in poor condition and in danger of falling. Konheim later cited a sin- gle accident that occurred nearly six months earlier as urg- ent evidence for action on the trees. Gruen Associates, in con- junction with PSMAS and the SMB reconstruction project, projected they would need to remove “12-13 trees” for the recon- struction. City arborist Ken Pfalzgraf at the time, con- curred. “If I talk to Ken finally and [he] says if the tree ‘flares’ is touching the back of curb, then it should be removed.” The tree was left in “moderate” condition. However, following the Ashley report, Pfalzgraf wrote a memo advising for the removal of at least 115 trees, and possi- bly more, on Oct. 15, 2015. After the trees were re- moved, former Mayor Chuck Aronberg and his wife, Public Works Commissioner Dr. San- dra Aronberg, commissioned a report on the condition of the remaining trees dated Jan. 2, 2016. Pfalzgraf wrote Assistant City Attorney (CC: Director of Community Services Steve Zoot) Subject: Contacted by ar- borist “FYI . . . I had a voicemail from Karl Mellinger Arborist . . . He has been retained by homeowners and wants to talk about the “Ash- ley report (Konheim arborist). . . . There is good opportunity here to have some veteran ar- borists come to similar conclu- sions . . . .” Records show numerous public calls came in about the arsenic-contaminated soil, but the City waited almost two weeks until DTSC physically came to the site and told Aluzri that blowing soil must be reme- diated.

On Dec. 6, the City con- ducted air quality tests (nearly two weeks later) only on the City’s property. Tests were not conducted on Konheim’s property, filled with contami- nated “hot spots,” according to soil maps. Soil Sement was used to seal toxic dust from the soil. In cutting the trees, Kon-heim did not use a Hazmat cer- tified (Hazwoper) team to cut the trees in a heavily populated area, indicating that the public and the workers were possibly exposed to harmful arsenic- laden soil dust.

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STATEMENT 2016038474 The following business is conducting business as: DMS CORPORATION, 930 N. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has/have begun to transact business under the name(s) listed herein: Dan Bayless, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 18, 2016; Published: March 14, 2016, LACN C-NC

STATEMENT 2016039722 The following business is conducting business as: SMOKE MURC, 3041 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90032; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has/have begun to transact business under the name(s) listed herein: Evangelos Michael Arakas, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 17, 2016; Published: March 14, 2016, LACN C-NC

STATEMENT 2016035164 The following business is conducting business as: HOLLYWOOD CITY DOCUMENTpellier, 1037 S. Bedford Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90211; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has/have begun to transact business under the name(s) listed herein: Amir Tarkashvand, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 12, 2016; Published: March 14, 2016, LACN C-NC

STATEMENT 2016004007 The following business is conducting business as: EASYLILIES, 242 S. Tower Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION, registrant(s) has/have begun to transact business under the name(s) listed herein: Linda Kooperman, Secretary: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 11, 2016; Published: March 14, 2016, LACN C-NC

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS
BEVERLY HILLS UNIFIED DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Beverly Hills Unified School District, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereby announces the necessity for the following public work:

BID NO. 15-16/017: El Rodeo School Abatement and Demolition of Building A, B, C and D

All bids shall be made and presented only on the forms provided by the District. Bids shall be received in the Office of the Beverly Hills Unified School District at 255 South Lasky Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place. Any bids received after the time specified for opening bids shall be returned unopened.

The Contract Time is 218 calendar days.

CONTRACTOR should consult the General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, and General Requirements regarding Milestones and Liquidated Damages.

Prequalification of Bidders

As a condition of submitting a bid for this Project, and in accordance with California Public Contract Code section 20111.6, prospective bidders have been prequalified by the District in December, 2015. No bids shall be received from bidders who have not been pre-qualified with a Class B (General Contractor) license through the State of California Pre-Qualification Procedure. The list of prequalified abatement and demolition contractors with a "B" license is included below.

1. American Integrated Resources, Inc.
2. Unlimited Environmental, INC.
3. Ferma Corp
4. Northstar Demolition and Remediation
5. Ampco Contracting
6. Clauss Construction
7. Ferma Corp

Each bidder shall be awarded a copy of the California Business and Procedures Code, and be licensed to perform the work called for in the Contract Documents. Each bidder must strictly conform with and be responsive to the Contract Documents as defined in the General Conditions.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding.

Each bidder shall submit with its bid — on the form furnished with the Contract Documents — a list of the designated subcontractors on this Project as required by California Public Contract Code section 20111.6. Such bidders shall be notified in the event of an award. All proposers shall be advised in the event of an award. All proposers shall be instructed to notify the District of any cancellations, changes or additions to the list of subcontractors and that any such changes shall be returned unopened.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with the requirements set forth in Division 2, Part 1 of the Labor Code. The District has obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations the general plan and the specific plan, title and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work in the locality in which work is to be performed. The contractor, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Contract. This per diem rates, including holiday and overtime work, are based on the health and welfare, vacation, and similar purposes are on file at the District, and are also available from the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE).

Separate payment and performance bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the total Contract amount, are required, and shall be provided to the District prior to execution of the Contract and shall be in the form specified in the Prequalification Documents.

No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the date set for the opening of bids.

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No telephone or facsimile machine will be available to bidders on the District premises at any time.

It is each bidder’s sole responsibility to ensure its bid is timely delivered and received at the location designated as specified above. Any bid received at the designated location after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened.


NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 20118.2

BEVERLY HILLS UNIFIED DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Beverly Hills Unified School District, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereby announces the necessity for the following public work:

PROPOSAL NO. 2016-002

Horse Mann School Building B Voice-over-IP (VoIP) Telecommunications System

All proposals shall be made and presented only on the forms provided by the District. Bids shall be received in the Office of the Beverly Hills Unified School District at 255 South Lasky Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place. Any proposals received after the time specified for opening bids shall be returned unopened.

The award will comply with the Public Contract Code 20118.2 which allows the District to select the most qualified proposer(s) whose proposal meets the evaluation standards determined by the District and which will be the most advantageous to the District with price and all other factors considered, or to reject all responses to the Request for Proposals, whichever is in the best interest of the District. The successful Proposer will be notified in writing of an award. All proposers shall be assessed based on the merits of the proposal as submitted and in the specific needs of the District and the District will follow the competitive negotiation process described in Public Contract Code section 20118.2.

Miscellaneous Information

Proposals shall be received in the place identified above, and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place.

Bids may be submitted electronically to the District’s Facilities and Planning Department, 241 Moreno Road, Beverly Hills, California 90210. Electronic records are not cost to the contractor. Bid and Prequalification Documents shall be available for bids after 12:00 PM, March 15, 2016, to the extent required by Public Contract Code Section 20103.7, the District shall also make the Contract Documents available for review at one or more plan sets. The Documents shall be found on
In accordance with California Public Contract Code section 23000, the District will permit the submission of security for any moneys withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract. At the request and expense of the contractor, any amount withheld shall be deposited with the District, or the amount withheld shall be paid to the escrow agent, who shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Contract, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor.

Each proposer’s proposal must be accompanied by one of the following forms of proposer’s security: (1) cash; (2) a cashier’s check made payable to the District; (3) a certified check made payable to the District; or (4) a proposer’s bond executed by a California admitted surety as defined in Code of Civil Procedure section 780 et seq. regarding Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (‘‘DVBE’’) Programs. Forms are included in this Proposal Package.

Public dates: March 11, 2016 and March 18, 2016

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**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 20118.2**

BEVERLY HILLS UNIFIED DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Beverly Hills Unified School District, acting by and through its Governing Board, will receive, on or before 3:00 p.m. on the stated date and time, sealed proposals for the award of a Contract for the following:

**PROPOSAL NO. 2016-003**

Horace Mann School Building B Physical Security Systems

All proposals shall be made and presented only on the forms presented by the District. Proposals shall be received in the Office of the Beverly Hills Unified School District at 255 South Lasky Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, on or before 3:00 p.m. on the stated date and time. Proposals shall be sealed at the office of the District and shall be opened and publicly read at a mandatory closing time for all proposers on the District premises at any time.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. There will be a mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference at Beverly Hills Unified School District, 255 S. Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212, on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

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Proposals shall be received in the place identified above, and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place. Any proposer may enter the place where proposals are being opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.


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**Public Notices**

**All bonds (Proposal, Performance, and Payment)** must be issued pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20103.5, et seq., and Military and Veterans Code section 999 et seq. and are required. All bonds shall be made payable to the District in the form set forth in the Contract Documents. No telephone or facsimile machine will be available to proposers on the District premises at any time.
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It is important to be willing to change course when there is the opportunity for a better plan and to strive for the creation of beautiful, environmentally sensitive gardens which has become such a valuable gathering space for residents to enjoy next to the Montage Beverly Hills. This new garden will be irrigated by a grey water system to be installed for the residential building and will include 100 types of trees, flowers and plants, a rose garden, walking paths and indoor/outdoor dining reminiscent of New York’s famed Tavern on the Green.

The Beverly Hills Garden & Open Space Initiative retains the beauty of the already-approved plan, leaving no traffic lanes, new sidewalks and landscaping for pedestrians, with no additional uses, traffic nor additional square footage.

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