



WATER POWER: A Los Angeles Fire Department boat tries to put out a fire that started the evening of Sept. 22 at Berth 177 at the Port of Los Angeles. Some 850 dock workers had to be evacuated. The fire wasn't contained until early morning on Sept. 24.

Port of Los Angeles Fire Adds to Cargo Congestion Problem

By Deborah Belgum Senior Editor

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A fire that engulfed an old wooden wharf nearly the length of three football fields at the Port of Los Angeles was completely contained by early morning on Sept. 24, port officials said.

But the fire, which started at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22, at the Pasha facility at Berth 177, caused the Port of Los Angeles and some piers at the Port of Long Beach to shut down their cargo-container terminals for at least one full shift on Tuesday because of the smoke coming from burning creosote and wood.

Most of the cargo-container facilities at the Port of Los Angeles closed down at 9 p.m. on Monday for the evening shift and for the Tuesday day shift, which starts at 8 a.m. By 6 p.m. on Tuesday, almost all the cargo-container terminals at both ports were up and running for the evening shift.

The closure only added to the already congested nature of

the ports, said freight forwarders. "It is so congested at the ports right now, it is like pulling teeth to get containers out of there," said Josh Owen, president of Ability Tri-Modal Transportation Services, who said port congestion problems have been ongoing for the last 21/2 months.

"It really created a problem for us," said Michael Johnson, trucking operations manager for the Port Logistics Group. 'It put us back even farther.'

Port of Los Angeles spokesperson Phillip Sanfield said that no cargo-container ships had to be diverted because of the fire. One ship that was expected to dock at the APL terminal had to anchor for a few hours while it waited for another cargo-container ship to be unloaded at the berth where it was scheduled to dock. "The terminals are using extra labor shifts to make up for lost time to

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Josi Severson: Designer Evolves Brand From Prints to Printed Fabric to Finished Garments

Josi Severson's original prints feature mid-century graphics in a sunny palette.

The Minneapolis-based designer has designed fabrics for companies such as Crate & Barrel, Thibaut, Joseph Abboud, Richloom Fabrics and Blu Dot. Severson started out showcasing her original hand-drawn prints at U.S. fabric and print shows but began offering finished fabrics as well after finding a Los Angeles print house.

"The print business started about five years ago when I started doing freelance design," Severson said. "I was doing shows in New York and LA and Chicago, and I started notic-Severson page 6



Proposed Retail Pay Hike: Pols Campaign, **Businesses Divided**

By Andrew Asch Retail Editor

There's a lot of talk about giving retail workers a raise. Cities all over California are discussing or taking legislative steps toward raising minimum wages, which could add a few more dollars to sales staffs' paychecks-or drive retailers out of business, depending upon whom you ask.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti has led one of the more high-profile calls to raise the minimum wage with his office's RaiseTheWageLA campaign. It seeks to raise the current minimum wage of \$9 in the city of Los Angeles to \$10.25 by 2015 and \$13.25 by 2017. Earlier this month, Garcetti met with mayors of surrounding cities-including Culver City, Pasadena, Bell and Santa Monica-to lobby for minimum-wage laws in their municipalities.

Raising the minimum wage has become a top issue in San Diego, San Francisco and San Jose. In July, San Diego, the second-largest city in the state, passed an ordinance 6 Minimum Wage page 2

Feds Want to See Increased **Scrutiny of Cash Transactions** in LA Fashion District

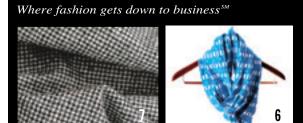
By Deborah Belgum Senior Editor

After raids in the LA garment district revealed more than \$90 million in cash has been allegedly laundered by apparel importers for Mexican drug cartels, federal officials are calling for a special order to reduce the dollar amount in cash transactions that can be done without having to report them to the government.

According to sources, federal officials are asking that the U.S. Department of the Treasury, through its Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, known as FinCEN, issue a geographic targeting order for a certain section of the Los Angeles Fashion District. The exact borders for the order were not revealed.

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LA Men's Market at 1: New Brands, Wide Range of Styles

The LA Men's Market trade show forecasts growth and filling a unique niche when it rolls out its first-anniversary show at the Area 4 section of the California Market Center Oct. 13 - 14

"What we are bringing to the table is a curated and focused group of men's brands to Los Angeles," said Kellen Roland, a producer of the show and president of The Ntwrk Agency showroom in the CMC. "There are no relevant shows in Los Angeles with the same offering."

More than 20 new brands are forecasted to join the show, which will take place in the showrooms and temporary spaces of Area 4 and also at The Park showroom at the Lady Liberty building and The Foundation showroom at the Cooper Design Space.

Some prominent streetwear and skate brands will be joining the show, including Nixon, Asics and Girl Skateboards. Some brands returning to the show will be Huf and Brixton. Other brands scheduled to exhibit

'Recently, we have seen a recognizable

will reflect a range of styles from contemporary to skate. They include Herschel Supply Co., Obey, 10Deep, Goorin Bros., Matiere and SLVDR.

Exhibitors will be showing Summer 2015 collections, Roland said. "It will be the first opportunity for brands to get feedback from top buyers.

Retailers that browsed LA Men's Market in the past include Zappos, Active, American Rag and Revolve Clothing.—Andrew Asch

the option to rev up the Paris show again.

The high-end Designers and Agents was

founded 16 years ago by Barbara Kramer

and Ed Mandelbaum. They continue to hold

their apparel trade shows in Los Angeles and

New York. Their next event in Los Angeles

takes place Oct. 13-15 at The New Mart

-Deborah Belgum

building in downtown Los Angeles.

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get ships sent on their way," he noted.

At the nearby Port of Long Beach, three piers were shut down during Tuesday's day shift, said Long Beach port spokesperson Lee Peterson. The three piers-Pier A, Pier F and Pier T-work with shipping companies such as the Mediterranean Shipping Co., Zim and the Orient Overseas Container Line. "Everyone now has to make up time all through the chain," Peterson said.

The Port of Los Angeles fire, started by a welder's torch, permeated a pre-World War II wharf that holds a facility that imports and exports steel.

On Wednesday, workers were in the process of dismantling the wharf with a backhoe to make sure there were no lingering embers that could cause another fire. "We are demolishing the wharf and cleaning the debris out of the water," Sanfield said.

The burned wharf is one of the few wooden wharfs left at the port, which is 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles. Nearly 75 percent of the port's wharfs are made of concrete.

services. Apparel manufacturing also will be

affected. The study claims that labor costs, excluding health benefits, currently account for 11 percent of retail operating costs and 13 percent of manufacturing costs. If wages are increased, the study claims, operating costs will increase by 0.6 percent for retail and by 0.4 percent for manufacturing.

The study states that retail prices won't increase much. Retail prices will rise under 1 percentage point if an increase is passed. Also in the study, minimum-wage workers in Los Angeles will earn \$1.8 billion if wages are increased, and they'll most likely spend their increases, thereby boosting the economy.

If the current talk on raising minimum wages turns into more legislative action, there is divided opinion on how the economy will handle it. Anthony J. Oncidi is a partner at the Los Angeles firm Proskauer and a contributor to the firm's employment-law blog (www. calemploymentlawupdate.proskauer.com). He forecasts that businesses will cut jobs if minimum wages are raised. "Small retailers don't have all this money sitting around," Oncidi said. He noted that much of the conversation on minimum wage is political. "We are in a political election year," he said. "Increasing the minimum wage has been a central objective for labor unions for a long period of time.'

Prices will probably have to be increased at San Francisco boutique M.A.C. if Measure J, the minimum wage-increase initiative, passes on the city ballot in November, said Ben Ospital, a partner in the family-run boutique. But the San Francisco economy is strong enough to handle it, he said. "It is no fun to raise prices. We already pay above the minimum wage. People have to be compensated, too. ... It's only fair that everybody gets their share."

Robert Wade Lohman, founder and chief executive officer of Groceries, one of the signatories to RaiseTheWageLA, thinks increasing the minimum wage is good business. "This isn't a hand-out. This is a for-profit business" he said of his company, which pays 70 employees above the minimum wage. Groceries has been sold by retailers such as Nordstrom and Kitson. He said that his company is able to afford paying more than minimum wage because, among other things, it has a lean supply chain.

"When I jumped in the industry in 2010, I was astounded by the fragmentation and deception of the supply chains," he said. For manufacturers faced with having to pay higher wages, he suggested cutting costs at the supply chain.

Designers and Agents Suspends Paris Show Designers and Agents, which organizes Lauren Moffat and Clover Canyon show-But the company said it will leave open

ing at the event.

curated trade shows for contemporary fashions, has decided to suspend its Paris show, which took place for several years in the Marias district of the French capital.

small Paris show, which usually had no more than 18 designers, had been a tremendously positive experience, with labels such as Michelle Mason, Rebecca Taylor, Candela,

shift from our brands that has them focusing on their domestic business," the company said

The organizers said in an email that the in its email. "This trend is supported by a slow and steady rebounding U.S. economy and a lessening interest in the European marketplace. Based upon this, D&A has decided to place the Paris show on hiatus at this time."

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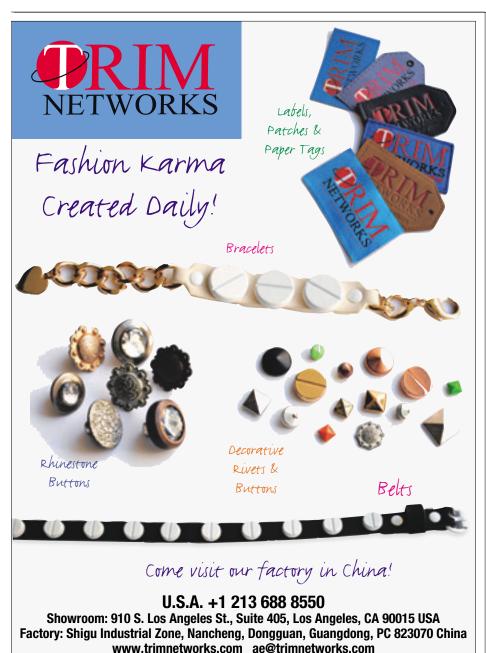
-3 to raise the minimum wage to \$11.59 per hour. However, opponents of the ordinance said they have collected enough signatures to challenge the law with a referendum. The city of San Jose passed a minimum-wage law in 2012 to raise the minimum wage to \$10.15. It started to be enforced at the beginning of 2014.

In November, San Francisco voters are scheduled to vote on a measure to raise their city's minimum wage to \$15 by July 1, 2015.

The city increased the minimum wage to \$10.74 in 2003, said San Francisco Supervisor Jane Kim, but it wasn't enough. "San Francisco wages have not kept pace with the skyrocketing cost of living," she said in a statement.

In February, State Sen, Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) submitted a bill that calls for a state minimum-wage increase to \$11 by 2015 and \$13 by 2017. In June, the bill failed to pass the state Assembly's labor and employment committee.

In April, Los Angeles City Councilmen



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Curren Price and Mike Bonin submitted a resolution to support Leno's Bill 935 to increase hourly wages. No vote is scheduled on the bill, according to a spokesperson for Bonin's office.

Hotel workers may get a raise. The LA City Council on Sept. 24 approved a first reading of a measure by a 12–3 vote to increase the minimum wage for hotel workers to \$15.37. The council will vote again because the first vote was not unaminous.

The RaiseTheWageLA campaign has received support from high-profile Los Angeles-area companies such as BCBGMaxAzria, NastyGal and Groceries Apparel. They are listed as supporters of the RaiseTheWageLA campaign. Rick Caruso, the developer and owner of popular malls The Grove in Los Angeles and The Americana at Brand in Glendale, Calif., has been quoted in media stories voicing support for an increase in the minimum wage.

However, for many businesspeople and analysts, the matter is not entirely black and white. Economist Kimberly Ritter-Martinez of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp. said minimum-wage increases could set two economic laws against each other.

"Two effects happen when you raise minimum wage. With an increase in minimum wage, the cost of labor goes up. When the price of something increases, Economics 101 says demand will fall- in this case, demand for workers and jobs are lost," she said. "On the other side of the coin, when workers' income increases, they tend to spend more money, which in turn helps create more jobs. You have these two forces acting upon each other, and which one will have the bigger effect is hard to say," Ritter-Martinez said.

For Fred Levine, co-owner of the M.Fredric chain of contemporary boutiques in Los Angeles County, a minimum-wage increase is a double-edged sword.

"I'm on the fence because I can't figure out who is suffering the most in these challenging times-the entry-level worker or the small-business owner," he said in an email. "The minimum wage can cut both ways. Raising it improves conditions for the worker-if it doesn't destroy the employer and eliminate the [worker's] position completely."

Garcetti's RaiseTheWageLA website commissioned a research paper from the Institute for Research on Labor and Employment at the University of California, Berkeley, which was released earlier this month. The study's authors say the industries that will be most affected by a wage increase in Los Angeles are restaurants, retail, health services, and administrative and waste-management

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Sept. 28 Los Angeles Gift & Home Market California Market Center Los Angeles Through Sept. 30

Sept. 29 Los Angeles International Textile Show California Market Center Los Angeles Through Oct. 1

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Oct. 6 Los Angeles Majors Market California Market Center Los Angeles Through Oct. 8 Oct. 7

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Oct. 8 FashioNXT Station Place Portland, Ore. Through Oct. 11

Oct. 12 Los Angeles Fashion Market California Market Center Gerry Building Los Angeles Through Oct. 15 LA Kids' Market California Market Center Los Angeles Through Oct. 15

Oct. 13 Los Angeles Fashion Market Cooper Design Space The New Mart 824 Building Lady Liberty Building Primrose Design Building Academy Awards Building Los Angeles Through Oct. 15



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Basically the order imposes additional reporting and recordkeeping requirements on companies located in the area. Currently under federal law, companies are required to report in a special form, known as IRS form 8300, all cash transactions that total more than \$10,000. Under a geographic targeting order, that amount would be reduced to a yet-to-be-determined cash amount to keep Mexican cartels from laundering their money through the garment district.

It is not known whether the Treasury department will grant the order. Steve Hudak, a FinCEN spokesman, said he could neither confirm nor deny that a geographic targeting order was requested or being considered by the Treasury department. "I have no comment on the issue right now," he said.

However, he did say it is a powerful tool. "We don't use it lightly," he noted. "But it is very effective."

To impose the order, FinCEN often sends letters via **FedEx** or contacts all companies located in the zone. The government agency can also issue a general notification. Most geographic targeting orders last no more than 180 days, Hudak said.

On Aug. 1, the Treasury department issued a geographic targeting order for armored-car services and other currency carriers along the San Diego–Mexico border at the Otay Mesa and San Ysidro ports of entry. FinCEN issued updated guidance concerning detailed and proper filings for currency totaling more than \$10,000 in cash that is moving across the border.

In 1996, after confiscating \$29 million in cash being illegally transmitted to Colombia, a geographic targeting order was issued on 3,500 money remitters in the New York metropolitan area. The order required the remitters to report all remittances of cash to Colombia that totaled more than \$750.

Just like the Colombian drug cartels, the Mexican drug cartels have gotten more astute about how they launder their money. This became necessary after the Mexican government in 2010 clamped down on the cash dollar amount that could be deposited into a Mexican bank account. Currently, it is no more than \$7,000 per month.

On Sept. 10, approximately 1,000 federal, state and local officials swarmed some 70 garment companies and residences in the Los Angeles Fashion District and surrounding areas to arrest several people suspected of laundering money for the drug cartels. The money-laundering operation involved individuals who allegedly took cash generated from selling drugs in the United States and then used it to purchase clothing overseas. Those clothes were then exported to Mexico, where they were sold for Mexican pesos.

During one raid at a Los Angeles condominium, law enforcement officers discovered \$35 million in cash stored in cardboard boxes. At a Bel-Air mansion, another \$10 million in cash was found stuffed in duffel bags, and four safes were uncovered.

Days after the raid, federal officials posted seizure notices for an \$8 million mansion in Pasadena, Calif., and two other homes valued at \$2 million. So far, one seizure notice has been listed for an 8,000-square-foot mansion at 1500 Lombardy Drive in Pasadena, Calif. Property records show the owner listed as LMMF 15003750 LLC, whose headquarters are at 1100 S. San Pedro St. in the Los Angeles Fashion District. The head of the company is listed as I-Yun Yih, also known as Nancy Yih, who is president of the clothing company LA Idol Fashion.

In addition, federal authorities are seeking to seize a second Pasadena residence at 3750 Mayfair Drive, also owned by LMMF 15003750 LLC, and a multi-unit residence in Alhambra, Calif., at 1117 N. Almansor St., whose owner is listed as I-Yun Yih.

Meanwhile, investigators made arrangements to freeze \$15.6 million deposited in a Taiwanese bank account allegedly tied to money-laundering funds for the Mexican drug cartels.

So far, law enforcement officials have uncovered at least \$100 million in funds and assets related to their investigation, known as "Operation Fashion Police," authorities said. Government officials noted that their investigation continues and more enforcement activity is anticipated.

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American Woolen Co.: Relaunched Mill Has American Heritage and Italian Know-How

By Alison A. Nieder Executive Editor

A 19th-century textile mill in northern Connecticut is currently humming with the activity of 40 looms making woolen and worsted fabrics for the American luxury market.

The mill, founded as Warren Stafford in Stafford Springs, Conn., has

been reopened and relaunched as American Woolen Co., a company with about 25 employees and an initial launch collection of 23 fabrics, all 100 percent wool, for Fall/Winter 2015/2016.

The man behind the relaunch is an American-born financier who spent the last two decades working in investment banking in Europe. Working in London, Paris, Frankfurt and Milan, Jacob Har-

rison Long, American Woolen's chief executive officer, became familiar with the quality and the branding behind Italian mills such as Loro Piana, Vitale Barberis Canonica and Filati Drago.

'I spent the last six years in Italy, so I know the Italian names very well," Long said. "A lot of the Italian fabric companies have done a tremendous job by branding the fabric. If you look back at the old *Vogue* and *Esquire* magazines of the past, [U.S.] fabric companies used to advertise directly to the consumers. But that all changed in the 1980s and 1990s.

When U.S. textile mills began focusing on commodity fabrics and moving production offshore, high-end mills in England and Italy found a niche supplying the U.S. market, Long said.

Long initially purchased the American Woolen trademark in 2013 with the intention of focusing on the design, marketing and sales

of the fabric and placing production with some of the remaining wool mills in the United States. One mill that people kept recommending was Warren Stafford, Long said.

"Everyone was pointing me to Warren," he said. "On the first call, I was informed they were going to close effective Dec. 31, 2013. Once we were informed that Warren was being sold, we changed our strategy and realized that

owning and operating our own supply chain would probably be the best way forward given the current conditions in the market.'

Long said he was sold once he met with the Warren staff, saw the equipment and toured the facility. Since 1988, Warren had been owned by Loro Piana, the Italian maker of ultra-fine wool and cashmere. When the Italian mill took over operations at Warren, the company had upgraded the equipment and turned the facility into a state-of-the-art mill specializing in worsted wool, which is wool made from long-staple wool and typically used for suiting fabrics.

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Fabric made of luxurious fibers with love in California.



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American Woolen Co.'s facility features 40 looms and nearly 25 workers, most with several decades of experience working with luxury textiles.

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"What Loro Piana did was tremendous," Long said. "Loro Piana bought a woolen mill in 1988 and turned it into a worsted woolen mill. Loro Piana brought over the worsted technology-and I mean not only the machines because, remember, good machines don't make good product. People working good machines make good products."

When Long and his partners purchased Warren, they hired many of the longtime staff. Nearly all the current staff are former Warren employees, Long said, pointing to the average tenure of the employees-19.1 years. Two employees are fourth-generation Warren workers.

"People keep talking about the renaissance in U.S. manufacturing, and people keep saying the renaissance is going to come about by cheaper wages and cheaper energy costs. That's rubbish!" Long said. "The renaissance is going to come about because we can rebrand manufacturing. The people we're hiring back have a defined skill set, and that skill set is in need and in demand." In addition to the state-of-the-art weav-

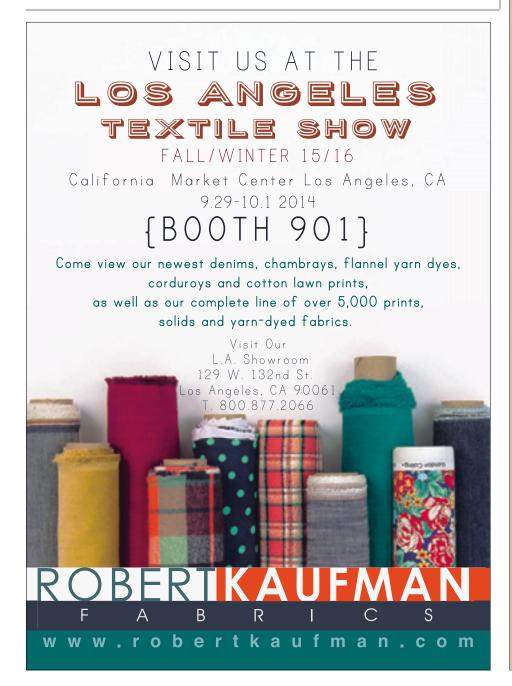
ing at American Woolen, Long points to the company's expertise in finishing the fabrics.

"For example," he said, "certain products may call for washing for 10 minutes. The Italians may wash it for three minutes, take it out and dry it. Wash it for three minutes, take it out and dry it and then wash it in two increments for two minutes. It's 10 minutes, but [the result is] a different fabric. And that's what the Italians have absolutely masteredthe finishing techniques-and that's what we have inherited with the people here.'

The purchase of Warren closed three months ago, leaving Long and his team little time to finalize the Fall/Winter collection.

"We were late [to the season,]" he said. "But we wanted to demonstrate to people that we could move on a dime and we're able to design, weave and finish 23 different fabrics for Fall/Winter."

For Spring/Summer 2016, the mill plans to expand its offerings and add some wool blends with silk and linen. For the following Fall/Winter season, American Woolen plans to offer mohair and cashmere fabrications, as well. Going forward, the company is looking American Woolen page 7





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ing a demand from smaller designers who could not necessarily print [my designs] themselves."

The designer also noticed a void in the market for organic textiles like hers. To find a printer, she began asking her fellow exhibitors at the Los Angeles International Textile Show.

"I found [my print mill] by word of mouth," she said. "I was doing the LA Textile Show and was just talking to people there. It was fortunate because not a lot of places allow lower minimums for printing."

The certified-organic fabrics are sourced from U.S. importers of Indian textiles and printed in Los Angeles using water-based inks. Severson recently began using fabrics made from American-grown organic cotton and hopes to eventually find a knit and woven resource in the U.S. for all

her fabrics. 'That's the objective-to eventu-

ally have a product that's entirely made in the U.S.," she said. This past summer, Severson

launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for a new apparel line featuring her prints. "I had been

thinking of doing a basic staple line of apparel with my fabrics because a lot of people like the prints, but if you don't sew or you're not a designer your-self, it's kind of limited," she said.

Severson will develop two collections to coincide with the two print collections she designs annually. For Summer, the line will include short dresses and scarves.



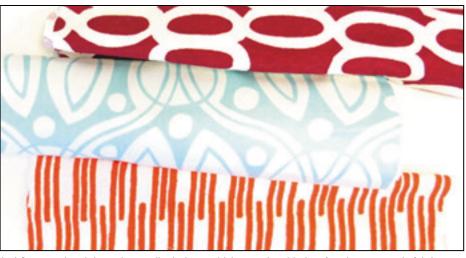
and for Fall there will be longer dresses, as well. The collection also includes pillows made from her fabrics.

The pieces are available for sale on her website for \$75 for the short dresses and \$95 for the long dresses. Severson has also been approaching boutiques to carry the line, which is wholesale priced from \$36 to \$46 for the dresses, \$18 for the infinity scarves and \$35 to \$45 for the pillows.

Severson works with textile sales reps in Los Angeles, Chicago and Minneapolis and would like to expand the market for her apparel.

"I'm out of Minnesota and I'm trying to get those warmer climates for the line," she said.

For more information, visit www.josiseverson.com.—Alison A. Nieder



Josi Severson hand draws her textile designs, which are printed in Los Angeles on organic fabrics.

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"We want to focus on what we know well, and we know worsted and woolen fabrics very well. And I would hope we can carve out a definable and defendable niche within those areas [first]."

Prices for the American Woolen launch collection range from \$20 to \$30 per yard, and there is a four-piece minimum, with pieces running 55 yards each.

"Having been in Italy, I'm the first to tell

1990s, investment banks were going casual because they were competing with Silicon Valley to retain young workers. Now people are telling me in 2014 most trading floors are men wearing two-piece suits. If you spend time in New York, walk up and down Park Avenue; guys are wearing suits again."

Long compares the interest in Americanmade fabrics to the rise in the craft-beer industry in the U.S.

"When I grew up in the 1970s, the only



American Woolen Co.'s launch collection includes 23 wool menswear fabrics.

you that the cost structure in Italy is higher than America. Social costs are higher, energy costs are higher, environmental costs are higher," Long said. "It was unique that Italy had carved out a niche, yet America, which [once] had that niche, had lost it."

Last year, Long relocated with his family from Milan to Florida. Back in the U.S. after more than two decades away, the Chicago native sees a renewed interest in Americanmade products coinciding with a renewed interest in men's suiting after several decades of casual dressing. "In the past 30 years, America was very

"In the past 30 years, America was very much targeting casual," he said. "In the 3 wool menswear fabrics. people who wanted to work in a brewery were Laverne and Shirley, if you remember that TV show," he said. "But the craft beers have carved out a niche, and although it only comprises 8 percent of the U.S. beer market, that segment is growing by double digits while U.S. beer consumption is declining. I believe in made in America. I believe when America sets its mind to doing something, we do it well and we do it correctly and the quality is paramount. That's what we're trying to do here. We want to create a niche. We want to create a brand. We want people to look at the garment and say, 'Is it American



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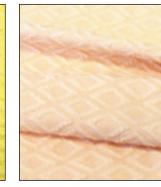
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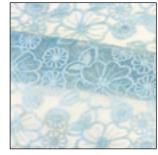
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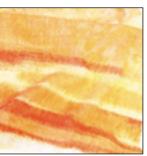
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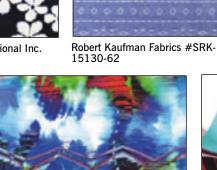
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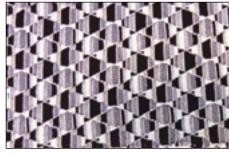
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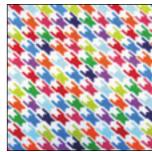
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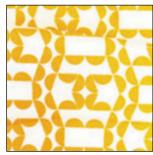
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3-5 years experience as a designer and an in-depth knowledge of junior/special sizes denim, along with extensive denim wash experience.

- Must have strong communication skills to convey trend forecasts to internal sales team and the retailers.

- Be willing to travel internationally as part of the job. - Understanding of overseas and domestic manufacturing, garment construction, sample room, pre-production and costing.

- Good sketching ability with excellent design/color/fabric/trims sense. Must be able to oversee all phases of line development.

- Must have extensive knowledge of adobe illustrator and photoshop.

- Must be able to do graphic illustration.

DESIGN ASSISTANT

Must be a detailed oriented assistant with strong computer skills. 1-2 yrs exp. Must be familiar with garment construction and the following qualifications:

- Well versed in Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Excel & Word

Basic knowledge of pattern-making, fabric sourcing, woven and denim wash processes

- Pre-production experience preferred.

- Self-motivated and pro-active.

- MUST be able to multi-task.

Email to hrdept@rewash.com or fax resume with salary history to (323) 657-5344



CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Growing US Manufacturer of Premium Knitwear garments seeks experienced Customer Service Rep for wholesale business. Min of 3 years experience in either wholesale or retail sales or customer service. Good computer skills and communication a must. Please send resumes to USBlanks@gmail.com

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Must be proficient in Illustrator and Photoshop, with the ability to color separate prints , create prints, repeats, create CADS, do photo shop touch ups, create basic marketing material for web pages, trade show banners, posters, ect. Must adapt easily to changes in priorities throughout the day and work creatively. Has to be organized, have a great attitude and be willing to learn and follow directions.

Email resume to: stephanies@bedheadpjs.com

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Responsible for production patternmaking of a junior/ special sizes denim product line. Qualifications required: - 5 years experience in the junior/special sizes denim market

- Must have a good understanding of garment wash and shrinkages

- Candidate must be a self-starter and well organized - Be proficient with Patternmaking software

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DENIM COMPANY SEEKING INDIVIDUALS TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITION. INCREDI-**BLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE RIGHT PERSON** IMPORT PRODUCTION

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- Know how to read TECHPACKS and understand technical garment terms.

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Please send your resume to Jaci@360sweater.com



CONTEMPORARY DRESS DESIGNER

We are seeking Contemporary Dress Designer for our Dress division. Ideal person must have 2-3 recent yrs exp. in Contemporary Dresses. Must be exp. in all aspects of design that includes sourcing fabric, trim, sketching with illustrator, and trend research. Must be able to meet deadlines and be extremely organized. Send resume to hr@swatfame.com

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Must know Power Point, ACT Database or other database program.

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Los Angeles-based women's apparel manufacturer is looking for an experienced team player to manage all design-through-production related projects for its major private label customer, Chico's FAS, Inc. Since this is a senior level position, candidates MUST have proven experience working on product development and production for Chico's. To apply, send resume and salary history to jobs@xcvi.com

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Fast paced apparel co. is seeking hard working candidate to join our Import Production Dept, min 3 yrs. exp in import production. Duties & responsibilities include but not limited to, issue PO's & follow up, track WIP, TNA, shipments, follow up lab dips, trims, fit, pp approval, spec garments as needed, fabric/garment testing, daily communication with oversea vendors & internal team members, detail oriented & extremely organized, sense of urgency & multi tasking, must be a team player

Please send resume with salary requirement to: jenny.l@bluprintcorp.com

Production Manager

Oversee all phases of production of costume jewelry for a luxury brand to meet company standards within prescribed production times. Manage the relationship with both overseas and domestic vendors. Please send resume to: newpositionforluxurybrand@gmail.com



PRODUCTION COORDINATOR

NYDJ Apparel is seeking an exp'd Production Coordinator to support our Import business. Duties will be partnering with production, PD, sales and design to manage production flow ensuring timely and cost effective production of import product. Strong communication, Excel and analytical skills. Excellent benefits & work environment. No phone calls please.

Send resume and salary history to: eric.ueno@nydj.com

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Seeking freelance, experienced with senior denim/nondenim designer for girls line (4-6X/7-16). Must be familiar with mass production market for denim, Mid-Tier department store price points. Conceptualized and presentation skills required, communication skills with overseas office is important.

Portfolio and references required.

Please include service charge rate history with resume to: Angela Yu- angela@anfieldinc.com

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Must have at least 2 yrs. experience in creating intital tech packs, emphasis on flat sketches, proto specs & construction details. Assist in fittings, ability to communicate comments/changes in a timely manner. Create technical illustrator sketches where needed. Assist in developing newlines. Excellent attention to detail. Strong organizational and time management skills required to keep up in a fast paced environment.

Email resume along with salary requirement to: rosemary@sanctuaryclothing.com



ASSISTANT PRODUCTION MANAGER

With 5 yrs. of exp. in the fashion industry. Must handle cut tickets, order trims, costing, order entry, inventory, prepare trim sheets. Interact between contractors, pattern room, design room, customer service and shipping. Must have strong problem solving and communication skills, good sense of urgency, etc. Send resumes to: fax 562 231-0742, jobs@robinsjean.com att. hiring manager.

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Import company looking for sales representatives for our Junior woven lines. In house and free lancer are both welcome. Minimum 3-5 years junior line import sales experience. Having existing customers/accounts are prefered. Email: steven@hncapparel.com

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Send resume and salary history to: eric.ueno@nydj.com

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DAY DRESS/DRESSY DESIGNER

We are seeking A Day Dress/Dressy Designer for our Junior Dress division MUST BE VERSATILE. Ideal person must have 2-3 recent yrs exp. in Junior Dresses. Must be exp. in all aspects of design that includes fittings. sourcing fabric, trim, sketching, and trend research. Must be able to work in fast paced environment, self motivated, meet deadlines and be extremely organized. Send resume to hr@swatfame.com

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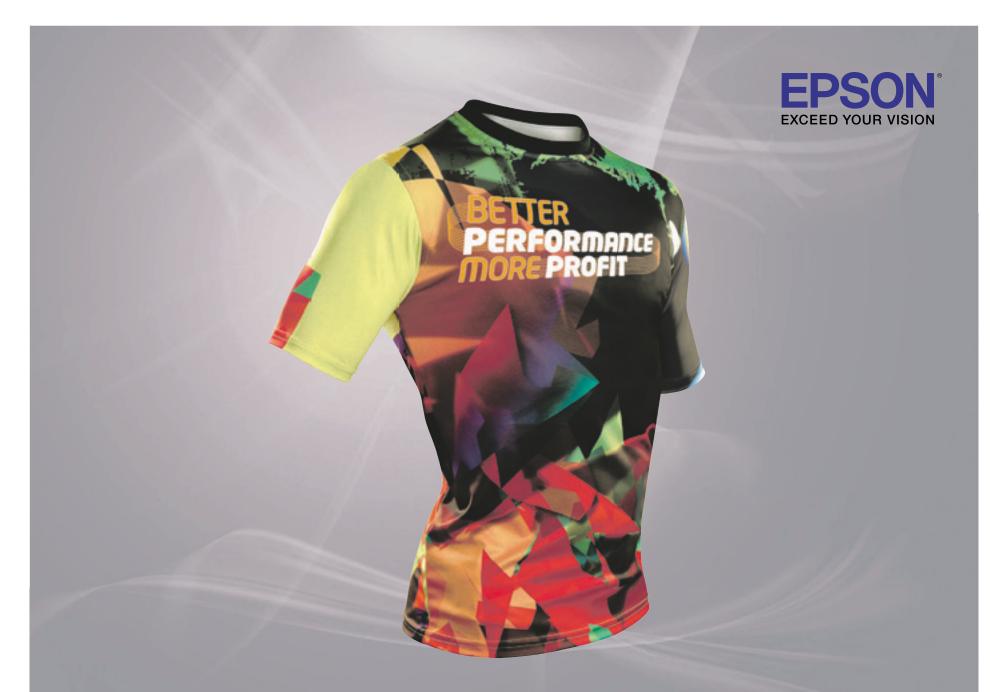
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