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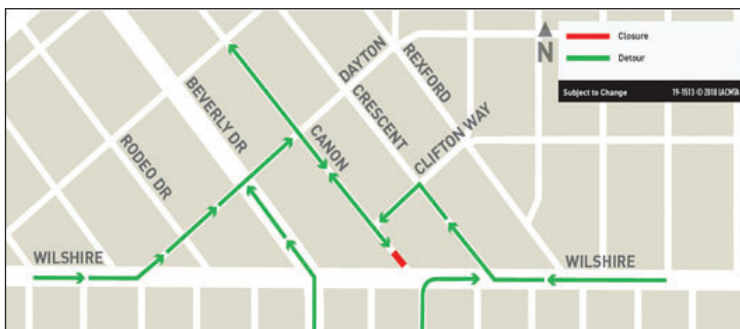
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DODGER DAY — The City of Beverly Hills welcomed all residents, friends and family to attend the Beverly Hills Dodgers Day this past Sunday at Dodger Stadium where Mayor John Mirisch threw out the ceremonial first pitch. Pictured (from left) is Mayor John with Vice Mayor Les Friedman.

Canon Drive at Wilshire Now Closed Until 2021 for Metro Purple Line Construction



North Canon Drive in Beverly Hills is no longer accessible to vehicular traffic at Wilshire Boulevard as construction work on the Metro Purple Line continues. The closure is expected to be in effect through 2021, according to a statement by the city.

A 20-foot sound wall with artistic design will soon be installed at the intersection of North Canon and Wilshire for at least two years

during major construction.

North Canon will be reconfigured into a cul-de-sac while pedestrian access will be maintained in most areas of the closure.

A four-way traffic signal is being installed at Clifton Way and Crescent Drive to mitigate anticipated traffic impacts caused by the North Canon closure. Visit www.beverlyhills.org/purpleline for more information.

Ringo Starr's 'Peace and Love' Sculpture Finds Home In Beverly Gardens Park

By Laura Coleman

This week the city finally made a decision as to where Ringo Starr's 800-pound polished steel sculpture of his hand making a peace sign would come to be displayed — Beverly Gardens Park.

Starr and his wife, Barbara Bach, have been Beverly Hills residents since 1992. Starr's gift to the city is set to be installed in the park this fall.

Originally slated to be installed on the grounds of City Hall, the placement of the 5'8" homage to peace met with some



community opposition once it became known that it would be at the corner of Rexford and Santa Monica Boulevard.

"Placing the sculpture in Beverly Gardens Park between Crescent Drive and Canon Drive is ideal," said Arts and Culture Commissioner Deborah Frank. "It's in an excellent location where it will be visible from Santa Monica Boulevard. There will be ample room for visitors and local residents to engage with the artwork, and of course it's perfect for Instagram."

City Makes Moves to Enliven Southeast Part of Beverly Hills

By Laura Coleman

Imagine exiting the subway portal at Wilshire and La Cienega, once it comes online in 2023, and immediately knowing that you are not just in Beverly Hills, but in a distinctive section of Beverly Hills. Such could be the future of the southeast portion of Beverly Hills in the coming years.

After years of conversations on just how to enliven the southeast part of the city, the community is poised to start to see a discernible change in the area by the time Metro starts transporting millions of riders through Beverly Hills. Such changes are expected to encourage new businesses to open, augment safety, and entice visitors to walk around an area that has long been considered to have yet to achieve its potential.

"Vibrant amenities would give people a reason to get off the Metro and walk around," predicted Beverly Hills Conference and Visitors Bureau

CEO Julie Wagner, underscoring how adding beauty on the street would greatly serve to enhance the city's brand.

Wagner was among the two dozen attendees at Monday's meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee / Southeast Task Force, the fifth such monthly meeting since Mayor John Mirisch combined the two entities. Those in attendance to discuss the future of just how the area might take shape in the coming years included residents, business owners and other interested parties, as well as city staff, the mayor and Councilman Julian Gold.

In concert with the evolution of La Cienega Park — an active process in which the community is invited to participate at a Town Hall on Sept. 25 — the community is likewise being tasked to influence just how the city's southeast area can be improved.

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BHUSD Preps Rollout of New Learning Management System



NEW SYSTEM—BHUSD teachers (from left) April Goldsobel, Katy Carter, and Josh Glass present feedback on the school district's new Learning Management System at the Sept. 4 Board of Education Study Session.

By Sandra Sims

Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) launched a new Learning Management System (LMS) this fall session of the 2019-2020 academic year. The new system, Schoology, will integrate with the district's Aeries Gradebook and Aeries Communications systems to effectively disseminate information regarding academic courses, progress reports, grades, and other school data. The target date for full districtwide implementation is January 2020 to allow for a transition time-frame during which the district will provide training on the new system. The new BHUSD LMS will be used by teachers, students, and parents, districtwide. Currently, Schoology is being used in other school districts, including the Los

Angeles Unified School District.

The new LMS will replace the Beverly Hills Unified School District's current digital gradebook system called JupiterGrades. The new Schoology platform has additional features to allow teachers to manage and deliver course content, provide storage for digital content, as well as generate assignments and announcements. The new LMS also has collaborative tools which allow teachers to track student participation and provide detailed analytics to students and parents.

PTA member Mona Zargar, who has an elementary school student at Horace Mann and another student at the new middle school Beverly Vista, told the Courier that the new Learning Management System is a

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COURIER CALENDAR

Tarfest

Sept. 14

12 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

La Brea Tar Pits

5801 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles

Calling Angelenos of all ages! The 17th Annual TARFEST is a free one-day-only music festival commemorating the art and music of L.A. in a truly unique setting. Fully promoting the best L.A. has to offer, TARFEST has already lined up KCRW DJs as well as artists like Johnny KMNDZ and Mr. BBaby who will provide live large-scale painting sessions in the park. To add to the experience, those who attend the festival may get to experience the iconic Serpentine Pavilion at Second home for free. As one of the most distinct and unique natural attractions in the U.S., the LA Brea Tar Pits will surely set the stage for another iconic year of music, art, and fun in Los Angeles.

For information, visit <https://launch-la.org/tarfest-festival/2019/> or email info@launchla.org.



L.A. Opera/La Boheme

Sept. 14

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

135 North Grand Ave., Los Angeles

L.A. Opera will debut the 2019-2020 season with an orchestration of Giacomo Puccini's La Bohème, featuring Marina Costa-Jackson as Mimì and Saimir Pirgu returning as Rodolfo. The production is conducted by James Conlon and run by Barrie Kosky, one of Europe's most creative stage directors. Kosky helmed the staging at Berlin's Komische Opera earlier this year and directed L.A. Opera's The Magic Flute back in 2013 and 2016. While La Bohème centers around the 1800s, its themes and conflicts—healthcare issues and the job market are relatable to those of us living in the 21st century.

Tickets from \$27-\$349 may be purchased by visiting www.laopera.org/performances/2019-20-season/la-boheme/.

Midsummer Night's Dream

Sept. 15

BH City Hall Municipal Gallery
455 Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills

The City of Beverly Hills presents a free staged reading of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m. at Beverly Hills City Hall, 455 Rexford Drive. The reading benefits The Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles programs Will Power to Youth and Veterans in Art. Seats are limited and reservations are required. Parking is available in the Civic Center parking structure neighboring the library on Rexford Drive.

To reserve seats, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/bhre. For more information, call 310-285-6850.



Diary of Anne Frank

Sept. 16

Samuel Goldwyn Theater

8949 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills

In commemoration of the 90th anniversary of Anne Frank's birth, the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust presents the 60th anniversary screening of George Stevens' production of "The Diary of Anne Frank." Special guests include George Steven, Jr., Millie Perkins, Diane Baker and Holocaust survivor Lya Frank. The black-and-white 171 minute film depicts the atrocities of World War II as it follows Anne Frank, her family and others who were forced into hiding during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. Screening time is 7:30 p.m. Free parking is available in the garages at 8920 Wilshire Blvd. and 9025 Wilshire Blvd.

Tickets \$3-\$5 may be purchased at <https://www.oscars.org/events/diary-anne-frank-1959>.



LA Press Freedom Week

Sept. 16

Paley Center for Media

465 N. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association and Los Angeles Times will present a panel discussion on press freedom and elections. This conversation will explore the particular challenges for journalists and threats to press freedom and democracy that emerge around elections both globally and in the United States. Meher Tatna, of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, will offer opening remarks.

Moderator: Ramzy Malouki (West Coast News Bureau Chief, French Canal+Group); Panelists: Kathleen Carroll (Chair of the Board, Committee to Protect Journalists), Maria Ressa (CEO, Rappler), Blanka Zöldi (Investigative Journalist, Direkt 36), Terry Tang (Deputy Op-Ed Editor, Los Angeles Times).

Additional information and details on the marquee panels and other events for the week can be found at goldenglobes.com/la-press-freedom-week.



Toni Morrison at UCLA

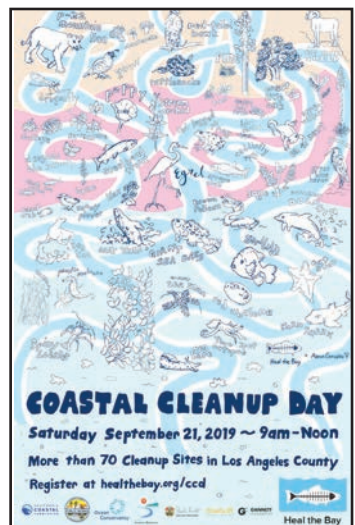
Sept. 18

UCLA Hammer Museum

10899 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles

The UCLA Hammer Museum introduces Toni Morrison: "The Pieces I Am" as an exploration of race, human nature, history, and America at large. The documentary features interviews with Morrison's friends and acquaintances including Walter Mosley, Farah Griffin, Fran Lebowitz, Sonia Sanchez, we well as contemporary artwork by artists such as Gordon Parks, Jacob Lawrence, Rashid Johnson, among others. The film overviews the stages of Morrison's life, from her childhood in a small town in Ohio to her current success as an acclaimed author and editor of African American literature in the 21st century.

Admission is free, first come, first served, and tickets are available at the Box Office one hour prior to the program. Parking is \$7 for the first three hours with museum validation, and \$3 for each additional 20 minutes, with a \$20 daily maximum. Cash only. For more information, visit <https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2019/09/toni-morrison-the-pieces-i-am/>.



Heal the Bay- Coastal Cleanup Day

Sept. 21

Heal the Bay invites 10,000 Angelenos to come together for this year's Coastal Cleanup Day in an effort to enjoy the outdoors while serving our community and our beloved city at large. Now in its 30th year, the nonprofit organization plans to match, if not exceed

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the success of last year's Coastal Cleanup Day in which 13,464 participants collected 29.8 tons of debris, with cigarette butts and single-use plastic beverage and food packaging being the most frequently found items. The event will take place across 70 sites throughout L.A. County, few of which being the coastal dunes under the LAX flight path and the L.A. River and San Gabriel River areas.

A map of all locations and event information can be found at www.healthebay.org/ccd.



Gelato Festival

Sept. 28
Pacific Design Center
8687 Melrose Avenue,
West Hollywood

The third Gelato Festival held in California will take place at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood where locals are invited to experience the delicious taste of artisan gelato and celebrate the summer's end. Besides all the gelato you can consume in one day, guests can enjoy Gelato-themed festival games and contests, with plenty of prizes to be won throughout the weekend - all included in the price of the ticket.

\$25 for adults. More information can be found at <https://gelatofestival.com/store/>.

Downton Abbey Benefit at The Grove

The Grove
Sept. 23
189 The Grove Drive, Los Angeles

With the world premiere of Focus Features' motion picture "Downton Abbey" just around the corner, The Grove will transform their lawn into a 20th century style Downton-themed garden party to set the scene. Hosted by Amazon's Treasure Truck and Focus Features, the event benefits the Coldwell Banker Community Foundation. This organization has improved the lives of many through directing volunteers and philanthropy events where Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has a presence. Since 2005, the Coldwell Banker Community Foundation has contributed over a million dollars in donations for over 300 reputable charities across the U.S., including the American Heart Association, Los Angeles Mission, Looking Above and Beyond, and Beverly Hills Education Foundation. The lawn will resemble a scene from the early 20th century countryside where staff and actors alike will dress in outfits fresh from the 1920's- all of this amidst bobbed hairdos, bold sequined flapper dresses and cocoon fur coats, among other surprises. Meanwhile, guests will be able to indulge in a typical 1920's tea time and enjoy scones, tea sandwiches and decadent pastries while taking in live music throughout the day and playing lawn games: croquet, quoits, you name it! The Amazon Treasure Truck will also be on site, showcasing a rolling, creative shopping experience that offers handpicked discounted retail items. Pre-screening burgers, refreshments and a live auction will take place at Umami Burger starting at 5:30 p.m. prior to the 8:00 p.m. movie screening. Be sure to buy tickets in advance, as tickets are selling out fast. Tickets may be purchased by emailing ColdwellMovieNight@yahoo.com.

Skintight at The Geffen

Now through Oct. 6
Gil Cates Theater at Geffen Playhouse

10886 Le Conte Ave., Los Angeles
Tony winner Idina Menzel ("Wicked") stars in the West Coast Premiere of "Skintight." Written by Joshua Harmon and directed by Obie Award winner Daniel Aukin, the play centers around a woman who loses her husband to a younger woman. In an attempt to seek comfort in her father's townhouse, she instead finds her father's 20-year-old boyfriend. The comedy encompasses the conflicts many women face such as how to live gracefully in a youth and love obsessed world.

Tickets ranging from \$30.00 - \$155.00 may be purchased by phone at 310-208-5454, in person at the Geffen Playhouse box office, or online at www.geffenplayhouse.org.



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NEWS



A TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN—Scores of community members joined together on Wednesday evening to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Pictured above (left) are Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli and Fire Chief Greg Barton together with Fire Engineer Chad Beery as he sings the National Anthem; uniformed personnel from Beverly Hills Fire and Police place the ceremonial wreath at the Beverly Hills 9/11 Memorial, which is centralized around a monumental steel artifact from the Twin Towers outside of the Fire Station on Burton Way. *Photos by Reggie Sully*

Community Joins Together to Commemorate 9/11 Anniversary With Moving Ceremony At Fire Station

By Laura Coleman

The Beverly Hills community honored the memory of the thousands of people who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks 18 years ago during Wednesday's annual remembrance ceremony outside the Beverly Hills Fire Station.

"For all of us, the events of September 11, 2001, will forever live in our memories and we come together this evening to commit to never forget," Fire

Chief Greg Barton said to the more than 100 people in attendance at the somber ceremony.

A more intimate commemoration with first responders, city officials and a handful of residents began the day at the cusp of sunrise, marking the time when the first tower fell.

In addition to traditional elements such as the laying of the wreath, an honor guard presentation, the ringing of the bell, the playing of bagpipes

and alternating buglers playing "Taps," Fire Engineer Chad Beery sang songs in musical tribute to the fallen.

"We have a deep gratitude to those brave public safety officers and citizens, many of whom perished that day, for their strength and determination that still inspires us," said Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli. "We also have a responsibility to teach the next generation the history of this day."

Samantha Jung Named New Horace Mann AP

By Sandra Sims

On Tuesday the Board of Education approved the appointment of Samantha Jung to become the new Horace Mann assistant principal.

She is expected to start full time next week, according to a Beverly Hills Unified School District spokesperson.

"Mrs. Jung's unique combination of corporate and extensive educational experience superbly completes our formidable Horace Mann leadership team," Superintendent Michael Bregy said. "It is worth noting that her many accomplishments and professional demeanor are coupled with a down-to-earth, approachable sense of humor which is critical in this role."

Jung previously served as a



Samantha Jung

Math Academy Teacher for the Buena Park Unified School District. She is also enrolled in a Doctorate of Education Program and holds an Administrative Credential with a Masters in Educational Leadership. Jung has been a Teacher on Special Assignment in this program since 2013, supporting students in math, robotics, and coding. Jung also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a

Master's Degree in Education from California State University, Fullerton and has worked in all levels of education, including elementary, middle, high school, and adult education.

Prior to teaching at the Math Academy, Jung worked two years in an administrative capacity at Charles G. Emery Elementary School.

Jung also worked in finance for corporations including, Morgan Stanley, Lexicon Marketing, and Wachovia Corp.

"The central theme of Mr. Horace Mann's life was that, 'It is the law of our nature to desire happiness.' From the very first moment I met the Horace Mann School family, I knew that I would be living out this law," said Jung.

Beverly Hills High Joins CHAMPS Charter High for Dance and Dialogue at The Wallis



LET'S DANCE—High school students from Beverly and CHAMPS Charter dance on stage at the Wallis.

By Sandra Sims

The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills joined with Dance and Dialogue to present a day of dance workshops and facilitated conversations for students from Beverly Hills High School and CHAMPS Charter High School in Van Nuys on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019.

Ricka Glucksman Kelsch, Dance and Dialogue Founder and Beverly Hills High School alumna, told the Courier that the program, which is now in its seventh year, is a dance workshop designed to bring together students from different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds through a shared love of dance. The goal is to foster the joy of self-expression, and to break down barriers of preconceived differences and fears among people.

"If you use your passion to get out and make a difference, you are more likely to do it," said Kelsch as she explained the program's mission, "It's about bringing storytelling to dance."

Kelsch added that she was motivated to start the program because she wanted to help people understand the importance of accepting others' differences.

During the workshop, which took place from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Wallis, participants took part in small group council sessions, based on the concept of Native American talking circles, where students shared their highlights and obstacles in a "judgment-free" zone. Student

participant Makayla Morris, a senior at CHAMPS, told the Courier that she enjoyed talking to the other students in the council sessions. Afterward, the council, the group of about 60 students, came together in The Wallis' Goldsmith Theatre for a dance session led by former Bob Fosse dance and actress Valerie Pettiford, and a second dance session led by Pat Taylor, Artistic Director of JazzAntiqua.

Also in attendance were Suzanne Charny, original Fosse dancer from the "Sweet Charity" film, and Beverly Hills alumni Lisa Kay Schwartz and Patricia Chen, along with former Beverly Hills High School Modern Dance Theater Instructor Marryl Van Woy Cahill.

Wallis Director of Education Mark Slavkin told the Courier that this is the first year that The Wallis has hosted the Dance and Dialogue.

Slavkin explained that The Wallis wanted to team up with Dance and Dialogue because they believe in the mission of bringing people together to build relationships through dance.

The students who participate in the program are given complimentary Dance and Dialogue t-shirts to wear during the program. Slavkin added, "Part of wearing the same t-shirts is to show that they are together, one group not separate." Slavkin oversees GRoW @The Wallis, with the mission to use the power of the arts to address important social issues.

BHPD Seeking Community Members to Join Chief Sandra Spagnoli's Advisory Panel

By Laura Coleman

Looking to deepen your connection with the community while making an impact? The Beverly Hills Police Department is seeking interested community members to join the Chief's Advisory Panel.

The 20-member panel is intended to provide a discussion forum for community concerns with a rotating membership representing a broad spectrum of viewpoints, interests and experience.

Formed last year by Chief

Sandra Spagnoli, the advisory panel is designed to expand BHPD community outreach while serving as a resource for the chief in forming strategies and developing community policing concepts.

The panel further supports the well-established, 20-year Police and Community Together (PACT) initiative.

"Community input plays a critical role in developing effective public safety practices and policies," Chief Sandra Spagnoli tells The Courier. "We're always



Chief Sandra Spagnoli

looking for new and innovative ideas to help enhance our service to Beverly Hills and this panel is a tremendous resource."

There are currently three vacancies on the panel.

New members will be selected based on their background, experience and involvement in the City of Beverly Hills. Applicants must live, work or attend school in the city to be eligible to participate on the panel. Members are selected to serve a one or two-year term and are expected to attend monthly meet-

ings held on a weekday evening.

"The advisory board is an effective way to involve the community in keeping the city safe and engaging in critical conversations around policing," advocated panel member Kelli Schatz.

Those interested can apply through Monday, Sept. 23rd.

To apply, visit: <http://beverlyhills.org/departments/policedepartment/aboutbhpdc/chiefofpolice/policechiefsadvisorypanelapplication>.

NEWS



SCOUTS HONOR—The Beverly Hills City Council recognized Beverly Hills Scouts Troop 110 with the mayor's Kindness Recognition at Tuesday's City Council meeting. The recognition is designed to recognize and inspire kindness within the community. In response to Mayor John Mirisch's inquiry into scouts practicing daily acts of kindness, Scout Jared Feld said: "It really makes us feel good to give something back." Troop 110 has a long history of involvement at the 16 Mile water station at the LA Marathon. The troop counts myriad successful eagle projects undertaken at locations across the city, including Roxbury Park, Franklin Canyon, Virginia Robinson Gardens and Greystone Mansion. Pictured (top row, from left): Joshua Bryan, Marty Kvitky, James Feld, Elisa Ditman, Eric Kleerup, Councilmembers Julian Gold and Lili Bosse, Scoutmaster Steven Jacobs, Mayor John Mirisch, Vice Mayor Lester Friedman, Councilman Robert Wunderlich and Senior Patrol Leader Henry Rehor; (front row, from left): Kaela Wiener, Skylar Walters, Justin Wolfe, Matthew Ditman, Jared Feld, Jason Kui, Mark Kui, Sienna Wolfe, and Ethan Wang.

Residents Sought To Fill Commission Vacancies on Planning, Rent Stabilization

By Laura Coleman

The City of Beverly Hills is looking to its residents to step up in service to the community by joining a commission. There are currently three vacancies on the newly formed Rent Stabilization Commission and two openings on the Planning Commission.

"Our commissioners serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and provide valuable insight on a variety of issues," said city spokesperson Keith Sterling. "We encourage those who have an interest in local government to explore the possibility of serving."

Regarded as one of the most powerful commissions in the city, the Planning Commission is responsible for recommending broad development policies to the City Council and reviewing development applications for their conformance to the General Plan.

In addition, the five-member Planning Commission is the final authority over a variety of discretionary development applications and variances from the zoning regulations, absent an appeal to the City Council. The new commissioners will be replacing the seats of Chair Alan Block and Commissioner Farshid Joe Shooshani, both of whose terms end June 2020.

Formed earlier this year, the six-member Rent Stabilization Commission, which will hold its inaugural meeting either later this year or in early 2020, is

tasked with administering and recommending changes to the city's rent stabilization ordinance. The commission will be comprised of tenants, landlords and neutral ("at-large") members, with one additional alternate member for each of the three categories. There are currently three vacancies for at-large members to join the city's Rent Stabilization Commission.

An at-large member is defined as someone who is not a tenant, a manager of an apartment building, or a housing provider who has a financial interest of five percent or more in a multi-family residential rental property.

The initial term of office for both commissions is for two years. At the discretion of the City Council, the commissioners may be reappointed to a second term of four years. The appointees will be required to file an initial and an annual "Statement of Economic Interests" financial disclosure.

The deadline for filing applications is Friday, Oct. 4, at 5 p.m. for the Planning Commission and Friday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. for the Rent Stabilization Commission. Application forms for the commissions, along with more details, are available for pickup in the City Clerk's Office or online at www.beverlyhills.org/applyforacommission.

Prospective commissioners can also call 310-285-2400 to receive an application by mail or by email.

Governor Poised to Sign Bill Making California Nation's First To Ban Fur Sales

By Laura Coleman

Gov. Gavin Newsom could soon sign legislation prohibiting the creation of new items made from the fur of non-domesticated animals, such as mink.

On Wednesday, the California State Senate voted to approve Assembly Bill 44. If Newsom signs the bill into law, as his record indicates he will, California will become the first state in the nation to ban the sale of new fur products.

"Given the industry's reliance on practices that are inherently cruel, and with so many alternatives to the use of fur, there is no place for fur in a sustainable and humane future," said Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Glendale), the bill's sponsor.

AB 44 makes it unlawful to manufacture, sell, offer for sale, display for sale, trade, give, donate or otherwise distribute a fur product in the state.



THE LATEST SCOOP—Beverly Hills' newest gelateria, Fatamorgana, celebrated its grand opening at 162 S. Beverly Dr. yesterday with an ice cream party filled with music, gelato and frozen sweet treats with one free scoop for all through 9 p.m. One hundred percent gluten free, the Beverly Hills gelateria offers a rotating 66 flavors at a time, 24 of them vegan. Inspired flavor combinations abound, including walnuts, dates and gorgonzola; honey, fennel and licorice; almond and cardamom; and a refreshing flavor called "Thought," with ginger, horseradish, lemon peel and pink grapefruit. Owned by Katyna Mercenari (pictured), a onetime costume designer who moved to Rome, Italy after she married an Italian man, Katyna also found more love in developing her culinary skills, finally settling on gelato as her main focus. The Beverly Hills venue marks the second Fatamorgana gelateria outside the 11 shops in Rome.

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THE SCENE

Farrah Fawcett Foundation Holds Tex-Mex Fiesta at the Annenberg

By Carole Dixon

Ten years after her passing, The Farrah Fawcett Foundation (FFF) held a star-studded event on Sept. 6 to celebrate the life and legacy of the award-winning actress, and the cancer charity that she set up before her death in 2009.

Held at The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, close friend Alana Stewart, who is the president and CEO of the foundation, claimed during her speech that “Farrah had the strength of a warrior.”

In its third year, the Tex-Mex Fiesta was co-chaired by actress and former “Charlie’s Angel’s” co-star Jaclyn Smith and Dr. Lawrence Piro. Host Billy Baldwin led the live auction followed by a special musical performance by GRAMMY-winning music legend Thelma Houston. In addition, there was a touching tribute to the late wife of Fred Willard, the philanthropist and writer Mary Willard.

“Desperate Housewives” star and cancer survivor

Marcia Cross was looking radiant in a shimmering pale pink gown as she snuggled with former co-star Eva Longoria on the red carpet before being honored at the event. Also, spotted in the crowd: Ryan O’Neal, Dianne Keaton, Frances Fisher, Melanie Griffith, Nigel Lythgoe, Carole Bayer Sager, John Savage, Doug Savant, Judy Tenuta, Cheryl Tiegs, and Joanne Worley.

The mission of the Farrah Fawcett Foundation is to provide funding for cutting edge cancer research, to support prevention and awareness, and to help those struggling with cancer today. Farrah Fawcett was diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006.

For more information, visit www.thefarahfawcettfoundation.org.

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FFF co-chair Jacklyn Smith commented on Fawcett, “Her absence was as strong as her presence and her memory has created a path to a cure.”



Kate Flannery commented, “Farrah was very brave and wonderful in so many ways, such an inspiration and will always live in our American culture.”



Host Billy Baldwin donned an iconic Farrah Fawcett, circa 1970, pin-up t-shirt.



Honoree Marcia Cross called Fawcett “a maverick” during her red-carpet interview and fought back tears during her acceptance speech.



Cancer Survivor and “Beverly Hills 90210” actress Shannen Doherty on the red carpet.



Two of rocker Rod Stewart’s ex-wives FFF President & CEO Alana Stewart and Rachel Hunter.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Party with a Purpose: Tower Cancer Research Foundation Celebrity Poker Tournament and Game Night

By Sandra Sims

The Courier attended the Tower Cancer Research Foundation's 6th Annual Ante Up for a Cancer Free Generation Celebrity Poker Tournament and Game Night on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Sofitel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills. Over 400 people attended the poker tournament, with more than 40 celebrities from the worlds of TV, film, music, sports and poker for games and fun to support cancer researchers. The event raised more than \$250,000 and was Tower's Cancer Free Generation's most successful poker tournament to date. This year's tournament

honored Casey Federman, the Founding President of Cancer Free Generation (CFG), the young leadership division of Tower Cancer Research Foundation. CFG's executive committee consists of young professionals working in a variety of fields including entertainment, finance, law, real estate, and medicine. Many members of CFG's leadership are themselves cancer survivors including Suzanne Asherson, CFG's current president who is a breast cancer survivor. The funds raised will support cancer research investigators with career development grants as well as patient support programs.



Megan Most, "Happy Days" Don Most and Tower Cancer Research Foundation Board Chair Donna Rosen.

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Tower Cancer Research Foundation Executive Director Linda David, UFC Champion Tito Ortiz and Cancer Free Generation President Suzanne Asherson.

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Tony Denison from "Major Crimes" and comedian David Alan Grier.

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"MR. MERCEDES" SEASON THREE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD SCREENING

Season 3 of "Mr. Mercedes" debuted on Tuesday and continued to closely follow the story contained in "Finders Keepers," the second book in the Bill Hodges trilogy from prolific author Stephen King, it continues to explore the fallout from the massacre perpetrated by Brady Hartsfield. The cast includes Brendan Gleeson ("Into the Storm") as Detective Bill Hodges, Jharrel Jerome ("When They See Us") as Jerome Robinson, Brett Gelman ("Stranger Things") as Roland Finklestein, Holland Taylor ("The Practice") as Ida Silver, Justine Lupe ("Succession") as Holly Gibney, Breeda Wool ("Unreal") as Lou Linklater, Bruce Dern ("Nebraska") as John Rothstein, Gabriel Ebert ("Ricki and the Flash") as Morris Bellamy, Kate Mulgrew ("Orange Is the New Black") as Alma Lane, and Glynn Turman ("How to Get Away With Murder") as Judge Bernard Raines. Executive producers of the show include David E. Kelley ("Big Little Lies," "Boston Legal," "Ally McBeal,") and Jack Bender ("Lost," "Under the Dome," "Game of Thrones"), as well as Stephen King himself.



The cast of "Mr. Mercedes."



Breeda Wool



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

September is Suicide Prevention Month

By Ana Figueroa

September is Suicide Prevention Month, and a reminder to everyone to know the signs, find the right words and reach out to professionals. Young people are a particularly vulnerable group, a fact sadly born out in recent local news. Last week, a USC sophomore was found dead at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house. The death was confirmed as a suicide by the university's Department of Public Safety.

University President Carol Folt and Vice President for Student Affairs Winston Crisp addressed the tragedy in a letter to the USC community.

"We encourage classmates, friends, faculty, staff, and all who wish for help to reach out to our counseling resources," it stated.

At USC, those resources include the Engemann Student Counseling Center and the Center for Work and Family Life. The university also encouraged students in crisis to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, at 800-273-8255.

Locally, one of the first suicide hotlines in the country is operating out of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Teen Line was founded nearly four decades ago as a non-profit suicide prevention line. It offers teen-to-teen help and is staffed by volunteers who've undergone a rigorous application and training process.

The teen volunteers at Teen Line (known as "Listeners") also answer emails sent via an online form on the Teen Line website. The website provides helpful advice in the form of a blog, message board and "Ask Teen Line" page.

"We really want to let those in the community know that we truly believe in prevention," Teen Line Executive Director

Michelle Carlson tells the Courier.

"Our hotline is open for youth to call in about anything. It doesn't have to be a crisis. Sometimes, all they need is a listening ear and someone to walk through the problem with them. We also connect them to resources, so they're not left to deal with the issues on their own," said Carlson.

Teen Line offers additional services, in the way of presentations to high school students throughout Southern California. The organization also publishes the Youth Yellow Pages, a booklet with information about where to get help for specialized needs.

The needs of one group — LGBTQ youth — have caught the attention of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors. The Board passed a motion in early September directed at young people in the LGBTQ community. In doing so, the Board cited some sobering statistics. According to the Trevor Project's landmark National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health, some 39 percent of LGBTQ youth, and more than half of transgender and non-binary youth, have seriously considered suicide in the past twelve months.

In order to help Los Angeles County better understand these cases, the Board took action with a motion co-authored by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, whose 3rd District includes Beverly Hills.

The newly passed measure requires officials to collect data related to gender identity and sexual orientation, with a specific focus on LGBTQ suicide rates, violent deaths, and hate crimes.

"With this information, we can get a fuller picture of disparities in mortality rates and continue to develop policies that uplift and meet the unique needs of LGBTQ individuals," said Kuehl.

If you, or someone you care about is in a crisis, the Mayo Clinic and other experts advise that the best thing to do is to start asking questions. It's important to find out whether the person is in danger of actually acting on those suicidal feelings.

"Be direct," said Carlson. "Ask the question, 'are you thinking about suicide?' If they answer 'yes,' the next question should be, 'Have you thought about how or when you would do it?' That tells you how far along they are in the planning. If they have a specific plan, seek immediate help for them. Call us or another suicide prevention hotline," said Carlson.

Where to Call:

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a nation-wide network of local crisis centers. It provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

800-273-8255

Text "Home" to 741-741 to get in touch with a trained counselor.

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

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UCLA Oncologist Wins 2019 Lasker Award

Physician-scientist Dr. Dennis Slamon, professor and chief of hematology/oncology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, has been awarded the 2019 Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award. Dr. Slamon was honored for developing the groundbreaking breast cancer drug Herceptin (trastuzumab), a life-saving therapy for women with HER2-positive breast cancer. He shares the award with two other cancer researchers.

"Dr. Slamon is a scientific pioneer whose research has benefited countless patients and families," said Dr. Kelsey Martin, dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine.

The development of Herceptin marked a new era of more effective therapies designed to fight cancer at its genetic roots. In the early 1980s, Slamon first identified an aggressive subtype of breast cancer called HER2-positive or HER2+. Several years later, he and his team discovered a link between the HER2+ gene mutation and aggressive breast cancer.

"There were a lot of preconceived notions that this approach couldn't work because prior antibody therapies in cancer had failed," said Slamon, who is also the director of clinical and translational research at the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The first human clinical trial led by Slamon was performed at UCLA in 1990. Twenty women — who he credits as being the real heroes in the Herceptin development story — participated.

In the early 1990s, women with the HER2+ subtype had an average life expectancy after diagnosis of three to five years. Today, depending on the stage of diagnosis, women with the HER2+ subtype average seven to 10 years of disease-free survival. An estimated 2.7 million to 3 million women around the world have been treated with the drug.

Slamon and colleagues opened an entirely new area of research. In turn, targeted

therapies for cancer have emerged, thanks to research by other scientists. Slamon continues to lead the development of groundbreaking new treatments

"Over the course of his 40-year tenure at UCLA, Dr. Slamon has persevered in his research, leading to improved outcomes for patients," said Johnese Spisso, president of UCLA Health and CEO of the UCLA Hospital System. "His efforts resulted in a new way of understanding breast cancer and we are grateful for the tremendous impact his work has had on the lives of millions of women worldwide."

A 1975 honors graduate of the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine, Slamon earned his doctorate in cell biology that same year. He completed his internship and residency at the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics, becoming chief resident in 1978. One year later, he became a fellow in the division of hematology/oncology at UCLA.

Slamon also serves as director of the Revlon/UCLA Women's Cancer Research Program and is the executive vice chair for research at the Geffen School of Medicine. He has received numerous awards, including the 2019 Sjöberg Prize from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences; the Medal of Honor for Clinical Research, the American Cancer Society's highest honor; the Gairdner Foundation International Award; the Salk Award for Translational Research and the National Library of Medicine Distinguished Medical Service Award.

The honor marks the second year in a row that a UCLA scientist has won a Lasker Award, one of America's most prestigious biomedical research awards. Michael Grunstein, a distinguished professor of biological chemistry at the Geffen School of Medicine, was awarded the 2018 Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award for his groundbreaking research on gene expression.

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21st Annual Alive & Running 5K for Suicide Prevention



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The Annual Alive & Running 5K for Suicide Prevention returns for its 21st year in which people from all over the US will convene to support a cause that has affected millions across the world.

Alive & Running is an event that raises funds and awareness for the Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center, the first and only in the nation to serve communities with free mental health, substance use disorder and suicide prevention services. Since 1958, the Center has expanded its national reach by employing nearly double the number of counselors who answer its 24/7 multilingual Crisis Line, as well as offering services for those affected by suicide. Services offered by Didi Hirsch include

teen suicide bereavement support groups where people who are affected by suicide convene in a safe setting, share their stories, and support one another. These newly added support groups are part of the new Everychild Suicide Prevention Project. The Center helps more than 120,000 children and adults from 10 locations and 100 schools throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties each year.

Emceeding the event is actress Catherine Hicks, with a special performance by British-American singer Alex Boye. Boye will perform his suicide prevention anthem, "Bend Don't Break", whose music video included hundreds of res-

idents of Herriman, Utah, a community which lost several teens to suicide in one year. Talinda Bennington, widow of Linkin Park frontman singer Chester Bennington, will also speak at the event about how she channeled her pain and loss into something to help others. Chester Bennington died by suicide back in 2017. Melissa Rivers, New York Times best-selling author, entertainment journalist and award-winning producer will also be in attendance this year. She, too, was affected by suicide after her father, television producer Edgar Rosenberg, took his own life when she was in college. Rivers joined Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services' Board of

Directors earlier this year.

For Alive & Running chair and Vice Chair of Didi Hirsch's Board of Directors Pamela Kluff, this event is particularly close to home. Kluff's passion for philanthropy and community volunteering started when her sister, Beth Joy Hess, died by suicide in 2012. Through using Didi Hirsch's Survivors After Suicide Program as an outlet for her grief, Kluff made it her mission to serve others in the community who were affected by suicide and help promote the cause while erasing the stigma of mental illness. She joined the board a few years later in 2015 and has helped the foundation ever since.

"Alive & Running provides a sense of connection and community for people who have experienced the trauma and pain of suicide attempts or loss. By sharing our stories, we erase the stigma of mental illness, which encourages people to reach out for help and saves more lives," said Kluff, a Beverly Hills resident.

Suicide is a serious concern that affects many people in our community and nation wide. It is the 10th leading cause of death in the US and with September being Suicide Prevention Awareness month, it is important people know there is help available for those who are suffering. For immediate help, contact Didi Hirsch's Suicide Prevention Crisis Line at 800-273-8255

The Alive & Running event will begin at 7a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019 at West 88th Street and La Tijera Boulevard just north of LAX. To donate, register, or for more information, visit <https://support.didi-hirsch.org/AliveandRunning>.



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good resource for keeping track of her children's school assignments and homework. She added that Schoology allows students and teachers to post information about student elections and other events, which she appreciates as a way for students to get involved with school activities. "It's [LMS] interactive - students, teachers, and parents communicating all together," Zagar told the Courier. In the Sept. 5, edition of the BHHS Highlights, students and teachers expressed some confusion and "growing pains" with learning how to use the new learning management system; however, teachers also noted the benefits of Schoology in the classroom for more effective interactions between students and teachers, as well as parents.

Superintendent Michael Bregy told the Courier, "I am fully supportive of our decision to move to a Learning Management System that prepares our students perfectly in line with our Mission and Vision statement." The District's mission statement reads, 'In a safe and supportive community, BHUSD will deliver a rigorous and enriching quality education, and prepare all students to thrive as productive citizens in a complex, changing world. All students will be inspired to act with integrity and realize their academic potential while achieving college and career readiness.'

As part of its launch of the new learning management system, BHUSD has created Schoology websites for its students, teachers, and parents. Dr. Bregy told the Courier, "As with any new technology being introduced, there will be bumps along the way. I am proud of the dedication our technology department has to acknowledging and addressing issues as they arise. I look

forward to the incredible outcomes Schoology will have for our District, many of which are already being realized by our staff, students and parents."

District Support and Professional Development

In selecting a new learning management platform, BHUSD sought a system which could be implemented to provide "real-time" tracking of learner participation, creation of customizable reports, and group reporting. It found the solution in Schoology. During a recent BHUSD study session on technology, the new learning management system was discussed by teachers and other stakeholders, including parents who are learning how to use Schoology. Participants of the BHUSD Technology Study Session held on September 4, 2019 included high school Algebra teacher Josh Glass and 6th grade middle school teachers Katy Carter and April Goldsobel, who have begun using the Schoology learning management system for posting assignments and other school data. Katy Carter stated during the session that in addition to using the learning management system as a teacher, she is learning how to access it as a parent as well.

BHUSD is in the process of providing professional development and training on Schoology for its teachers. Director of Technology Bernadette Lucas, who facilitated the district study session on the LMS, explained during the meeting that her team is working with teachers at all school levels to ensure that they are trained on using the new system. Prior to the fall 2019 rollout of Schoology, some teachers within the district had participated in the LMS pilot program using the system's grading functionality. Now other teachers are beginning the transition to using the new learning management system to meet the January

2020 effective date of districtwide implementation. Lucas' team referred to as the i4Coaches work alongside the Site IT Specialists to provide on-site support for teachers and administrators as they get oriented to the new LMS. The goal is districtwide implementation so that all BHUSD students will be able to access the information that they need regarding coursework and grades through the same single platform.

How the new Learning Management Systems Works

Various stakeholders such as teachers, students, parents, and administrators participated in the process of selecting the new learning management system (LMS) by providing feedback prior to its implementation. Schoology is a web-based technology that is used to plan, implement, and assess course study. As BHUSD's new learning management system, Schoology allows teachers to post assignments as well as attachments such as course syllabi for students to access via the web-based platform. Students and parents can also communicate with teachers via the learning management system to inquire about missed assignment or progress reports.

BHUSD plans to complete its districtwide implementation of Schoology by January 2020. Schoology works in conjunction with the Aeries Gradebook and Aeries Communication system, which are currently used within the district. BHUSD reported that many teachers have already transitioned to using the Aeries Communications to contact both parents and students since the start of the school year in August 2019. The Aeries Portal is a secure website allowing parents/legal guardians and students to have "real-time" interactive access to view their students' school data. The data available through

Aeries includes attendance, grades, class schedule, transcripts, graduation status, and current class progress. In addition, parents also have access to their student's State Test results.

Resources for Parents

BHUSD Director of Technology Bernadette Lucas explained during the technology study session that her team is working on ways to help train parents on how to use Schoology so that they will be able to successfully utilize the learning management system to communicate with teachers and to view their students' progress on course assignments and grades. As part of that effort, the BHUSD website has added a prompt on the homepage of the website asking parents if they need assistance using the Aeries Communication. Upon clicking the hyperlinked prompt, parents are instructed to complete a form which allows the parents to describe their issue/concern regarding the use of the system.

Goals and Outcomes for the Districtwide Implementation

During the September 2019 BHUSD Technology study session, Board President Noah Margo explained that the Board's decision to implement a new LMS was part of an effort to provide a beneficial resource to BHUSD students by preparing them to use a learning management system, particularly because colleges and universities tend to use such platforms for managing student data. As the district's new LMS, Schoology offers a range of features and functionality to BHUSD students, as well as their teachers and parents. The new Learning Management System will not only facilitate communication among BHUSD students, teachers, and parents, but it will also assist the District in meeting its goal for Districtwide implementation.

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Wally's Christian Navarro

By Carole Dixon

If you spend any time on the luxe street of Canon Drive, you might spot Christian Navarro cruising up to Wally's Wine & Spirits in his lightening-speed 1948 Vincent Black Shadow motorcycle or sitting at a corner table near the gourmet shop on his computer deep in creative thought. That is, when he's not walking his French bulldog named Violet.

Looking more like a rock-star with swagger, the 52-year-old Navarro dons his signature chunky Tom Ford shades and his chic lightweight nylon Prada blazer, the modern-day wine guru has held a top spot among celebrities and oenophiles since 1991.

This vision did not start out with six-figure British imported vehicles and an enviable lifestyle of traveling to the most sought-after global wine regions as the president and principal of one of the country's leading wine merchants. Rather, it began with a job sweeping floors at The Wine House in West Los Angeles in 1986. Blessed with a keen palate and a hunger to learn, Navarro forged his own path to success in the L.A. wine world. Eventually, he caught the attention of the former owner of Wally's, Steve Wallace.

He also connected with multi-faceted entrepreneurs, Paul and Maurice Marciano. When Wallace decided to retire in 2013, Navarro and the Marcianos saw an opportunity. "This would not have happened without Paul and Maurice Marciano. They are great businessmen. We work hand in hand every day and they are dreamers like me, and they are allowing me to chase my dream," Navarro tells the Courier from a perch at a wooden communal table in the back of the Beverly Hills café.

These days, Navarro bounces around between three locations while coaching his buyers. They help bring in a staggering inventory of over 30-35,000 bottles in Beverly Hills alone. He also focuses on strategic planning from a fulfillment location and headquarters in Culver City. And, he works with chefs at the Santa Monica location and Executive Chef Ryan Kluver in Beverly Hills.

"My job is to give them support and be creative and keep them within the lines of our philosophy and beliefs by creating opportunities," said Navarro.

As for fall foods to pair with wines, charcuterie boards and European cheese selection are staple nibbles, but Navarro likes to shake things up in the kitchen.

"Our food is similar to French traditions but new and exciting since our menus are



Christian Navarro Sipping and Savoring at Wally's

ever-changing and we follow the seasons very closely," he said.

Tried and true menu items at the Beverly Hills location also include the \$100 chicken with truffles and smashed potatoes and the Wally burger which Navarro claims is, "the best in town."

With fall menu planning on the horizon, rosé season is on the way out in most parts of the country, but Navarro has remained bullish on the grape since the beginning of its popularity.

"Rosé is easy, fun, everybody likes it and not too serious," he said.

One of his favorites is Billecart-Salmon Rosé.

"It goes with everything," he confirms. "That said, there are really high-end rosés and, in this town, it's rosé all day and you can drink it all year round in California much like in the South of France and Italy," he added.

As for best sellers on his current watch, Marciano Estate in Napa and Miraval are among his favorites for year-round drinking. The latter is from the Provencal wine partnership of former couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

"We were lucky that they have both been very good friends and customers and even gave us a six-month exclusive when they first released the wine," Navarro recalls. "Our other friend, Ryan Seacrest mentioned it

on his radio show, and the rest is history."

With all of the celebrity associations and jet-setting to his favorite "fun" wine regions of Boudreaux, Burgundy, Spain and the Tuscan Coast, he is much more excited about what's closer to home.

"The Central Coast is the most exciting wine-making region in the world right now and it's right in our backyard," said Navarro.

He's also keeping his eye on Happy Canyon in Santa Barbara.

"Vineyard buying in California is not as expensive as in other parts of the world so that is allowing the entrepreneurs and young Turks to come in to take chances and push the envelope. It takes off the pressure. They have to go for sure hits in the old country and it's so much more expensive (\$2 million vs \$2,000 per acre here), so you can have a bit of fun with it. Like Napa in the 1980s when people took chances," he said.

The Mexico City-born, Palm Springs raised Navarro has been in Beverly Hills since he was 18 years old, and states with the conviction of discovering a hot new varietal, "Beverly Hills is back! I've seen it go up and down but it's better than it ever has been. It's like a little village and community. I can't walk down the street without seeing someone I know. It's a fun place to hang out. It's a little bit like 'Cheers' but wrapped in a Lamborghini," he said.

Christian Navarro's Best Beverly Hills Life

According to Navarro, "You have really great quality people here who are real professionals and they travel the world, so they know what the best is, and they expect the best."

Here is a list of his favorite places and services:

-My favorite bartender: Carlos at Spago

When you walk in the door, he knows all of his guests by name and knows exactly what they want. From the perfect Martini to my full glass of Dom Perignon this gentleman has been serving it up for years.

-I am known for my glasses: Optimetrix, Boris

I walk in and I get the best service and options around.

-I love Sushi and my favorite place in town: Nozawa Bar

They are under the radar but the fresh fish they fly in directly from Japan and around the world is second to none all in a special small cozy setting.

-Breakfast, there is one place that stands above all others: Nate 'n Al

I really love the tortilla brei I feel half Jewish and I'm Mexican so makes sense.

-Shoe Fix: Bedford Shoe & Luggage repair

Anytime I need my special pair of Belgian loafers fixed or

my travel bag fixed these are my go-to saviors.

-Newcomer with great food: Croft Alley

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Missing Game of Thrones? Go Beyond Dubrovnik on Your Next Croatian Holiday



Split Harbor. Photo by Ivo Biocina

By Carole Dixon

Blame it on the award-winning HBO television series “Game of Thrones,” but this enduring Slavic country and Central European neighbor that doubled for “King’s Landing” during the series’ 10-year run, has held one of the top tourist spots for the last decade.

Maybe it’s the fight-for-the-throne fantasy and romance of so many UNESCO World Heritage Sites and medieval villages. Perhaps it’s the Italian food that can rival Italy (yes, really), or the stretches of picturesque Dalmatian coast. There’s no denying that interest in Croatia shows no signs of slowing down.

A decade of glorious GOT hype (record-breaking Emmy nods for its last season) has made Dubrovnik a top tourist attraction. But why not avoid the crowds, especially during the summer months? Our approach will have you going far beyond the “King’s Landing” set by not starting your vacation in Dubrovnik and also traveling off-season to other stunning locations.

If you begin your journey in the northern capital of Zagreb and make your way south to the coastal towns of Sibenik, Trogir, and Zadar, a wealth of cathedrals, architecture, museums, boutiques, and great restaurants await without the throngs of Dubrovnik. As for the weather,

you won’t need more than a sweater in the evening unless you plan to hit the holiday markets in December.

We also recommend going inland to Sinj, a charming mountain town with an equestrian heritage. From Sinj, Krka National Park with its meandering waterfalls, makes for a fascinating day excursion. While these towns and sites are off the beaten path, they offer the same historical significance and wealth of activity – in addition to a few GOT sightings - as the more touristy port locations.

Zagreb Capital City Culture

If you begin your trip north in the old-world capital city of Zagreb, the modern Amadria Park Hotel is a great option. The hotel features a full-service fine dining restaurant with its own wine and champagne labels, chic bar and casual café. The property opened at the end of 2018 and offers a great alternative to the more formal Esplanade or well-worn Palace Hotel.

Gather your bearings with a short stroll down one of the shopping streets leading to the main town square and clock tower which is a popular local meeting spot. Depending on the time of year, this is also ground zero for the Christmas and holiday market stands. Either way, there are vendors with hot or

cold wines, local cherry liquor, chocolate confections and large sizzling grills filled with an array of sausages.

To see more of the city, take a ride up the Zagreb funicular — the world’s shortest — to reach the Dolac open-air farmer’s market and the upper town near St. Mark’s Church; Strossmayer promenade; Stone Gate and Lotrščak tower for the canon shoot at noon.

Pop into Otto & Frank bistro for lunch where you can drink draft beers and nibble on gourmet truffle burgers. They also serve all-day breakfast, including a traditional ham and poached eggs, if the jet-lag has gotten the best of you.

While there are museums offering everything from contemporary works to arts and crafts, there is none more unusual than the quirky Museum of Broken Relationships. If that sounds too depressing, try the Museum of Mushrooms where you can flex your gastronomic knowledge to learn all about rare fungi.

For a panoramic view of the city, head to the 360° Observation Deck which overlooks landmarks such as the spiraling towers of the Zagreb Cathedral which is the tallest building in town. If you’d like to go a bit farther afield, continue your tour through the lower town to the Botanical Gardens

or the Zoo.

Zagreb is very walkable and transportation is easy with trams. A few things to help you save time, money and navigating:

Zagreb Card, <http://zagreb-card.com/?lang=en>

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<http://www.betherezagreb.com>

Unique Zadar

From Zagreb, it’s fairly easy to rent a car and drive three hours to the seaside town of Zadar.

Zadar’s city walls are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It’s an easy walk from the walls to the scenic boat harbor. Check into the old-world charm of hotel Bastion. Its rooftop penthouse suite features a Jacuzzi with a view. Visit <http://www.hotel-bastion.hr/>

Be sure to have lunch or dinner at Foša. Take a seat inside or on the scenic terrace located on the tip of a historic port overlooking the island of Ugljan. This is widely-regarded as one of the best restaurants in the country. The menu features a mix of local Croatian seafood specialties and Mediterranean dishes including Bacala which is a dried and salted cod fish. It’s possible to make an entire meal out of the olive oil ‘flight’ with four different versions for bread dipping, along with the local wines featuring a merlot and the indigenous white marastina grape from the

Dalmatian coast. Maraschino cherry liquor is another local treat.

After lunch, take a stroll along the waterfront to visit a few unique art installations. Along the shore, notice a set of descending stone steps by artist Nikola Bašić called Organ of the Sea. This ingenious work is comprised of 35 different pipes of varying lengths under the water. The stairs emit a louder sound with each oncoming wave, creating a melodic cacophony that is hauntingly beautiful.

Walk near Zadar’s planetarium installation and Roman square at dusk. There’s a slightly sinister feel to some of the dark passageways and corridors around by the church and museum. Beware, though. It’s easy to get lost. There’s a reason why filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock “the master of suspense” loved Zadar.

A Jaunt to Trogir

A two-hour drive from Zadar, Trogir lies across the Adriatic Sea from Italy. It’s yet another UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its Venetian architecture, among other attractions. With cobblestone streets, a harbor filled with fishing boats, as well as cathedrals, and palaces, this is a mini-Dubrovnik. It’s also “Qarth” from “Game of Thrones” so it’s a win-win for

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HBO fans.

The city is easy to navigate on foot. One of our favorite walks is from the main church to lunch at Italian seafood-themed restaurant Calebotta, for the delicious grilled squid. After lunch, take a short 30-minute drive farther south to Split.

Split by the Sea and Diocletian's Palace

Split has a convenient airport, so you can depart from Croatia from there. Or, simply return back to Zagreb via a more inland route. If you do decide to stay in Split, check into the coastal view hotel Cornaro with its rooftop panorama bar featuring stunning views of the city. This hotel is also just steps from the National Theatre and promenade. Take an easy stroll down to the water past high-end shops and cafes. Meander along the small stone walkways around the rectangular Roman emperor Diocletian's Palace and octagonal-shaped Cathedral that lead to small boutiques, woodcrafters and cheese and wine shops. Be sure to seek out Sigmund Freud's house on your rambling route. If you're lucky, you may stumble upon a four - tenors impromptu concert in an open-air circular dome.

For more information visit <https://visitsplit.com/en/1/welcome-to-split>.

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On the way back from Split, take a city tour of nearby Sinj. The destination is a must-see for equestrian buffs. For more than 300 years, on the first Sunday in August, a colorful knights' tournament and parade known as Alka of the Sinji take place. Learn more about the town's celebration of defense from the

Ottoman conquerors when you visit the Alkar Palace and Museum of the Alka of Sinj.

The main part of Sinj is very walkable, with its museums and cathedral. A new commercial Heritage hotel will open later in 2019. For now, the town is reminiscent of a page out of a medieval fairy tale.

On the outskirts of town, a new restaurant on a small farm serves one of the best versions of traditional Croatian fare in the entire country. Kod Luke has a homey, family-style feel, but incorporates sophisticated presentations and techniques. Chef Luka Kirzanac, makes wood-fired meats, crispy fry bread, meat stuffed in cabbage or wrapped with bacon, whipped potato balls, crepes and other specialties paired with local wines.

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Krka National Park and Šibenik

Head farther inland and north to the nearly 70 miles and over 1,000 plant species that encompasses Krka National Park at the basin of the Krka River. Beautiful waterfalls, a Roman aqueduct and 19th-century watermills await.

Depart the park and head to the fortified UNESCO World Heritage town of Šibenik for the perfect ending to this route. Another charming waterside town, highlights include the Cathedral of St. James and its baptistery that dates back to 1440. Just across the square is the perfect place to savor one last Mediterranean-Croatian meal. Gradska vijećnica specializes in freshly-caught bronzino and risotto, served under the



Krka National Park. Photo by Ivo Biocina

Venetian-style arches.

Indeed. GOT might be gone, but there is still plenty to explore in Croatia.

For more information visit <http://www.sibenik-info.hr/turisticke-zajednice-sibensko-kninske-zupanije/>

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If you do decide to go in December for the holiday markets:

- Advent on European Square in Zagreb (Dec. 1, 2019 - Jan. 6, 2020) - pedestrian zone in the very heart of the city offers a vivacious Advent event: souvenir and Christmas decorations market, a selection of food and beverages and music events in the evening.

- Advent Wreath (Dec. 1, 2019 - Jan. 6, 2020) - the traditional Christmas Fair will take place during Advent in the streets surrounding the Jelačić Square.

- Advent on Zrinjevac (Dec. 1, 2019 - Jan. 6, 2020) - through the alley of plane trees, you will reach the old music pavilion, which will welcome you in its Christmas, fairy-tale look and leave you breathless.

- Ice park (Dec. 1, 2019 - Jan. 6, 2020) - Christmas fairy tale awaits you in one of the most beautiful Zagreb's parks, with an ice skating rink, selected food and beverages, as well as music events.

- Fooling around (Dec. 1, 2019 - Jan. 6, 2020) - Strossmayer square in the heart of Zagreb, between Zrinjevac and Tomislav square is becoming a colorful vivid canvas. Discover entertainment, food, magic, dreams and fun.

- Advent in Maksimir (Dec. 1, 2019 - Jan. 6, 2020) - the rich variety of quality educational and fun programs for children, along with programs and a selection of offers for grown-ups, for all visitors who wish to enjoy the magic of Advent season with their kids.



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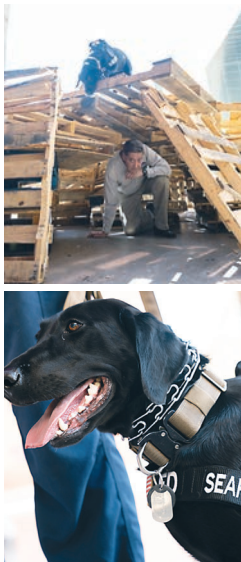
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Pet Safety in the Spotlight



Canine Rescue Team



By Ashley Asherian

In the wake of National Preparedness Month, the California Science Center held an event on Thursday, Sept. 5 to inform pet owners how to keep pets and people safe during and after natural disasters. Attendees of the event also enjoyed presentations from the Dogs! A Science Tale exhibition, which offers interactive activities that highlight the innate bond between humans and canines, along with a dog's-eye view of the way dogs hear, see and smell the world. Some highlights of the exhibition include a "Jeopardy"-inspired trivia game that tests knowledge about dogs; an interactive "vet clinic" that provides dog care tips for pet owners; and a running simulation to test one's ability to outrun different breeds of dogs.

Who thinks they can outrun a German Shepherd?

The action-filled event featured a live canine rescue demo by the Los Angeles City Fire Department's canine team that simulated how dogs search for missing people during natural disasters. Guests were also able to view the "Superpower Dogs" IMAX film, which features earthquake canine rescue training. Also part of the event was an exhibit panel on emer-

gency preparedness advice for pets. Panel speakers included President of the California Science Center Jeff Rudolph; President of spcaLA Madeline Bernstein; Outreach Director, Southern California Earthquake Center at USC Services Mark Benthien; and Commander K. Knipscheer Cox of Los Angeles Animal Services. "Rocket the Safety Dog" also made a surprise guest appearance, offering his own tips on how to stay safe during an earthquake.

"We are using this National Preparedness Month opportunity to urge everyone to consider all of their family members, including their pets, when preparing for earthquakes, fires and other disasters. It's important to care for those with whom we have a special bond. In our Dogs! A Science Tale exhibit, we show how the bond between dogs and humans actually goes back thousands of years. For those who have dogs, cats, horses and other animals, all can be cared for with a little planning and the time to do it is now," said Rudolph.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health recommends using the following checklist to prepare a "Pet Disaster Kit":

- Put ID tags on your pets' collars or microchip your pets and keep the database up-to-date;
 - Keep vaccine records and a recent picture of your pets;
 - Keep an emergency kit with supplies for each pet.
 - Have important phone numbers on hand.
- For information on how to remain safe during a natural disaster, please contact the Emergency Preparedness and Response Program at 213-637-3600 or visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eprp. The Dogs! A Science Tale exhibition runs through January 5, 2020 at the California Science Center, 700 Exposition Park Dr, Los Angeles CA 90037. Tickets ranging from \$8.95-\$9.95 can be purchased at <https://californiasciencecenter.org/visit/admission/get-tickets>. For more information, visit www.californiasciencecenter.org.



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TRAFFIC ALERT

Two lanes will be open in each direction on Wilshire Bl during construction. Weekend closures at intersections will be necessary to complete the work.

WORK HOURS

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*Construction is dynamic and is subject to change.

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BHHS Fields Four National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

By **Sandra Sims**

Four Beverly Hills High School students were named semifinalists in the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program this week. The four Beverly Hills High School students - Matthew S. Allana, Hyeunjeong Im, Dayeon Jeong and Matthew J. Park - are among approximately 16,000 semifinalists. Last year there were two BHHS students, William Lee and Ariella Simoni, who were among the semifinalists.

"We congratulate the students recognized for their academic achievement and excellence in their pursuit towards higher education," BHHS College Counselor Casey Rowley, M.S.said. "At Beverly Hills High School, our students are constantly inspiring us as they advance in their education. Beyond academic recognition, these are students devoting time and energy outside the classroom and we commend them on their accomplishments. We look forward to supporting and seeing their next steps as these students apply to colleges throughout the fall and begin towards their next journey."

Officials of the National Merit Scholarship program reported that the high school seniors have an

opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 scholarships worth more the \$31 million. The semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. More than 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The pool of semifinalists, which are less than one percent of high school seniors nationwide, are the highest-scoring entrants in each state. Semifinalists who make it to the finalist level will be notified in February.

Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preferences.

BHUSD's spokesperson told the Courier that there will be a celebration luncheon on Sept. 24 to recognize the four Beverly Hills High School students.

SOUTHEAST

(Continued from page 1)

The hour-long strategic meetings, which are held on the second Monday of the month, are each designed to highlight specific areas of concern. Past meetings have focused on parking and mobility, residential issues and commercial issues. This week's meeting focused on pedestrian amenities, with urban design slated to be discussed at next month's meeting.

Staff will subsequently be taking the recommendations from the meetings to City Council in order that the five elected officials can determine what needs to be done, such as hiring a consultant to spearhead the process.

Founded in 2011, the Southeast Task Force lost much of its momentum over the years until Mirisch reinvigorated it earlier this year to help continue the work of the Strategic Planning Committee started last year under Gold's mayorship. Conveniently, Gold's committee was just poised to start delving into what could be done in the southeast area of the city

when Mirisch was sworn in.

A 2012 city staff report codified a multitude of recommendations brought by the members of the Task Force after nine months of meetings. Primary themes that developed included parking constraints, the need for business attraction and retention efforts, the need for programming of events and activities to enliven the area, and the need to enhance mobility. In the intervening years since that report was presented to City Council, those recommendations continue to resonate.

Building on previous studies and meetings, this week's strategic planning meeting for the southeast area brought forth a variety of new ideas and ones that have yet to be implemented. Such ideas included creating a mobility hub; adding diagonal parking on Robertson; establishing decorative crosswalks or ones that look 3D; adding better lighting; transforming the landscape to include trees that don't uproot the sidewalks or ones that add shade; and adding branded pedestrian elements including benches and tables for people to linger.

Gold was particularly keen on creating measures that would enhance pedestrian safety, such as installing 3D crosswalks.

"I think those are forward-thinking and different and we should investigate," he said. "If it looks like you are coming up on a solid impediment, it will in fact slow you down."

Over the past few years, Robertson has gotten a bit of added luster, partly from the introduction of the city's BOLD initiatives, such as the addition of dynamic and bright holiday lighting throughout the street. Additionally, there was significant support to add more light to the area to enhance safety, with Mirisch advocating the exploration of photoluminescent lighting.

"It almost creates a magical feeling at night and doesn't require a lot of energy. And that's worth looking at," he said.

Next month's meeting is slated for Oct. 14 at City Hall at 5 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend and contribute to the discussion.



SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT — The Beverly Hills High School Madrigals Singers and their new choral director, Michael Turnblom, spent the past weekend in Idyllwild, California, rehearsing music for what should be a very busy holiday season. Back row (left to right): Will Judd, Julien Collet, Mielle Mann, Seena Khoshbin, Leo Vergara, Emma Maurer, Cole Chisholm, Michael Turnblom, David Lee, Rebekah Sheff, Eli Okum, Jade Villegas, and Parsa Farnad. Front row: Justin Wolfe, Trevor Dohm, Charlie Levy, Jennifer Ortiz, Maya Mejia, Brianna Veluz, Liv Berg, Ava Dadvand, Sophia Schirmer, Miles Platt, Noa Brenner, and Rachel Asher.

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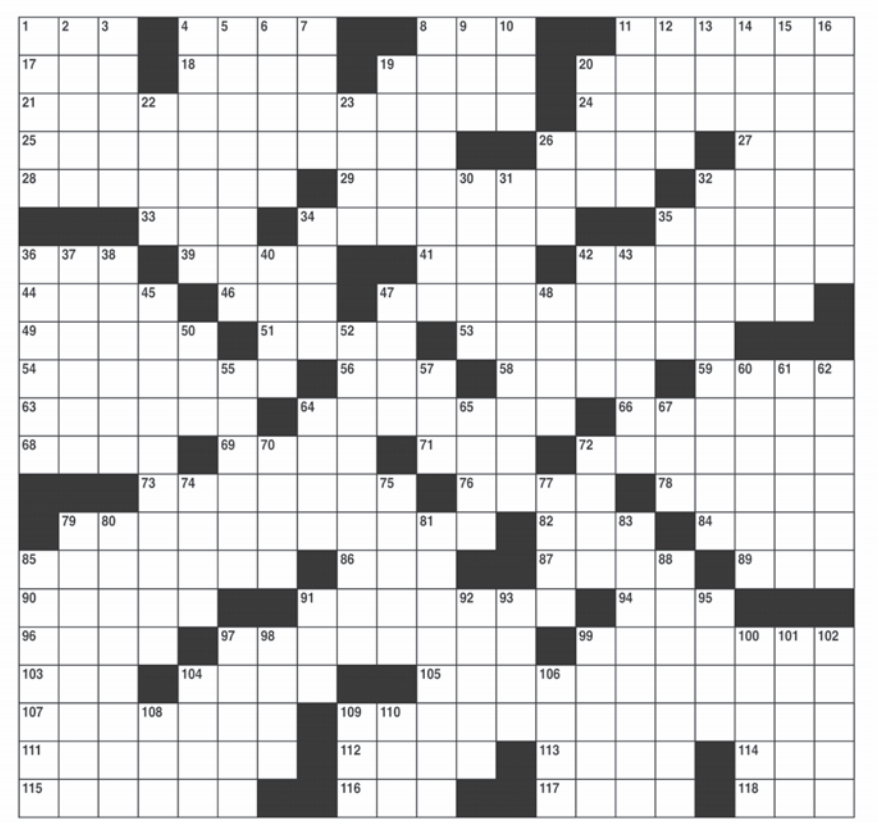
THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

THAT'S A TALL ORDER!
 BY FINN VIGELAND / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Finn Vigeland graduated in May from the Harvard Graduate School of Design with a master's degree in urban planning. He now works as a transportation planner in Washington. Urban planning and crossword constructing evidence a dual interest in grids. Finn sold his first puzzle to The Times in 2010 when he was 18. This will make 18 puzzles by him for the paper altogether, half of them Sundays. — W.S.

ACROSS	41 Big dealer in outdoor gear	89 Crafty	7 It's full of hard-to-spell words
1 Volcanic residue	42 Suggestion for a reading circle, informally	90 Kind of acid	8 What a bitter person might try to settle
4 Iraqi, e.g.	44 Fruit with a pit	91 Inherited	9 Retainer
8 Not working today	46 Seek revenge on, in a way	94 Muffin ingredient	10 Prez with the dog Fala
11 Top of the Alps?	47 Is a straight shooter	96 It's rigged	11 4-Across chief
17 Singer with the 2016 No. 1 hit "Cheap Thrills"	49 Some printer hues	97 Protein in Wheaties	12 All-in-one boxes
18 Ancient Iranian	51 Word after meal or before school	99 Bygone car model that's an anagram of GRANITE	13 R.N.'s place
19 Something dogs may pull	53 Put forward as a basis of argument	103 Part of a diner display	14 Foreign capital designed by two Americans
20 Only musical to win Best Picture since "Oliver!" in 1968	54 Takedown pieces, slangily	104 It brings you closer to your subjects	15 9+ for a game, e.g.
21 Early encyclopedist credited with coining "Home is where the heart is"	56 Charge (through)	105 "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and "Knocked Up"	16 Program starting with the fifth year of college, informally
24 Adjusts, as an instrument	58 Dryer residue	107 Mythical hunter turned into a stag	19 Like 100-1 odds
25 Reference aids for artists	59 Dog sound	109 State bordering the Pacific	20 Popular gardening shoe
26 Children's author Lowry	63 Sunbather in the tropics	111 Establishment such as Crumbs and Whiskers or KitTea (both real!)	22 Early vintner, in the Bible
27 Nonkosher sammie	64 Sources of weekly N.C.A.A. rankings	112 Avian diver	23 Music genre associated with the goth look
28 Tested	66 Looked at lasciviously	113 Not much	26 Baudelaire's "____ Fleurs du Mal"
29 Phrase followed by "one two, one two"	68 Work with feet?	114 Convent-ional sort	30 Inch along
32 English channel, with "the"	69 Pretzel topping	115 Gets ready to pray	31 The common folk
33 ____ Min Lee, victim in the podcast "Serial"	71 Modern cousin of "Yay!"	116 National Pizza Mo.	32 Picnic side dish
34 Archipelago nation in the Indian Ocean	72 Fear-inducing	117 !	34 Trucker with a transmitter
35 Stage before pupa	73 Spanish phrase meaning "Enough is enough!"	118 Future Ph.D.'s test	35 Stuff of legends
36 Gchat transmissions, briefly	76 "Pencils down!"		36 Futuristic tracking device
39 Accident-investigating org.	77 Huge mix-up		37 "Are we done here?," politely
	79 Soft-rock singer who received Kennedy Center Honors in 2016		38 Bust, maybe
	82 Philanthropist Broad		40 Dines
	84 Salacious stuff		42 Recycling ____
	85 Anonymous female, in court		43 River mammal
	86 Nurse in a bar		45 Flow of one line of a verse to the next without pause
	87 Train between N.Y.C. and Montauk		

ANSWERS FOUND IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...



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| 47 Music genre from Asia | 64 ____ king | 81 Vacancy | 99 Speck |
| 48 Term of address from one girlfriend to another | 65 Fantasy series that inspired "Game of Thrones," briefly | 83 One of the Avengers | 100 Cleaning for military inspection |
| 50 IV, to III, e.g. | 67 What the thumbs-up emoji can mean | 85 Fill to absolute capacity | 101 Happen again |
| 52 { } | 70 Took a course? | 88 For all to see, in a way | 102 In lockstep |
| 55 Player of many an opera villain | 72 Kosher ____ | 91 Koala's tree | 104 Fervor |
| 57 Stun | 74 Sleekly designed | 92 Marketing tactic | 106 Lyft alternative |
| 60 Family name on a 1960s sitcom | 75 Flared dress type | 93 Australian band with the 1988 No. 1 hit "Need You Tonight" | 108 Nickname for a buddy |
| 61 Sorry | 77 Spice Girl also known as Sporty Spice | 95 "Ideas worth spreading" offshoot | 109 Bronx-born singer, familiarly |
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VOICES FROM THE COURIER COMMUNITY



“Hello BH Courier,
First, I would like to express my congratulations to both John Bendheim and Lisa Bloch in their newest journey to make the Beverly Hills Courier a standout and something that readers will continue to support. Welcome John and Lisa.

As for myself, I celebrated my birthday on Sep. 11, 2019. I will also celebrate our 50th Beverly Hills High School Reunion Class of 1969. I

am excited to spend the evening with my fellow Normans at Hillcrest Country Club on Sept. 21, 2019.

I have a great sense of gratitude for being able to celebrate these two occasions because 24 months ago I had a massive heart attack and survived. Life is both a gift and a blessing.

I was in attendance for the 9/11 memorial in Beverly Hills to show respect for this very significant and truly sad day in which 3,000 individuals lost their lives. It important that we showed our solidarity on this day and also say thank you to our first responders who always try to protect and serve.

I am a huge Dodger fan who truly believes that this year they will win the World Series in 2019.

Go Dodgers
Laurie Ackerman



“Dear Friends,

It started with a request to Dr. Julian Gold. When this is the starting point, one knows we will definitely reach and cross the finish line. It ended with an extraordinary morning that will continue next Tuesday Sept. 17 at 2:30 in the Beverly Hills Council Chambers. You are all invited.
Miriam and Rabbi Moshe - otherwise known as

the Mermells, are both centenarians. Mrs. Mermell turned 100 on Sept. 2, Rabbi Moshe on May 7.

Since they were unable to go to City Hall, Beverly Hills Mayor John Mirisch, came to them. (We all know the punchline about the mountain and Mohammad.)

Mayor Mirisch also met Malka Mann (whose family is part of Beit Jacob Congregation), Leslie Klein (who was saved by Raoul Wallenberg) and Joe Davis.

Next week Tuesday, Joe and Mrs. Davis will be honored, this time at City Hall. After all, they are younger, so it should be a “piece of cake” for them! Joe — if so blessed — will turn 99 on Nov. 7. His wife will turn 95 on the same day. They, too, like Malka and Leslie, are Holocaust Survivors.

Rabbi Elijah was planning to be present, but he was rerouted to Cedar’s Emergency Room. We wish him speedy recovery and special prayers, as everything here is really his doing.

All in all, GOD ACTS IN GLORIOUS WAYS, and we are most grateful for having been a part of this sequence of events!”

Ari Bussel

“Dear Courier

We wanted to share the picture from An American Style BBQ to welcome Israel’s Minister of Science & Technology, Ofir Akunis, to the home of Gina Raphael and Jeff Gross in Beverly Hills with the leadership of the Women’s International Zionist Organization.”

Gina Raphael



Left to right:
Rinat Newman, Rose Wolfe, Irene Sirebrenik, Gina Raphael (Chair WIZO LA), Minister Ofir Akunis, Annie Gross, Hanna Rubinstein, Consul General of Israel in Los Angeles Dr. Hillel Newman, Marisa Weingarten.



ASTROLOGY BY HOLIDAY MATIS

While Scorpio, the second water sign, is the energy associated with life and death, Pisces, the final water sign, moves these ideas forward to a bodiless realm, where existence moves through life and death without noting the difference. This is why the full Pisces moon this Friday the 13th is the perfect setting for spooks.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The pride that disallows you to do things that would weaken you is different from pride that has to inflate itself — a puffed up version of low self-esteem. Recognize the difference and you’ll know who to trust.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You’re in for one of your favorite happenings — when you feel called to go somewhere or do a thing that’s a little out of character for you, and wind up meeting a new person. It feels like destiny, and it is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). No one is happy all of the time. And without the contrast of unhappy moments in the past you wouldn’t be able to capture some of the subtle shades of happiness that visit you today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you first bite into information, it’s as juicy as an apple. And just like an apple, it will be better to devour it one sitting. If you leave it for later, then it will brown and be far less appealing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Is the owner the one who pays for a thing, the one who uses it more often or the one who loves it the most? You’ll be in a better position if you don’t assume to know the ownership of a thing. Observe and learn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Dare to share your more obscure interests. There’s a subreddit for everything! And today, chances are that the niche topics might be the ones that connect you most fondly with others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You’ll see more with your eyes closed today. Quickly gather your impressions and then check inside. That’s where all the interesting and valuable stuff will be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The best answer might not be the final one. Make sure to follow the chain of command because the right protocol will make or break a deal. Certain egos must be satisfied in order to move forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As it goes with the human chain, and chains in general, much depends on position. You can be swung by the links that come before and after you. When this happens, there’s nothing to do but to go with it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your emotional dial has lost

all capacity for mild settings. So you won’t just like or dislike a thing; you’ll love or oppose it, immerse yourself in it or ignore it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Feeling your feelings takes more courage than surfing in the ocean but isn’t as dangerous. The ocean is much bigger than you. Your feelings, however they may rise up, will never be too much for you to handle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes doing very intelligent work actually requires you not to think as much, at least not consciously. Trust that there’s a great deal of intelligence working below the surface today.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 13). Your Friday the 13th birthday brings surprises, and then amplifies and sweetens them. As the weeks progress, so do your interests. Opportunities arise that are positively catered to you. December brings a risky, but worthwhile proposition. March starts a competition. Your training positions you for the win. Capricorn and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 48, 9, 20, 6 and 40.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Your smile is lovable and it never wears out. The more you use it, the more lovable it gets. **TAURUS:** Your friend imagines your relationship as more or different than how you see it. **GEMINI:** When you’re not having a comfortable time in one place, change locations. There’s no reason to stay where you’re not feeling like you really want to be there. **CANCER:** Love is seeing the strengths of the other person even when they are not being prevalently shown. **LEO:** You don’t have to spend money to have a good date. In fact, the dates that involve less financial exchange will have a better chance at going well. **VIRGO:** With love and car keys, it’s always the last place you look. If you haven’t found it yet, then you just haven’t looked in the last place yet. **LIBRA:** You will share your heart and the return will be immediate, so this is a no-risk deal. **SCORPIO:** Your idea of indulgence is another person’s idea of the daily routine. **SAGITTARIUS:** Love is knowing that you’re not bothering a person even though you might be interrupting, that your interruptions are welcome. **CAPRICORN:** Once again you’ll notice how strongly you’re influenced by the people with whom you spend the most time. **AQUARIUS:** Habits are the heartbeat of a relationship. **PISCES:** New people invigorate your entire relationship sector. Old friendships get better because you have new ones.

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